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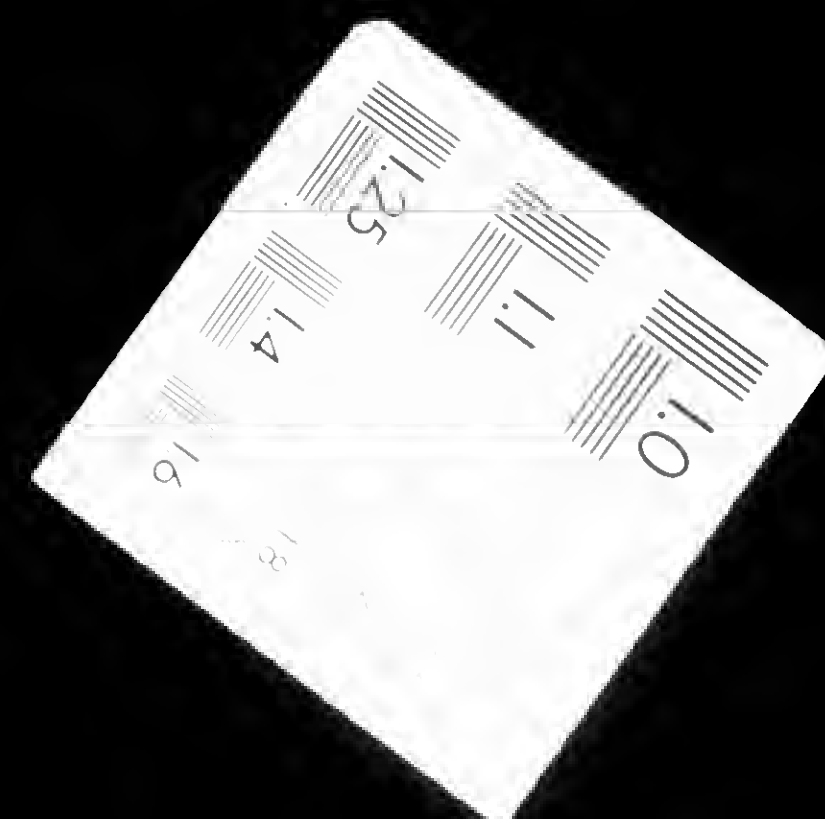
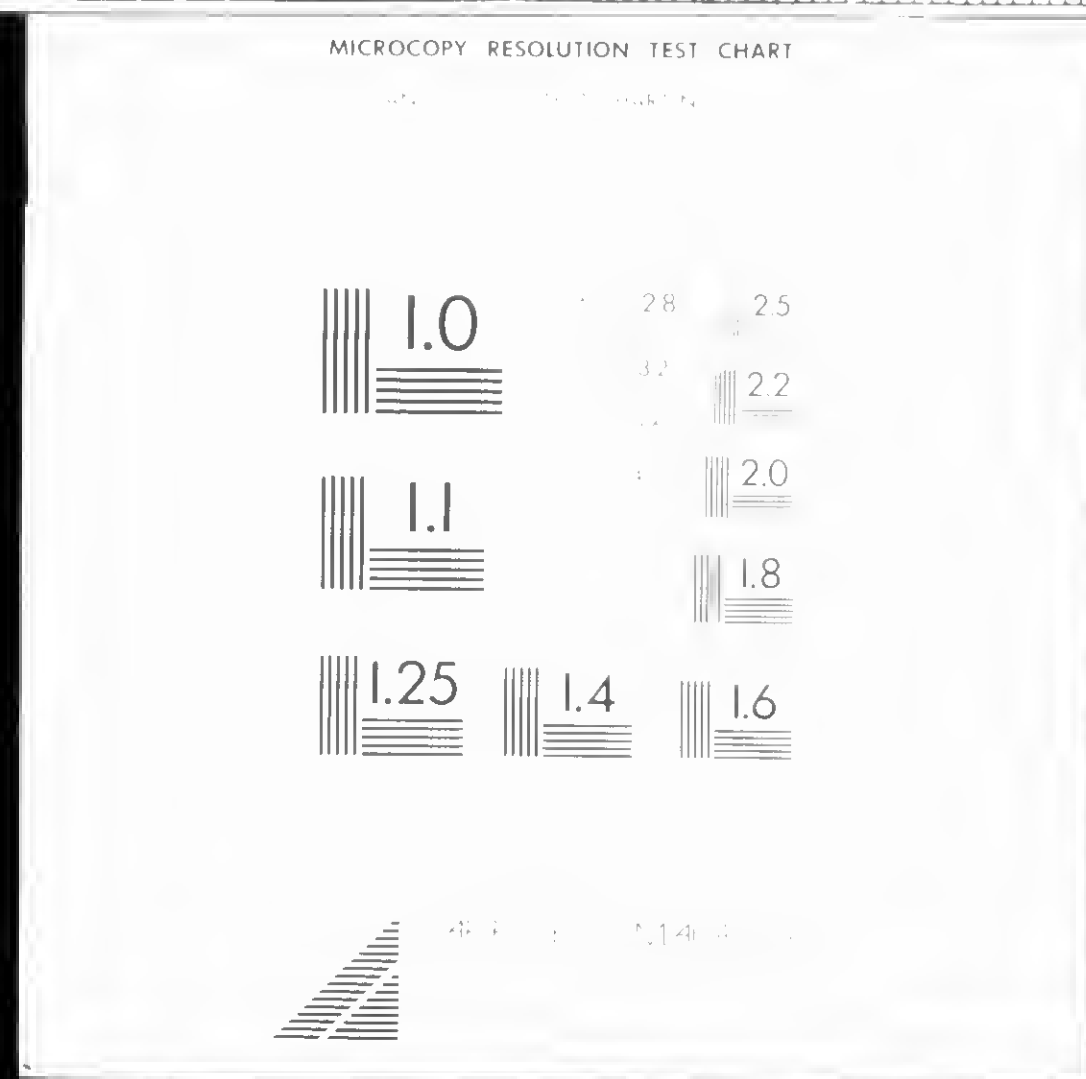
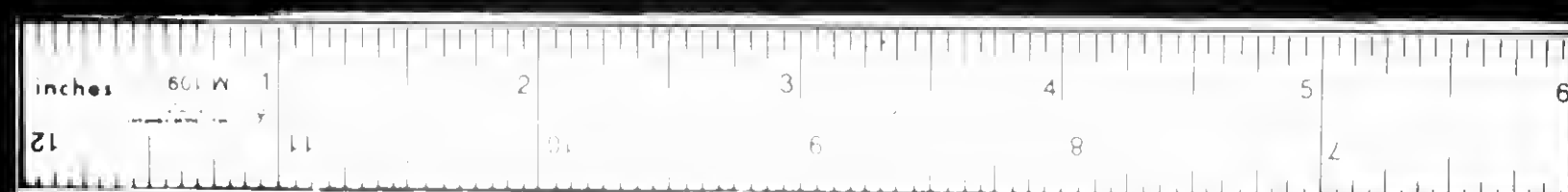
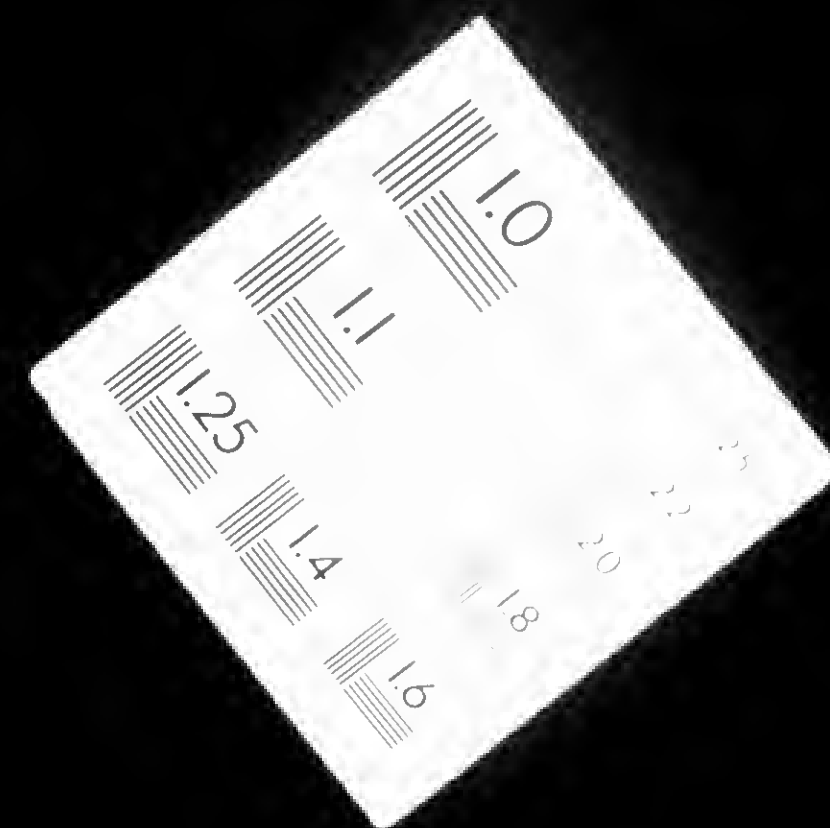
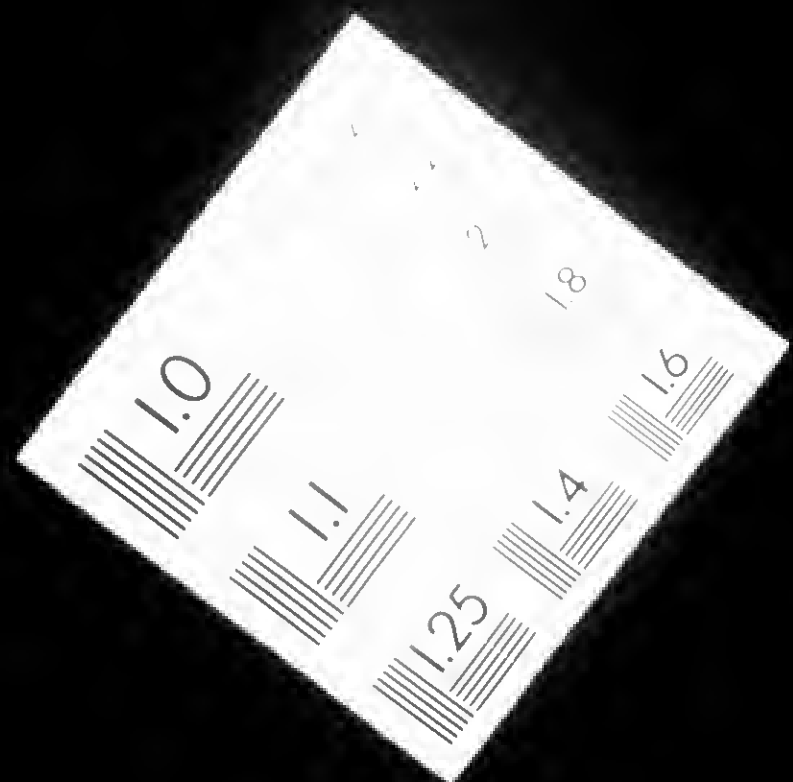
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Council considers contract extension

Bob Davis needs more time to lobby for local Coast Guard presence

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The contract for Bob Davis, the lobbyist hired to help retain a Coast Guard ship in Charlevoix, expired on Dec. 31.

After six months and an \$18,000 price tag for his services, city council

was asked to renew Davis' contract on a month by month basis, not to exceed six months at a meeting that took place Jan. 3. Compensation was requested at \$3,000 per month.

The results of this meeting were not available by press time.

According to Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson, he believes Davis has been effective.

"We hired him (July 1, 2005) because he understands the way things work in Washington," Carlson said. "He was a longtime resident of the area (and) he has a lot of good connections with the proper personnel."

Carlson said Davis' job is to act as a liaison between the City of Charlevoix and those representatives in the gov-

ernment, including legislators, who can help Charlevoix the most.

According to third ward city council member, Shirley Gibson, she won't vote to renew Davis' contract.

"I'm not throwing good money after bad money. Enough is enough—that's it," Gibson said. "It doesn't sound to me like anything was accomplished. If anything was, I haven't heard about it."

She added, "I don't know anything about it other than a short e-mail (stating) that other people have done something. So, at this point, it looks to me like it was a waste of money until I hear differently."

The e-mail dated Sept. 26, 2005 from Davis to which Gibson refers, states,

"The efforts to replace the Acaera with another Coast Guard Vessel is proceeding as planned. The first letter to the Coast Guard was sent by Congressman Bart Stupak and went to the following: Admiral Thomas Collins, Commandant of the Coast Guard, Vice Admiral Vivien S. Crea, Commander Atlantic area (this includes Michigan) and Admiral Papp, ninth district."

Davis also stated, "All of these admirals would need to sign off on any replacement for the Acaera. Congressman Stupak's office has not received a response yet, but that is understandable because of the Coast Guard involvement with the hurricanes."

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Wagner family welcomes first baby of 2006

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

While many Charlevoix residents and visitors spent the morning of New Year's day sleeping and snacking, one family spent it watching in wonder as their child took her first breath of air.

Maureen Wagner, 29, spent New Year's Eve making cranberry cakes and snacking on shrimp cocktail.

She said the warnings from her husband, Ty Wagner, who said the shrimp were going to send her into labor were in vain; her labor pains had already started.

At around 5 a.m., with contractions about three minutes apart, Maureen gave up her thoughts of sleep and making her Jan. 2 due date, gathered her delivery bag and told Ty it was time to go.

Jonelle Tyne Wagner was born just four hours later, at 9:10 a.m. Jan. 1, 2006, making her the first baby born at Charlevoix Area Hospital this year.

The tiny bundle stretched 20 inches in length and weighed in at 7 pounds 15 ounces.

At her arrival, the couple made a wish that her timely birth would bring their whole family closer.

Jonelle's proud parents were married on Jan. 29, 2001. At that time Maureen said they didn't know life would bring them three beautiful girls.

"We didn't know what we wanted, it just all happened," Ty 36, said.

The couple is scheduled to be released from the hospital Tuesday, Jan. 3, and will join their two children, Rilyn, 4, and Katherine, 1, at home.

Maureen, a dog groomer at the family kennel and dog breeding business, Oyster Bay Farm, said she plans to take some time off while enjoying the Wagner family's newest addition.

Jonelle's grandparents are Henry and Joan Wagner and Thomas and Evelyn Olesky, all of Charlevoix. The baby's name is a play on grandma Joan's name with a dash of holiday spirit.

Joan said this story about her new granddaughter is the first of many positive headlines Jonelle will make in life.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Ty and Maureen Wagner hold their daughter, Jonelle Wagner, who was born at 9:10 a.m. Jan. 1, 2006. She was the first child born at Charlevoix Area Hospital in the new year.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court.

Shawnlee Joseph Stephens, 18, Pioneertown, Calif. Operating minor with a blood alcohol content. Serve eight days of community service work in lieu of eight days in jail; serve four months probation; submit to PBT urine test; not to consume possess alcohol controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$850 in fines and costs.

Pete Kraemer, 35, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT urine test; not to consume possess alcohol controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$930 in fines and costs.

Joanna Maria-German Smith, 31, Indian River, Innkeeper. Detrauding. To serve four months probation; \$1,550 in fines and costs.

Dean Lee Steenbergh, 39, Roseville. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT urine test; not to consume possess alcohol controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$770 in fines and costs.

Shannon Arlene Lee Chamblee, 24, Harbor Springs. False report of a misdemeanor. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days; 75 days held in abeyance; serve 10

days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; \$750 in fines and costs.

Kenneth Edward Christani, 43, Sault Ste. Marie. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT urine test; not to consume possess alcohol controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$790 in fines and costs.

Renne John Okkonen, 26, East Jordan. False information to a police officer. Serve five days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Steven James Corwin, 28, Boyne City. Driving while suspended-first offense. Serve 12 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Dustin Wade Marr, 22, East Jordan. Operator license suspended-revoked denied second-subsequent offense. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Kevin Alan Griffin, 45, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve 60 days in jail; 22 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT urine test; not to consume possess alcohol controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,395 in fines and costs.

Jay Michael Courage, 53, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT urine test; not to consume possess alcohol controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,395 in fines and costs.

Todd Michael Gasco, 33, Walloon Lake. Prisoner possession of contraband. Sentenced to five months in jail with credit for two days; to serve five months in jail; after two months credit of in-

carceration defendant may go to Harbor Hall (90 day program) with day to day credit if admitted.

Daryl Gene Robtoy, 19, East Jordan. Probation violation-larceny in a building. Sentenced to four days in jail with credit for four days; to serve four days in jail.

Samuel Joseph Mitchell, 23, Petoskey. Attempted weapons carry concealed. Sentenced to three months in jail with credit for two days; to serve three months in jail; \$120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names. The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Durance Farm; Shopper Live; Petoskey Shopping; Charlevoix Shopping, 8966 Mercer Avenue, Charlevoix, by Scott Ewen Geer Racing, 3327 M-66, Charlevoix, by Robert E. Geer CM3, 24 Manning Drive, East Jordan, by Karen L. Fackler Mike & Shawna Goodburn, 402 Main St., P.O. Box 87, East Jordan, by Mike Goodburn and Shawna Goodburn.

Dana Beckwith, 25 Manning Drive, East Jordan by Dana Beckwith.

Tony's Stove Works, 01440 Etcher Road, Wilson Township, by Tony Napont.

Splash Of Light, 03283, Old Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by

Louise Anne McCloskey Lake Michigan Heights, U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, by Michael Barnard.

Tom's Auto Body, 10205 Maple Grove Road, Charlevoix, by Thomas Berry.

Marriages. The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Matthew Willis Hubert Beynen, 23, Darmouth, Canada and Alexandria Mary Beauvais Massey, 21, Boyne City.

Michael Joseph Cummings, 60 and Linda Mae Larson, 58, both of Boyne City.

Chris Allen Derenzy, 50 and Deborah Josephine Grutsch, 42, both of East Jordan.

Jose Requiiao Araujo, 22, Wilmore, Ky. and Laura Kathleen Cassidy, 24, Boyne City.

James Harold Goebel, 59, East Jordan and Esther Ruth Brock, 60, of Charlevoix.

Divorces. The following people were recently granted judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Brigitte Lanfranca vs. Vincent Lanfranca.

Tracy Penfold vs. Marjorie Penfold.

Susan Tock vs. Thomas Tock.

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Charlevoix Middle School welcomes three new coaches

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

At the Dec. 12 Charlevoix Public School Board meeting, the board unanimously approved to appoint three new coaches in several different sports.



Mary Jane Grunch

While this is Grunch's first coaching assignment, she is no novice to the sport of volleyball.

Grunch, who graduated from college in 2004 with a degree in special education, said she has years of experience playing basketball, volleyball, softball and she still plays on a softball summer league.

"I played volleyball competitively in high school and have knowledge in the sport," she said. "I had the opportunity to take this position and I'm very excited about it."

According to Grunch, her main goals are to teach the fundamentals like the importance of teamwork to her girls and, "get the girls to enjoy the sport."

Sign-up for seventh grade volleyball is over at the end of the day Friday, Jan. 6 at the middle school office. Practice will begin Jan. 16.

Grunch said, if all goes right, "I would like to get into more coaching."

For nearly a decade-and-a-half, Todd Klinger has taught and coached at Charlevoix schools and now he coaches

boys' basketball.

"This is my 14th year teaching and I have coached at least one sport for each year I taught," Klinger said. "I'm happy to be appointed. I've enjoyed working with the kids so far."



Todd Klinger

are to make sure, "the kids will have a good time and be better basketball players by the time the season's done."

Aside from basketball, Klinger has previously coached football and track.

"I'm just enjoying working with kids," he said. "I enjoy sharing the athletic arena with the kids. It's fun seeing them out of the classroom in a little different light."

Klinger currently teaches high school biology and human anatomy.

Kari Koffman was appointed as the new middle school cheerleading coach but was unable to be reached by press time.

Matthew Michael Sladewski

On the record

BIRTHS

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Births

Delilah Paige Boss weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born Dec. 7 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Heather Baker of Ellsworth and Elias Boss of Central Lake.

Mikhail Kaden Diaz weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born Dec. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amanda Diaz of Charlevoix. His grandparent is Carol Umior of Charlevoix.

Maddison Leigh Dennis weighing 6 pounds was born Dec. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason Dennis and Jessica VanBrande of Bellaire.

Logan Matthew Goodburn weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born Dec. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Shawna Goodburn of East Jordan. His siblings are Kaleb and Kaley Goodburn. His grandparents are Tom and Ann Goodburn of East Jordan; Valerie and David Kipling of Ishpeming; and Ben and Leslie Newkirk of Munising. His great-grandparents are Frank and Marjorie Stienhoff of East Jordan and Mary Ann Newkirk of Saginaw.

weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born Dec. 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mike and Lisa Sladewski of East Jordan. He has a brother Jake.

Preston James Malpass weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces was born Dec. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Brandy Malpass of East Jordan. His grandparents are Fred and Barb Malpass of East Jordan and Steve and Vicki Garlitz of East Jordan.

Nathan Michael Whisler weighing 1 pound, 9 ounces was born Dec. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christopher and Michelle Whisler of Central Lake. He has a sister Grace Lauren Whisler. His grandparents are Peter and Mary Arthur of East Jordan and Ray and Kris Whisler of Boyne City.

Cadence Pearl Pung weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces was born Dec. 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Crystal Marie Pung of Boyne City and Gregory Rutledge of Jeffersonville, Ind. Grandparents are Ruth Welch

of Boyne City, Douglas Pung of Gaylord and Michael and Harriet Rutledge of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Genevieve Ruth Tuck weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born Dec. 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brian and Ada Tuck. Her grandparents are Thomas and Debbie Tuck of Charlevoix and James and Nora Bacon of Petoskey. Great-grandparent is Maxine Marme of Charlevoix.

Liam Michael Speer, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce was born Dec. 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Eric and Christine Speer. Grandparents are Peter and Linda Sweeney of Charlevoix. Great-grandparents are Ed and Pat Smalley of Charlevoix, Martha Sweeney of Massachusetts and Glenn and Barbara Sweeney of California.

Amelia Maxine Drenth weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces was born Dec. 28 to Mark and Amber Drenth of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Paul and Connie Bradley of Charlevoix.

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'Thanks' law makers and abiders for playing it safe

EDITORIAL

Now that the dust from the festivities has settled, it's time to thank the rule makers for their concern and the law abiders for their responsible actions.

Perhaps it was a combination of good choices on the part of partygoers and the concerted efforts of local law enforcement, but New Year's came and went without anyone becoming a holiday spirit due to alcohol-related deaths.

While many of us were at home nestled in our beds during the wee hours of the holidays, countless men and women in law enforcement and emergency medical fields alike manned their posts to ensure safety and order were maintained.

We'd like to first give a big shout out to the partygoers who indulged in their favorite boozy beverages on New Year's Eve and opted to either walk or take a ride from a designated driver instead of attempting to swerve their way into oblivion.

According to police reports in the City of Charlevoix on New Year's Eve, patrolman Pete Shrift only had to haul away one intoxicated driver. And, while even one instance of drunk driving is intolerable, we were happy to hear the number was so low.

We were also pleased to hear

the only other big incident of the night involved a group of kids busying themselves by throwing snowballs.

Across the county, sheriff's department deputies were busy patrolling the streets. According to Undersheriff Don Schneider the New Year's weekend brought four drinking-related arrests. He said two of those came on New Year's Eve and the other two on New Year's Day. Again, we abhor the act of drinking and driving, but it's nice to hear there were no fatalities during the booze-bused holiday.

We want to commend those who made safe decisions and thank those who were out there to keep peace and order. With each of those five drinking and driving related arrests a life may have been saved.

As you can see on pages 12 and 13 of this week's edition of the Courier, there was plenty of safe fun happening all across town.

Take some aspirin, drink some orange juice, rest up your livers for next time and until then, we wish you a prosperous, safe and happy 2006.

And P.S., whoever shaved off our eyebrows when we passed out — very funny.

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Exploring and enjoying the continual passage of time



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

It's that time of year when we pay particular attention to time.

We count seconds to the end of one numbered year and the beginning of another and collectively watch games often decided in the last few ticks of time.

In trying to understand time, I have consulted with the writings of mathematicians and physicists who deal with time in the most profound way. Steven Hawking has written "A Brief History of Time," which sounds like it would be helpful. Another deep thinker about time, Brian Greene, wrote a book last year called, "The Fabric of the Cosmos: Space, Time and the Texture of Reality."

After consulting both of these works, I must say that what time is has become less clear. Like trolls or leprechauns, time seems to disappear when examined closely. We all know about it, but no one really understands it.

For much of human history, time seems not to have been as continuous as we presently see it. The sun, the moon

and the stars all cycled around each year, and for humans, time cycled in the same way. Years did not have names or numbers, only seasons did. Each spring was like all preceding springs, and most thought that each one in the future would be the same. Time cycled and many believed that people or at least spiritual parts of people did as well. We are now more likely to see time as beginning at a long past event, like the "Big Bang" or the origin of the universe, and continuing in a more or less straight line up to now. And now is, of course, always becoming the past as quickly as we can think of it.

When confused by physics or religion, I am inclined to look to biology for clarification. For many years a favorite source of that clarification has been a series of essays by Aldo Leopold, "A Sand County Almanac." While Leopold pretends to be writing about the possession and care of a small, abandoned farm in northern Wisconsin, he was writing about more important things, like time.

Leopold saw through a tree and recounts the biological history of Wisconsin as he cuts the ring of growth that permanently mark how successful a tree is in manufacturing wood in that year. Trees, in places with strong seasons, record time, even centuries of it, in readable annual rings. The history of Charlevoix, since its beginning, is written in the rings of trees still living in and near our community.

In an essay called, "Odyssey," Leopold recounts the history of a single atom, which he says, "had marked time in a limestone ledge since the Paleozoic seas covered the land. Time, to an atom locked in a rock, does not pass." Those Paleozoic seas are the same ones that housed the living coral reefs we now know as Petoskey stones. Biologically, according to Leopold, there is no time without life. That, I can understand.

We house those atoms that collectively allow life for a time, and share them with all of the living things with which we share the earth. There is a very high probability that one of the atoms of oxygen that you breathed in today was for a time part of any historical figure you could name — George Washington, Thomas Edison, Alexander the Great or a Neanderthal caveman in the Middle East. There is an equally good chance that it was for a time part of any number of other living things, plant or animal. Time, for an atom, passes when it is participating in life.

Whatever time is, we all seem to have it. Have a good time in this New Year. It's the right time to celebrate. Make time for important things. Take time to do what is good and right. Time seems to be a gift. Fortunately, we don't have to understand time to accept it and participate in it.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letter to the editor

Editor:

The Women's Resource Center's Harvest Food and Supply Drive to benefit the Safe Home was a resounding success thanks to our community's generosity.

The multitude of donations, including food, supplies, financial support, and gifts, have stocked the shelter pantry and provided holiday happiness to many families in our community.

As the only shelter for victims of domestic abuse in Antrim, Charlevoix,

Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties, the Safe Home provides emergency shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and a 24-hour crisis line. In the past year, 146 women and children took refuge at Safe Home to escape the peril of emotional, verbal, and/or physical abuse. The community support received during the Harvest Food and Supply Drive allows the Women's Resource Center to continue providing these important services to families in need.

Our sincere appreciation to all the service groups, churches, businesses, schools, clubs, and individuals who recognize that domestic violence is an ongoing national and local disaster and have taken action to support victims in our community. Your contributions have a direct, positive impact on the lives of many families in Northern Michigan.

Jamie Winters
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DNR tackles the task of deer herd management

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is working to manage the state's deer herd.

Wildlife managers for the Department of Natural Resources are in the midst of holding a series of statewide meetings to gather public input on recommended deer population goals through 2010. The recommendations were presented to the Natural Resources Commission at its November meeting.

The statewide meetings are a way for wildlife managers to involve citizens, both sportsmen and the general public, in determining the goals for Deer Management Units in each of Michigan's eight Wildlife Management Units.

"The deer population goals we recommended at the NRC meeting reflect the first time the DNR has proposed goals for each of the state's Deer Management Units," said Rodney Clute, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources big-game specialist. "Current goals were established in 1999 for each Wildlife Management Unit. The proposed goals will guide management for the next five years at which time they will be re-evaluated."

This re-evaluation, Clute said, will be based on resource and social conditions present in 2010.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' deer population goals through 2010 call for between 1.28 million and 1.56 million white-tailed deer in the state. This is lower than the current estimated

population of 1.7 million deer statewide.

The recommended deer population goals through 2010 for the Upper Peninsula is between 323,000 and 411,000 deer. This is below the current goal of 475,000, but close to the current estimated population of 336,000 deer. Harsh winters in the Upper Peninsula make it impractical to sustain larger deer numbers.

The recommended deer population goals through 2010 for the northern Lower Peninsula is 459,000 to 546,000 deer, which is within the range of the current estimated population of 498,000 and current goal of 538,000 deer.

The recommended deer population goals through 2010 for the southern Lower Peninsula is between 501,000 and 602,000 deer, which is within range of the current goal of 566,000 deer, but far lower than the current estimated population of 868,000 deer.

Wildlife managers say the proposed goals will help the Michigan Department of Natural Resources manage the deer herd in Michigan to support a healthy population without causing problems for the environment or the public.

All the values and problems that deer bring to Michigan must be weighed when considering population goals.

Among the values is the economic boost to the state provided by hunting. Deer hunters contribute \$500 million to the state's economy each year. On the other hand, deer damage in agricultural areas reduces

the profits for farmers and orchard owners, and car-vehicle accidents are above acceptable levels in many areas.

In addition, wildlife managers must weigh other factors, such as the regeneration of forests and wood lots, changes in forest structure, land use and fragmentation, as well as the age and health of deer.

"Deer management is a complex science, and often not an exact one. Public involvement in the deer population goal setting process is critical so wildlife managers know what the public expects from the state in terms of deer population," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division Chief Bill Moritz. "I encourage the public to attend these meetings and offer their comments in order to assist us in maintaining a healthy deer herd in our state."

More information on the public meetings taking place across Michigan is available on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Will you marry me?



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Bay City resident, Nicole Pepinski, got more than she expected during the personalized tour of Castle Farms arranged by her boyfriend, Jeremy Porath and Castle Farms owners and staff. (Above) The two kiss near the fountain in the brick courtyard of the Queen's Castle after Porath popped the question to Pepinski. And by the way, she said 'yes.' Of the many weddings which take place at Castle Farms, this is the first engagement.

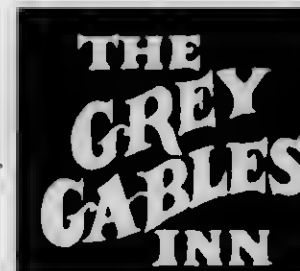


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The tale of a princess



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(Above) Some members of the Ragamuffin troupe ready themselves for the show, "A Little Princess," which was performed Dec. 28 and 29 at the Castle Farms. (Left) Spectacular colors and haunting music highlighted the Ragamuffin Theatre & Company's presentation of "A Little Princess" which ran for three showings.

Jerry Zandstra to attend meet and greet at City Park Grill

Jerry Zandstra, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, will be speaking at a luncheon to take place at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the City Park Grill in Petoskey.

The Emmet County Republican Women have extended an invitation to the public in Charlevoix and Antrim counties to join them in getting to know more about Zandstra.

For more information contact Bonnie Lucas at (231) 526-7566.

For reservations, make checks for \$15 payable to Emmet County Republican Women or ECRW and mail to P.O. Box 4636, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Reservations must be received by Jan. 7.

Crooked Tree Arts Center hosts Phoenix Ensemble Jan. 13 and 14

Crooked Tree Arts Center continues the Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series with a Michigan group sure to keep the audience warm this month.

The Phoenix Ensemble from Ann Arbor will perform at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13 and 14 at Crooked Tree Arts Center in downtown Petoskey.

This eight-member group featuring the nuevo tango music of Argentinean Astor Piazzolla joined The Jeff Haas Trio in October of 2003 at the grand reopening of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

The Oblivion Project, named after Piazzolla's tangos, will be performed and includes Peter Soave and Julien Labro on bandoneon, Gabe Bolkosky on violin, Sacran St. Christopher on flute, Derek Snyder on cello, John Holkeboer on bass, Tad Weed on piano, and percussionist Alex Trajano.

The Oblivion Project is the most successful among the detours taken by this classical/improvisational company of musicians.

"In March 2005, I took a chance to see and hear the Phoenix Ensemble in a packed house in Ann Arbor," said Crooked Tree staffer Mary Wiklanski. "Although what I heard was not jazz, it's decidedly improvisational — the company uses their instruments to talk to one another, and allows audience members to get in on their conversations. The bandoneon, a South American concertina, used especially in Argentina, is used to elicit complete joy, sensuality, and sometimes sorrow. No, the audience does not get to be on stage with the ensemble, but no doubt audience members will be moved to feel what the ensemble is feeling."

Tickets are on sale now at the arts center. Call (231) 347-4337, stop by 461 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey or visit www.crookeditree.org.

Ticket prices are: Crooked Tree Arts Center members \$20/adult, \$8/student; non-members \$25/adult, \$10/student. Patron seating is \$50.

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Wedding

Twining — Popenhagen



Courtesy photo

Nicole Twining and Joshua Popenhagen were married on July 9, 2005 during an outdoor wedding ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in Pinconning.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Machele Faith of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of Jeff and Renee Popenhagen of Valdez, Alaska, and formerly of Charlevoix.

The maid of honor was Theresa Martin. The bridesmaid was Sammy Jo Keie and the flower girl was Samantha Estes.

The best man was Jeffery Popenhagen. The groomsman was Gordie Selph and the ring bearer was Zachariah Estes.

Ushers were Matt Twining and Pete Gorkiewicz. Hostesses were

Amy Drew and Mallory Mahoney.

A reception followed the nuptials at the Bentley Township Hall in Rhodes.

The couple took a honeymoon vacation to Nashville, Tenn.

Joshua is currently serving in the U.S. Marines Corps and is stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Health department offers free radon test kit program

Free radon test kits are available at the health department this month.

In observance of National Radon Action Month, radon test kits are available free during the month of January at local offices of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord.

Your property tax identification number is required when obtaining your free test kit.

"We've identified some homes in our area with indoor concentrations five times the Environmental Protection Agency action level of 4 pCi/L. Several area homes were found to contain unsafe levels of radon, ranging from 4 pCi/L to 22 pCi/L," Kendzierski said.

Health department staff helped these homeowners to select inexpensive mitigation systems to lower radon levels in their homes.

It is easy and inexpensive to detect and remove radon. If a radon test kit detects unsafe radon levels, the health department offers free consultation to assist residents in solving the problem, including linking them with certified contractors who can install an inexpensive mitigation system.

Radon can be a problem in all types of homes, including old homes, new homes, drafty homes, insulated homes and homes with and without basements.

"Testing your home for radon is the only way for you and your family to know if radon levels are dangerously high," said Scott Kendzierski, director of environmental health for the health department.

Radon has been found in many northern Michigan homes. About 12 percent of homes across the state have high radon levels, with some counties reporting as high as 45 percent of homes with unsafe levels of the deadly gas.

There are no obvious signs of radon. You can't see or smell it because radon is a colorless, odorless gas. Radon gas is a naturally occurring byproduct of the radioactive decay of small amounts of radium and uranium, commonly found in bedrock and soil. Most soils in northwest Michigan contain some amount of these radioactive elements. As they breakdown, radon gas moves through small spaces in soils and rock and can enter buildings through openings in foundation floors or walls.

Radon is a leading cause of lung cancer, second only to cigarette smoking in the United States. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year are due to radon.

For additional information about radon exposure in your home, contact Kendzierski at (231) 547-7651 or call toll-free (800) RADON GAS.

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Death notice

Phyllis Roberts: Died Jan. 2, 2006

Phyllis N. Roberts, 83, of Charlevoix, died Jan. 2 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Winchester Funeral Home.

The spirit of the season



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix St. Mary's Cement Company employees share their holiday cheer by donating \$2,000 to the Charlevoix food pantry. The company also donated \$3,500 to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project. (Above, from left) Terry Blissett of St. Mary's makes the contribution to representatives with the Christmas project and food pantry, Beverly Boss and Mary Helen Riggle as Susanne Lee, of St. Mary's, looks on.

Women's Resource Center named specialty provider

The Women's Resource Center has earned the designation as being a women's specialty provider.

As the result of a recent audit conducted by the Northern Michigan's Substance Abuse Services, Inc., the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's substance abuse program has recently been designated as a women's specialty provider.

In addition, the Women's Resource Center continues to hold its designation as a Women and Families Program and provides a unique array of substance abuse services in this area.

Due to the negative stigma women face when admitting they have a problem with alcohol or drugs, women with substance abuse tend to enter treatment later and have multiple psychosocial issues with which to deal. The Women's

Resource Center provides programs that help women identify their needs and then gives them the referrals and support necessary to meet those needs. Those needs often include health care, education, employment and housing.

Women who enter substance abuse treatment often must surmount barriers such as transportation and childcare in order to be able to receive and continue with treatment. The Women's Resource Center has supports in place that help women with both transportation and childcare while they attend treatment appointments.

Women with substance abuse issues are more likely to be survivors of family, sexual and/or domestic violence. The Women's Resource Center provides these women with counseling through their Sexual Assault and Domestic

Violence programs at no cost and all Women's Resource Center counselors are trained in assisting survivors of abuse.

Because problems with alcohol and/or drugs effects the whole family, counseling is also available to children and other family members. As always, the Women's Resource Center's Safe Home shelter is available to women and children in need of a safe place to stay due to domestic or sexual violence.

The Women's Resource Center is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities and is a state-licensed substance abuse agency.

They are also a Medicaid and NMSAS provider.

Treatment is available at low or no cost to eligible persons. For more information call (231) 347-0067.

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School Worship Evening Service except 1st & 3rd Sun. of the Month Tuesday Intercession Wednesday Evening Pastor: Kyp Hankins	547-6430	Sunday School Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Wednesday Prayer Service Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Church School Sunday Worship Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161	Morning Worship Evening Worship Wednesday Evening Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221
BELTOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8031 Church Road, Ellsworth	10:00 a.m.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH M-66 (across from Post Office)	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Worship Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton	547-9446	Sunday School Worship Sunday's Teen Ministry Pastor: Michael Dennis	547-4121
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 11906 US-31 North	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE US 31 North	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Divine Worship Service Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446	Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 05855 M-66	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (At Park Ave.)	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School Morning Worship Evening Worship Thursday Evening Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300	Sunday School Traditional Worship Adult Bible Study Church Office	547-9122
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School Worship Service Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168	Sunday Morning Worship Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old U.S. 31 North	10:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Church Office	547-6322	Sunday Service Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY 205 Clinton Street	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 2:30-6:30 p.m.	GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Old U.S. 31 North	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service Sunday School Wednesday Meeting Reading Room - Wednesday	547-5711	Sunday Worship Tellowship Pastor: Geri Litchfield	582-9262
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Sunday Sacraments Sunday School Priesthood & Relief Society Wed. Young Men/Women President Michael Robbins or Missionaries	588-2112 or 547-6159	Sunday School Morning Worship June, July & August Pastor: Michael C. Smith Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	547-3008 599-2321
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Norwood	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Sunday School Evening Service Wednesday Service Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711	Sunday School Sunday Worship Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD 202 W. Huribul	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 1404 Howard Street	9:20 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Tue. 10-12pm
Sunday School Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875	Sabbath School Worship Service Adventist Community Services Pastor Greg Timmins	231-238-0052
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix Hwy. 31 & Meech • Charlevoix	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.	SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH US-31 & Old US-31	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Church Office	547-9482	Sunday School Worship Sunday Evening Bible Study Wednesday Services Pastor: Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283
ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth	11:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 1003 Bridge Street	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Rev. Carl Altmann	588-7805	Saturday Night Mass Faith Formation: Wednesdays Evening before Holy Days Sunday Masses Pastor: Jerry Hunko	547-6652
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Injury prevention tips for winter warriors



Joelle Beaudoin
'Kids' corner'

If the snow would ever stay, we may get a little more excited about participating in all of the winter activities that northern Michigan has to offer.

After the holidays, everyone is trying to shed those extra pounds and become a little more active. Joining a ski league, putting on those cross country skis for the first time since last January, going out ice skating with the kids or maybe even snowboarding. Whatever it may be, these spontaneous impulses can lead to injury because of our inactivity and deconditioning during the winter months.

Some of the most common injuries from winter sports are rotator cuff tears—typically from falls, or landing on the shoulder, wrist and thumb sprains/fractures from falls and getting caught in ski poles; ACL tears/knee ligament sprains typically seen in skiers; low back strain from shoveling or falls on the ice; and concussions from improper fitting hel-

metts and falls.

As parents, it is helpful to know what some typical winter injuries are and how to avoid them. This will help parents not only protect yourselves, but also your kids.

One of the most common mistakes for adults is found during those impulse moments of skiing, skating or sledding, and not being in condition for those activities. Perhaps, you surprise yourself by actually keeping up with the kids, cruising down the ski hill. Then, just as you think, "My legs are getting a little tired, I'll take one more run," you are tumbling down the hill in agonizing pain. That last run ended up being your last one of the season due to a torn knee ligament.

This scenario is more common than you think, most injuries occur in the last few runs of the day when your muscles are fatigued and can't maintain proper form. Most people are fit enough to participate in winter sports, but not conditioned enough to last all day. Most people forget to take precautions that prevent injury.

The following is a list of 10 Tips for a successful winter sports season:

- **Conditioning**—begin an early winter conditioning program at least four to six weeks prior to joining any type of ski, skating or recreational group for the winter. Area gyms have great programs

available, while Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center offers a Ski Fit program geared specifically for sport specific skills related to skiing and skating.

- **Stretching**—make sure you do a five to 10 minute warm-up and gentle stretching before any type of activity, especially in the cold weather when muscles take longer to stretch out and loosen up. Stretching can prevent muscle strains and pulls.

- **Equipment check**—make sure you check your equipment including helmets, bindings, skis, poles, and skates prior to activity. Improper fitting equipment can also be a culprit of injuries.

- **Always wear a helmet**—helmets are critical in most winter sports. Concussions are becoming more and more common in young children because of improper fitting helmets. Parents should recognize early concussion signs and seek medical attention if symptoms do not resolve within a few hours. Symptoms are dazed, confused, complaints of headache, ringing in the ears, nausea, forgetfulness, sensitivity to light, loss of appetite, extreme aggressiveness or sensitivity.

- **Dress accordingly**—keep warm in winter months by layering your clothes. Apply thinner layers but more of them. Also, waterproof or sweat resistant gear is advised because as one sweats, the un-

der layers get wet. Children are much less aware of body temperature. Often, they feel warm and don't realize they are wet, which can cause frostbite or decreased internal temperature.

- **Stay hydrated**—in winter months people generally don't think of dehydration. In fact, colder temperatures cause your body to work harder and use more fluid to keep your body warm. Dehydration is just as common in the winter as in the summer. Along with your hot cocoa, drink a glass of water.

- **Use RICES**—RICES is an acronym used to help remember the steps to take after an injury. Rest—stay off and limit the use of the injured area. Ice—15-20 minutes three to five times a day. Use a bag of peas or corn from the freezer section for a quick fix. Compression—keep the area compressed with an ace wrap or splint. Always wrap from the bottom up toward the heart, this helps with proper circulation. Elevation—try to keep the injured area elevated above the heart level. Stabilize—use a splint, sling or brace to prevent the injured area from moving. Do not move the injured area if there is a potential fracture, call for help and/or refer to a physician.

- **Consult medical care**—if you sustain an injury that does not seem to be getting better within a day or two, consult your physician, or a skilled medical profes-

sional. Some facilities such as Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center, offer walk-in screenings for sports related injuries. A physical therapist or certified athletic trainer can evaluate and determine the extent of injury and recommend a further plan of care.

- **Don't procrastinate**—don't wait a month after your injury to seek medical advice. Most injuries are preventable and will heal quickly if you don't wait and pick up bad habits. Most injuries become chronic if they are not treated early.

- **Have fun**—it's not worth it if it isn't fun anymore.

As with any other recreational activity, knowing what to do when you are injured is helpful, but knowing how to prevent injuries is the key.

Joelle Beaudoin is a certified athletic trainer for Charlevoix Public Schools based out of the Charlevoix office of Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center. For more information regarding injury prevention programs or walk-in screenings for adults and athletes, contact Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center of Charlevoix at (231) 547-0380. For information on Fit for Sport, a new injury prevention program offered at North Central Michigan College for athletes or active individuals beginning Jan. 16, contact the Petoskey office at (231) 347-9300.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for January reading.

Ying Chang Compestine, "The story of noodles."

Ages 3-6

The Kang brothers are in for a culinary misadventure when they fool around instead of following their mother's instructions on making dumplings for the village cooking contest. But, they inadvertently invent a new food to enter in the contest.

A recipe for sauce and author's note on the history of noodles close the volume.

For more Kang brother fun, check out their first adventure in, "The story of chopsticks."

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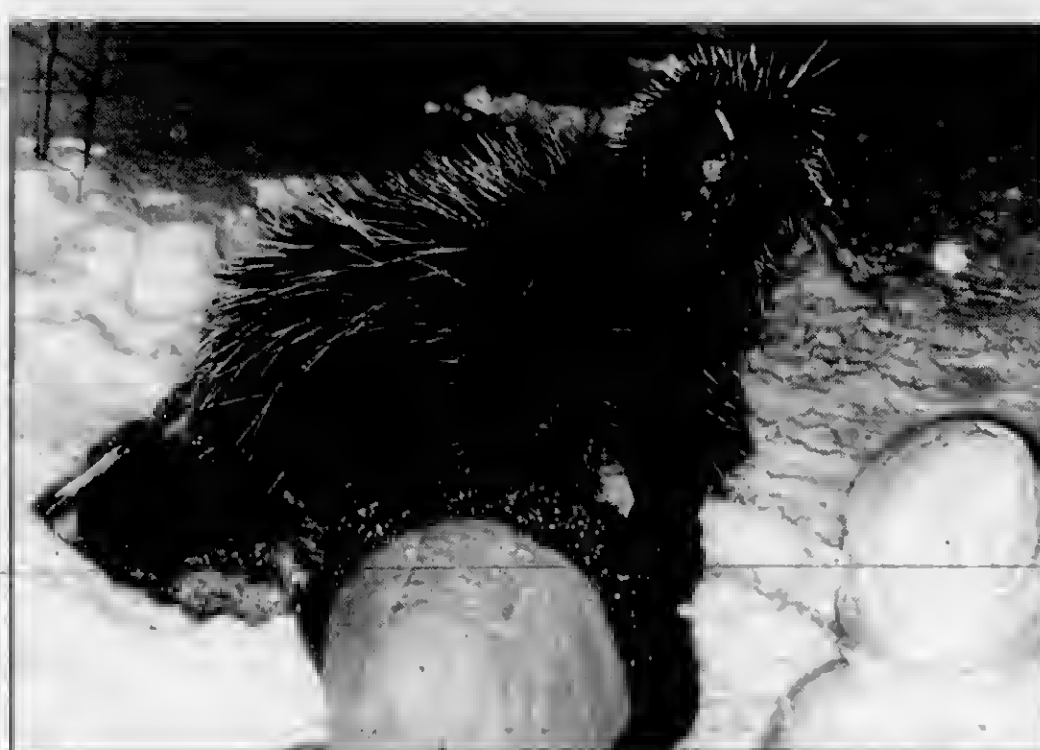
Anthony Horowitz, "Diamond Brothers Mystery."

Grades 5-9

Tim Diamond is the worst detective ever. Thank goodness his brother Nick usually comes to his aid to assist in solving many different crimes.

This fun series includes many different misadventures. The stories are hilarious in their nature and the Diamond brothers always have a great time solving the crimes.

This is a great new series for boys and girls moving up from Encyclopedia Brown and Cam Jansen.



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Tickets are available for SEE-North's annual, magical Twelfth Night celebrations to take place Jan. 6 and 13. Animals like this porcupine will speak during a wooded hike.

chase tickets in person.

Tickets are \$7 per person. Children 3 years and under are admitted free. No refunds will be issued unless the event is

canceled because of bad weather.

For more information about this truly magical winter's evening, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700.

NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2005 real estate with unpaid 2003 and/or prior years property taxes was forfeited to the Charlevoix County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The Charlevoix County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for 10:00am-12:00pm, January 23, 2006 at at the Treasurer's Office, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 2:00pm, February 3, 2006 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Charlevoix County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 05834-20CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by March 31, 2006.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any undischarged, apparent, or potential title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is no procedure for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction after July, of 2006. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2005. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

NAME	PT	TAX	NAME	PT	TAX
ANDERSON, DONALD R	053-578-007-00	\$1,084.06	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-017-65	\$1,524.92
ANTHONY, PAULINE	013-707-598-00	\$434.73	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
BARFIELD, SCOTT ALLEN	012-109-008-25	\$601.05	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-701-034-00	\$309.40
BROCKETTE, JENNY A M	051-378-010-00	\$386.99	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-701-047-00	\$309.40
BROCKETTE, MICHAEL E	051-378-010-00	\$386.99	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-705-223-00	\$640.06
C H SMITH COMPANY INC	015-001-020-10	\$2,377.04	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-751-030-10	\$330.99
C-I-T GROUP / CONSUMER FINANCE	051-378-010-00	\$386.99	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	012-234-017-60	\$1,883.16	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-002-10	\$538.52
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	012-234-017-65	\$1,524.92	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-017-60	\$1,883.16
CITIZENS BANK	015-001-020-10	\$2,377.04	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-017-65	\$1,524.92
COLE, BRIAN P	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
COLE, DONALD R	015-001-020-10	\$2,377.04	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-701-034-00	\$309.40
COLE, DONALD R	013-222-029-00	\$227.83	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-701-047-00	\$309.40
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CONTIMORTGAGE CORP	013-222-029-00	\$227.83	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-751-030-10	\$330.99
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	051-467-251-00	\$1,717.65	GILLESPIE, ROBERT J	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-007-008-25	\$603.34	GOIKE, THOMAS	051-150-066-15	\$384.55
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-007-011-15	\$3,444.33	GOSCHY, BARBARA A	007-200-016-00	\$1,109.39
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-007-10	\$1,275.57	GREEN TREE FINANCIAL	007-200-016-00	\$1,109.39
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-032-00	\$2,069.69	GRIFFIN, ROGER J	014-002-012-40	\$867.89
CURTIS, SHAWN J	053-725-004-00	\$315.01	HANSEN, DONALD A	053-024-080-00	\$853.67
DENISON, MICHAEL	051-150-066-15	\$384.55	HANSEN, GAYLE LYNN	041-411-009-00	\$668.12
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FIFTH THIRD BANK	007-200-016-00	\$1,109.39	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	014-001-007-00	\$728.11
FLEENER, WILLIAM J	007-200-016-00	\$1,109.39	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	010-033-005-00	\$585.27
FLEENER, WYONNE K	013-227-029-00	\$227.83	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	015-001-020-10	\$2,377.04
GALLAGHER, MRS JOSEPH	012-234-002-10	\$538.52	JEFFSEN, BRENDA JEAN	006-032-006-00	\$946.00
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-017-60	\$1,883.16	JEFFSEN, MICHAEL A SR		

Second smoking ban lawsuit to be filed

Regulation takes effect Jan. 9 in Emmet, Antrim and Otsego counties

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

An initial lawsuit filed in response to the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation which aims to limit smoking in Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim and Otsego county businesses is dissolving as another waits in the wings.

A lawsuit was filed this summer against Charlevoix County and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency by three residents served by the agency who smoke and claim they are being adversely effected by the regulation.

In the suit, Kent McNeil of Bellaire, and Franklin Fisher and Roger Griffin of East Jordan call for Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to overturn the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation. This first draft of the regulation which they take aim at, took effect July 14, 2005 and prohibited smoking in all enclosed areas of workplaces in Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Since then, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners repealed this initial regulation and on Oct. 1, 2005 adopted a revised

regulation allowing smoking in businesses which employ one person, smoking in vehicles used by one person at a time and the existence of sufficiently ventilated smoking break rooms.

The new regulation was adopted by boards of commissioners in Emmet, Antrim and Otsego counties. It will go into effect in those counties on Jan. 9, 2006. The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners exempted itself from adopting the regulation. Thus, Charlevoix County businesses are not required to adhere to its conditions.

According to Mark Muniak, assistant prosecutor with the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office, repeal of the initial regulation made the lawsuit moot.

"The order that is the subject of the lawsuit is no longer on the books," he said.

An order to dismiss this suit is in the process of being finalized.

Muniak is working with Sam Frederick an attorney with the East Lansing firm Murphy, Brenton and Spagnuolo representing McNeil.

Fisher and Griffin, to establish the wording in the order to dismiss.

He said the initial proposed wording which included the language that the order, "disposes of all pending claims," was rejected.

While Muniak has not yet received formal notice of a second lawsuit filed in reaction to the revised regulation he said he is expecting another.

Frederick confirmed Muniak's expectation.

"The issue still remains. It's a preemption argument — can the local ordinance trump state law? That issue isn't going to go away. A judge will ultimately have to rule on that," Frederick said.

Attorneys for the parties involved, including Muniak, Frederick and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency counsel Jim Young will meet at a scheduled conference in the near future to decide when Judge Pajtas will settle this preemption argument.

According to the regulation, as of Jan. 9, 2006 the following types of workplaces in Emmet, Antrim and Otsego counties will be des-

ignated as nonsmoking sites: restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways and other common-use areas within a facility; buses, taxicabs and boarding and waiting areas of public transit depots; retail stores, areas patronized by the public such as attorneys' offices, banks and Laundromats; all areas of galleries, libraries and museums; facilities that are primarily used for exhibiting motion pictures, musical recitals, stage plays, lectures and any other performance, except when smoking is a scripted act; sports arenas; convention halls; every place of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings; waiting rooms, hallways and semi-private rooms in hospitals, clinics, physical therapy facilities, and doctor and dentist offices; lobbies, hallways and common areas in hotels, motels, multiple-tenant office and apartment buildings, malls, nursing homes, retirement facilities and residential facilities used for health services, child care or adult day care; and public places where bingo games are held.

Those employees or patrons who observe someone disregarding the nonsmoking policy are first asked to take the issue up with their immediate supervisor, the ordinance states.

In the event that the community health agency is called to a work site for a complaint, a warning will be issued as the business' first violation. Within one year, a second citation will cost the employer \$50, the third citation will cost \$100, and fourth and subsequent citations will cost \$500. The ordinance states that those who wish to report violators may do so with the reassurance that their identities will be protected.

Examples of successful clean air initiatives have been enacted in Chippewa, Wayne, Ingham and Genesee counties, and the City of Marquette — all of which have smoke-free ordinances.

For additional information about the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation, visit www.nwhealth.org or call Teresa Singleton, Tobacco Reduction Coalition Coordinator, at (231) 547-6523.

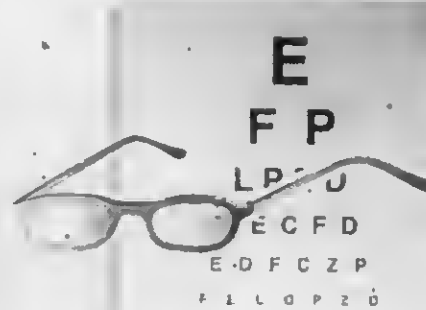
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KENWABIKISE, LEONARD	013-707-598-00	\$434.73	PHILLIPS, PETER ALLEN	052-123-075-00	\$4,582.05
KITSON, ROY	051-467-251-00	\$1,717.65	PHILLIPS, RICH A	052-123-075-00	\$4,582.05
LANGMAID, MICHAEL SCOTT	009-025-012-00	\$613.36	PINDZIA, FREDERICK A	003-035-007-35	\$440.63
LANGMAID, SCOTT MICHAEL	009-025-012-00	\$613.36	PORT OF ST JAMES ASSOCIATION	013-701-034-00	\$309.40
LEJ HOLDING COMPANY INC	051-450-006-70	\$7,759.05	PORT OF ST JAMES ASSOCIATION	013-701-047-00	\$309.40
LEJ HOLDING COMPANY LLC	051-435-004-00	\$2,441.62	QUICK, MARY A	051-357-168-10	\$279.09
LEJ HOLDING COMPANY LLC	051-450-006-00	\$14,337.42	RAMON, AMELIA	012-017-017-10	\$496.41
LEONARD, KARI B	005-024-014-00	\$1,320.23	ROBINSON, PETER M	051-320-001-10	\$20,312.19
LEONARD, ROBERT W	005-024-014-00	\$1,320.23	RUSSELL, BARBARA ANN	009-014-009-20	\$877.16
LINTEAU, ETHEL	013-577-024-00	\$1,503.38	RUSSELL, JOSIAH	009-014-009-20	\$877.16
LINTEAU, JOSEPH	013-577-024-00	\$1,503.38	RUSSELL, JUSTIN	009-014-009-20	\$877.16
LOWER, ERIK CLARK	013-436-001-00	\$2,026.48	SHENE, ROBERT	008-300-032-00	\$297.39
LOWER, ERIK CLARK	013-436-002-00	\$1,688.51	STATE OF MICH UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY	012-234-002-10	\$538.52
LOWER, ESTATE OF ERIK CLARK	013-436-001-00	\$2,026.48	STATE OF MICH UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY	012-234-017-60	\$1,883.16
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MAKINO, KATHY	051-320-001-10	\$20,312.19	THE CIT GROUP	051-467-251-00	\$1,717.65
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MATTHEWS, DAVID	014-001-007-00	\$728.11	WARD, ALLEN JR	013-702-104-00	\$290.72
MAUDRIE, KATHLEEN M	012-235-005-20	\$1,688.85	WARD, MICHELLE	013-702-104-00	\$290.72
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MOORE, MYRA A	002-007-008-25	\$603.34	WYSKIEL, JOSEPH E	010-033-005-00	\$585.27
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Charlevoix rings in the new year

Giuseppe's Italian Grille



In an effort to capture a sampling of New Year's Eve fun in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Courier placed five disposable cameras in five downtown bars that night: the Villager Pub, the Town House, the Weathervane Restaurant, Grey Gables and Giuseppe's Italian Grille. People taking part in New Year's festivities at those businesses were invited to take random pictures of the evening as it unfolded. Pages 12 and 13 of this week's edition of the Courier feature some of those pictures. Since the Courier staff was not in attendance, all of the names of the people in the photos are not known. Therefore, the pictures are printed without cutlines. From the looks of things people at all five hot spots had a great New Year's Eve. All photos were taken by unknown photographers.



Grey Gables



2006 ushered in at area hot spots

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Local businesses report positive holiday sales



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Hair stylist Holly Vincent cuts and styles the hair of Saura Fries of Ellsworth at J. Marie's Salon and Beyond. Service groups like this, as well as restaurants and lodging facilities reported above average earnings this holiday season.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The holiday shopping blitz and tradition of subsequent returns and exchanges came and went in Charlevoix once more.

Merchants, innkeepers and restaurateurs alike took a break from their busy schedules to give their take on their respective holiday returns.

Executive Director of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Jacqueline Merta said, "People in the restaurant business have been telling me that they've had a good holiday season and that this week is very busy."

Merta said another comment she heard from a few people is, "people that have second homes here waited to do their Christmas shopping until they got here."

According to Merta, during a chamber of commerce retail meeting held on Thursday, Dec. 29, the general consensus was merchants were very appreciative of all the local residents who supported area businesses.

And, she added, "They said they noticed more locals than in years past. Maybe they've always been there, but they seemed to notice it more this year."

Merta said, as far as the activity level of the chamber is concerned, they had quite the holiday season.

"I always get a lot of inquiries here," she said. "It seems like we're always busy."

"Everybody thought the open house, the tree lighting after Thanksgiving and Men's Night were good," Merta said. "It was a good holiday and we're looking forward to a prosperous new year all in all for the community."

According to Merta, she and the chamber members already began brainstorming for ideas to implement during the next holiday season which they will unveil as the new year progresses.

"We're up for the month and this last week has been phenomenal," said general manager of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, Jeff Sprecksell. "We're up 40 percent for this week and up about 20 per-

cent for the month."

Sprecksell, who has been in the area for about seven years, said he thinks the clear roads have a lot to do with the increase in business.

"Just driving down the roads and seeing motels, I see all no vacancy signs," he said. "The motels are full."

With all these people out and about, Sprecksell said, he hoped New Year's Eve would be just as good.

According to Mary Potter, front desk clerk with the Pointes North Inn, she thinks the clear roads have had an impact on people's willingness to travel.

"Compared to last year it's a little bit better," Potter said. "Right now we have a mix of a lot of things, people skiing and shopping and snowmobiling and people here on corporate business."

Some of those in the lodging industry saw holiday business on a pretty even keel.

Chris Kowal, general manager of the Edgewater said, "I'd say

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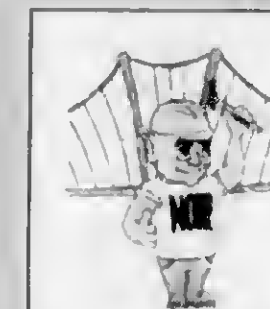
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Local boy learns life lessons on Jamaican mission



By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Instead of heading to college or taking a break in the fall following high school graduation, Charlevoix resident Mitchell Klooster chose to use his time to benefit others.

During the 2004-2005 school year, Klooster and others collected small toys with the idea that he would take them with him to Jamaica on his six-month mission trip teaching computer usage to underprivileged children.

"When I give them toys they go around saying, 'The white boy gave it to me,'" he said. "That's what they call me, 'white boy,' because most of these kids have never even seen another white person."

According to Klooster, because they are so poor, the kids are ecstatic someone is walking around handing toys out.

Klooster emphasized how grateful he is for all the people who helped him to go on the mission trip and thanked all the people who gave toys.

"It's a blessing. It's always something I've wanted to do. And I definitely wouldn't have been able to do it without my family, friends and all the people who gave money so I could go," he said.

Klooster said the school calls the class he teaches computer science, but it's little more than teaching the basic functions.

"Pretty much it's, 'This is how you turn on the computer, this is how you type capital letters and italicize.' And I teach the little kids, 'This is a mouse, this is a monitor, this is how you turn it on,'" he said. "The seventh graders can't even spell their names. Maybe three out of 10 kids can read a word I put on the board and sometimes none of them at all."

Klooster said he deals with students in different grades each day and

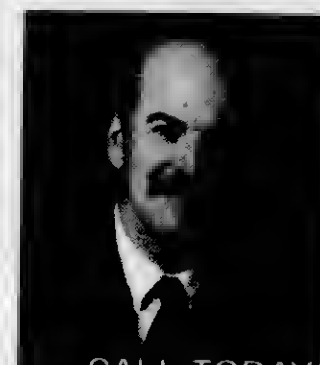
due to lax truancy enforcement, kids sometimes don't show up at all.

"Some kids come to school drinking and some kids come to school smoking. What I don't understand is, this is a beautiful island, but it's so ugly because of all the crime," he said. "The government supports gangs. They were giving guns and money to Jamaica's most wanted, who they recently killed."

He added, "The government is so corrupt, I can't go to Kingston, Jamaica's capital city, right now because crime is so bad."

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Courtesy photo
Some of Charlevoix resident Mitchell Klooster's Jamaican computer students pose at the gates of the Bamboo Primary and Junior High School in Bamboo, Jamaica. He is there on a mission trip.



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Klooster returns to Jamaica to complete mission

JAMAICA

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The idea of sipping rum on the beautiful sandy beach is a minute portion of the island country, Klooster said, but in spite of the danger, he wouldn't miss this experience to help others.

"It's something that I felt like I wanted to do for a long time and I prayed about for a long time," he said. "It's been awesome since I've been down there and I'm looking forward to going back."

According to Klooster, on a typical day he awakens to a breakfast of fried plankton and spinach, washes himself and his clothes in cold rainwater, then walks a mile down the mountain to the school where he teaches until 5 p.m.

After buying fruit and meat at the store all these years, life in the small Jamaican village of Bamboo was a bit of a shock.

"The chickens we slaughter right in our yard. The first day down there we slaughtered 18 chickens," he said. "We have all kinds of tropical fruit trees in the yard and we make juice all the time. They're so good."

And, Klooster said, traveling for someone who stands out can be treacherous.

"I go out sometimes, but I have to make sure I have one of my friends with me because it's not safe. I can't be out on my own. The crime rate is unbelievable," he said. "It's just heartbreaking. I pick up the newspaper every day and you see a new rape, a new murder, a new abduction every single day."

He added, "These people live with it. I've only been there four months and I don't even like to pick up the newspaper. You open the newspaper and they're talking about 10-year-old kids raping women. It's so sad."

According to Klooster, one evening the village was stormed by gunmen. "Luckily I wasn't there. The gunmen were holding up taxis. My friends in the village said if I would have been there it would have been bad," he said.

In addition to the crime, Klooster said sanitation is also a concern.

"Police stations have to close down because of rat infestation because people don't throw away their trash. They either burn it, which the government told them not to do anymore, or they pile it up because there is no place to deposit waste," he said. "The schools have been closed down because of lots of rats. I have newspaper articles that say, 'Rats vs. Police.' I woke up one night and there was a rat in my hair."

Regardless of some hardships he may experience on his trip, Klooster wants little more than to share his faith and build relationships with the children he teaches.

"I think I was put on this earth to love people and share my faith," he said. "My faith has grown a lot. It's going to be hard to say good-bye when I leave."

Klooster added, "These people have it so rough. I guess I will walk away with a broken heart and stronger faith."

Klooster's mission is scheduled to be complete in two months. He was home in Charlevoix during the holidays.



Courtesy photo
Mitchell Klooster with 4-year-old Torianne, the daughter of one of his many Jamaican friends. He returned this week to complete a six-month mission trip to Jamaica.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League - Dec. 26, 2005

	W	L
B VanLoo & Sons	42	22
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	39	25
J Arnold Painting "A"	36.5	27.5
J Arnold Painting "2"	34.5	29.5
The Flight Deck	30	34
Paul Bunyan Lanes	29	35
Bud's Buds	28	36
Selph Trucking	17	47

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorak	674	230
Darrel VanLoo	604	224
Jon Klemm		222
George Gregory	588	

Church League - Dec. 28, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	44	6
Lutherans	31	19
Slate Farm Insurance	28	22
Lakeshore Tire	26	24
Mark White Paint & Stain	24	26
St. Mary's	22	28
R & C Roofing	19	31
Ferguson & Chamberlain	6	44

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ron Grolke	567	266
Scott Kehrre	642	246
Robert Russell	590	
Mike Webb	227	

Young at Hearts League - Dec. 23, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	42	18
Irish Rollers	36	24
Sparetime	32	28
Hall & Hall	31	29
Mistify	29	31
Past Timers	25	35
Has Beens	23	37
Twilighters	22	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	565	225
Chas Daseleer		188
Al Bergmann	479	
Ralph Kilson		180
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Nancy Zimmerman	405	146
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FILE NO: 05-035-21-CH**

LINDA H. MATTHEWS and
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD
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and CAROLINE YOUNGER, his
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SIGNS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 05-010901-DE**

Estate of Florence M. Westphal
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Fiddlers and Pickers Day

The 3rd Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located off Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix. Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are welcome. The entrance fee is a \$5 donation to benefit the East Jordan Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund. Food and beverage will be available. For more information call Gabe Campbell at (231) 547-9739, Bill Stevens at (231) 547-9153 or Dan Johnston at (231) 526-5145.

Winter baseball camp

Oakland University baseball coach Dylan Putnam and his staff, together with the coaches of Charlevoix

High School will host the Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15. The clinic is for baseball players in grades 7-12 and will take place in the Charlevoix High School gym. Cost of the clinic is \$50. Registration forms will be available in the Charlevoix Middle School and high school offices or by calling Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-7388.

KCB meeting

Members of the general public are invited to join the membership of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful at the group's annual meeting.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Grey Gables. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar offered.

Fiber art show

From knitting and quilting to basket making, embroidery, needlepoint, surface design, quiltwork, beading, weaving and bookmaking — the Jordan River Arts Council invites local artists to submit their work for consideration for the fourth fiber arts show "Rare Threads with Another Twist." will open Sunday, March 5, 2006 and close Friday, April 7, 2006. Artists are encouraged to submit work that is multi-media, multi-faceted, unconventional, whimsical and imaginative. Slides or photos and entry form(s) need to be received by Jan. 15, 2006 along with the names of others involved in the project if it is a collaboration. Acceptance of the artwork

will be announced by Feb. 1, 2006. Pieces must be delivered by Feb. 20, 2006 for exhibition.

Entry forms are available at www.jordanriverarts.com or by calling Donna Miller at (231) 599-2982 or e-mailing Bird61@aol.com.

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Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the library. They will be held Jan. 18 and 25 and March 8 and 15.

The interview process and correspondence guidelines will be covered during the first class. How to use the U.S. and Michigan census records will be the topic of the second class. In March, the first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

The fee for the four classes is \$14 for Friends of the Library members and \$20 for non-members. The fee can be paid upon registration at the library located off Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Free throw championship

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Youth Free Throw Championship Jan. 21.

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship. The local competition will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 in the gym at Charlevoix Middle School.

The winners progress through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions with trophies awarded to all champions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn McDonough at (231) 547-5437.

Assistance for homebound

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Tai Chi for Arthritis

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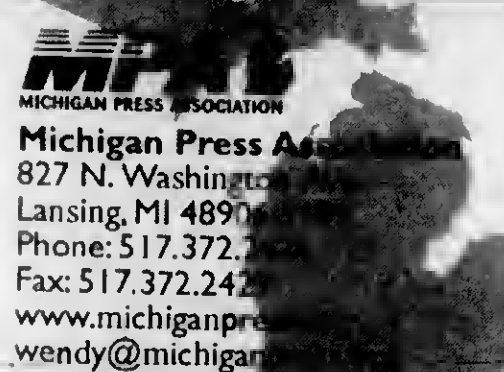
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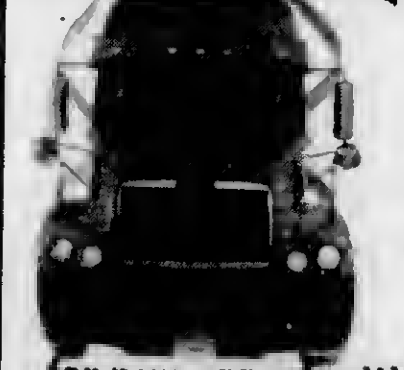
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A Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) class will take place 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 in classroom B.

A Basic First Aid class will take

place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in classroom B.

The cost is \$25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid class is \$30. There is a price reduction for the three-class series.

Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is

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All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

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The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the

Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

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Contract to keep local Coast Guard boat debated

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According to Davis' e-mail, both Senators Levin (Carl) and Stabenow (Debbie) agreed to send letters, "and in my conversation with staff today, the letters just need to be signed off by senior staff and the senators likely will not mention Charlevoix but will ask for a vessel to be sent to Lake Michigan. I have also asked congressman Dave Camp (he has strong ties to Charlevoix) to send a support letter, but have not seen the letter yet."

Davis stated he has been working with the Lake Carriers Association and the Beaver Island Transportation Authority and will continue to follow-up with all parties. Mayor Carlson sent letters to all three admirals in

addition to testifying before a legislative committee in Lansing in October of 2005.

At the meeting Tuesday night, Jan. 3, mayor Carlson provided an overview of Davis' accomplishments thus far in the Acacia case for council.

He said Davis has been working closely with legislators to find a way to keep the Acacia here or have a replacement vessel located in Charlevoix.

"Hopefully we'll have an answer one way or another in the next three months," he said. "Hopefully it comes out good for the Great Lakes and specifically for Charlevoix."

Carlson said, those doubtful about Davis' results, "have to understand, it was a small investment to try and save something that brings a lot of money to our community and a lot of

other issues are addressed with them. Something of this magnitude takes a joint effort and people need to work together."

Carlson noted the economic and social impact of losing so many people when the Acacia is decommissioned this summer.

Carlson said, "The wives and husbands of those in the Coast Guard shop and work in the area, live in housing and there is the presence of the feeling of safety they bring to our community by being here."

First ward city councilman, Bob Timms, said he hasn't heard whether

Davis is having success but, "it's one of those things where we hope he's successful. He's one of the most knowledgeable people."

Timms added, "It's a sizable amount. If he's successful, it will be money well spent, we just thought if we didn't, our chances were slim to nonexistent, so that's why we went ahead to hire him."

Davis is president of Boh Davis and Associates in Washington D.C. and a former Republican Congressman for Michigan.

At the June 20 city council meeting it was decided unanimously to pay

Davis \$3,000 a month from July 1 to December 31, 2005 out of the city's industrial promotions account after a memo written by Charlevoix City Manager, Mike Wiesner to members of city council, which stated Davis' consulting services were pursued because the city failed to receive adequate representation on the matter at the federal level.

Wiesner added, "As a result of the above information, we felt it may be potentially beneficial to enlist the services of Bob Davis who is certainly familiar with the area and the Coast Guard."

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Stupak: Prolong Acacia's stay

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Bart Stupak

All but one Charlevoix City Council member voted to renew lobbyist, Bob Davis', contract at the Jan. 3 meeting.

Mayor Norman Carlson told council that as of Dec. 31 Davis' contract had expired. He said in order for Davis to continue to work to have a Coast Guard vessel located

in Charlevoix following the coming decommissioning of the cutter Acacia that contract would have to be extended.

First ward council member, Bob Timms made the motion to extend Davis' contract on month by month basis at a cost of \$3,000 for up to six months. Bill Haggard, a first ward councilman, seconded the motion. Shirley Gibson, a third ward council member was the lone "no" vote.

"That's a lot of money," Gibson said. "I'm all for keeping the boat or trying to get one, but we've already spent \$18,000 and I don't know much about what's going on."

Davis was unreachable by press time.

Some in the city government are

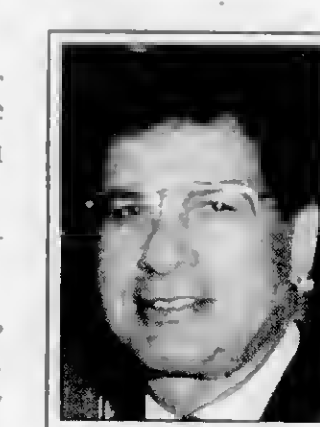
tightlipped with information surrounding the proposed legislation citing fears of possible competing interests such as Grand Haven, who they claim also want a vessel located there.

As far as Grand Haven Mayor, Roger Bergman knows, at this time no one is looking to locate a Coast Guard cutter there.

Carlson said Bergman's comments do little to ease his fears.

In the days following the meeting, First District U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak said he never formally met with Davis on issues dealing with the Acacia and he doesn't want people to be somehow misled into thinking Davis has a hand in Stupak's work.

Stupak has authored proposed legislation to retain the Acacia until May of 2007, 18 months beyond its summer 2006 decommissioning date.



Bob Davis

"I've been working on this since before Davis was hired. I have contacted and wrote letters that I — not Davis — initiated," Stupak said.

More importantly, Stupak said, "There is See STUPAK, page 3

Friendly bee buzz



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Charlevoix Middle School Spelling Bee winner Maura Brandi (left) takes the mic from her friend Carolena Elowsky, 11, after Elowsky was eliminated during an intermediate word round at the bee Jan. 4. The two studied together for the event. For more bee buzz see page 15.

Two make professional team cut for police chief

Council adds Doan to final interview list

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Only two of nine candidates sent to a professional team for review were recommended by that group to fill the Charlevoix City Police Chief vacancy.

At a special city council meeting that took place Jan. 9, council learned who made the grade with the professional team.

On Friday, Jan. 6, a professional team made up of Rogers City Police Chief Matthew Quaine, former Traverse City public safety director, Ralph Soffredine and Mackinaw City Police Chief Patrick Wyman interviewed seven applicants for the local police chief position.

These seven were recommended to the team by council who on Dec. 20 used a matrix of qualifications to choose nine out of the original group of 29 applicants for the seat.

Two dropped out of the running before interviewing with the three-man professional team.

The two the team passed on to the final round and noted as "The best candidates to proceed further in the interview process," are Patrick Foster, a former City of Charlevoix patrolman and current Clay Township sergeant from St. Clair and John Jarecki, Jr., the city police chief in Norway.

In a memo to Charlevoix City Council from city manager Mike Wiesner, he states that these candidates are his police chief recommendation to council.

"Council and members of the audience took issue with the team's decision not to recommend local applicant and long-time city patrolman Gerard Doan.

"In hind site, we should have had a professional team of our professional officers. They have to back each other up and they know who they want to work for," second ward councilman Gabe Campbell, said. "We're sending a message to young people on the force. 'You can work as hard as you want but if you want to go some place, you better look in the ads because we're not inclined to hire someone from Charlevoix.'"

While the professional group feels of the nine council chose in the initial round Foster and Jarecki, are best

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Contract to keep local Coast Guard boat debated

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According to Davis' e-mail, both Senators Levin (Carl) and Stabenow (Debbie) agreed to send letters, "and in my conversation with staff today, the letters just need to be signed off by senior staff and the senators likely will not mention Charlevoix but will ask for a vessel to be sent to Lake Michigan. I have also asked congressman Dave Camp (he has strong ties to Charlevoix) to send a support letter, but have not seen the letter yet."

Davis stated he has been working with the Lake Carriers Association and the Beaver Island Transportation Authority and will continue to follow-up with all parties. Mayor Carlson sent letters to all three admirals in

addition to testifying before a legislative committee in Lansing in October of 2005.

At the meeting Tuesday night, Jan. 3, mayor Carlson provided an overview of Davis' accomplishments thus far in the Acacia case for council.

He said Davis has been working closely with legislators to find a way to keep the Acacia here or have a replacement vessel located in Charlevoix.

"Hopefully we'll have an answer one way or another in the next three months," he said. "Hopefully it comes out good for the Great Lakes and specifically for Charlevoix."

Carlson said, those doubtful about Davis' results, "have to understand, it was a small investment to try and save something that brings a lot of money to our community and a lot of

other issues are addressed with them. Something of this magnitude takes a joint effort and people need to work together."

Carlson noted the economic and social impact of losing so many people when the Acacia is decommissioned this summer.

Carlson said, "The wives and husbands of those in the Coast Guard shop and work in the area, live in housing and there is the presence of the feeling of safety they bring to our community by being here."

First ward city councilman, Bob Timms, said he hasn't heard whether

Davis is having success but, "it's one of those things where we hope he's successful. He's one of the most knowledgeable people."

Timms added, "It's a sizable amount. If he's successful, it will be money well spent, we just thought if we didn't, our chances were slim to nonexistent, so that's why we went ahead to hire him."

Davis is president of Boh Davis and Associates in Washington D.C. and a former Republican Congressman for Michigan.

At the June 20 city council meeting it was decided unanimously to pay

Davis \$3,000 a month from July 1 to December 31, 2005 out of the city's industrial promotions account after a memo written by Charlevoix City Manager, Mike Wiesner to members of city council, which stated Davis' consulting services were pursued because the city failed to receive adequate representation on the matter at the federal level.

Wiesner added, "As a result of the above information, we felt it may be potentially beneficial to enlist the services of Bob Davis who is certainly familiar with the area and the Coast Guard."

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Stupak: Prolong Acacia's stay

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Bart Stupak

All but one Charlevoix City Council member voted to renew lobbyist, Bob Davis', contract at the Jan. 3 meeting.

Mayor Norman Carlson told council that as of Dec. 31 Davis' contract had expired. He said in order for Davis to continue to work to have a Coast Guard vessel located

in Charlevoix following the coming decommissioning of the cutter Acacia that contract would have to be extended.

First ward council member, Bob Timms made the motion to extend Davis' contract on month by month basis at a cost of \$3,000 for up to six months. Bill Haggard, a first ward councilman, seconded the motion. Shirley Gibson, a third ward council member was the lone "no" vote.

"That's a lot of money," Gibson said. "I'm all for keeping the boat or trying to get one, but we've already spent \$18,000 and I don't know much about what's going on."

Davis was unreachable by press time.

Some in the city government are

tightlipped with information surrounding the proposed legislation citing fears of possible competing interests such as Grand Haven, who they claim also want a vessel located there.

As far as Grand Haven Mayor, Roger Bergman knows, at this time no one is looking to locate a Coast Guard cutter there.

Carlson said Bergman's comments do little to ease his fears.

In the days following the meeting, First District U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak said he never formally met with Davis on issues dealing with the Acacia and he doesn't want people to be somehow misled into thinking Davis has a hand in Stupak's work.

Stupak has authored proposed legislation to retain the Acacia until May of 2007, 18 months beyond its summer 2006 decommissioning date.



Bob Davis

"I've been working on this since before Davis was hired. I have contacted and wrote letters that I — not Davis — initiated," Stupak said.

More importantly, Stupak said, "There is

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Two make professional team cut for police chief

Council adds Doan to final interview list

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Only two of nine candidates sent to a professional team for review were recommended by that group to fill the Charlevoix City Police Chief vacancy.

At a special city council meeting that took place Jan. 9, council learned who made the grade with the professional team.

On Friday, Jan. 6, a professional team made up of Rogers City Police Chief Matthew Quaine, former Traverse City public safety director, Ralph Soffredine and Mackinaw City Police Chief Patrick Wyman interviewed seven applicants for the local police chief position.

These seven were recommended to the team by council who on Dec. 20 used a matrix of qualifications to choose nine out of the original group of 29 applicants for the seat.

Two dropped out of the running before interviewing with the three-man professional team.

The two the team passed on to the final round and noted as "The best candidates to proceed further in the interview process," are Patrick Foster, a former City of Charlevoix patrolman and current Clay Township sergeant from St. Clair and John Jarecki, Jr., the city police chief in Norway.

In a memo to Charlevoix City Council from city manager Mike Wiesner, he states that these candidates are his police chief recommendation to council.

Council and members of the audience took issue with the team's decision not to recommend local applicant and long-time city patrolman Gerard Doan.

"In hind site, we should have had a professional team of our professional officers. They have to back each other up and they know who they want to work for," second ward councilman Gabe Campbell said. "We're sending a message to young people on the force. You can work as hard as you want but if you want to go some place, you better look in the ads because we're not inclined to hire someone from Charlevoix."

While the professional group feels of the nine council chose in the initial round Foster and Jarecki, are best

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Friendly bee buzz



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Charlevoix Middle School Spelling Bee winner Maura Brandi (left) takes the mic from her friend Carolena Elowsky, 11, after Elowsky was eliminated during an intermediate word round at the bee Jan. 4. The two studied together for the event. For more bee buzz see page 15.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Brian Scott Schild, 30, Jenison. Operating while intoxicated-second offense; and operating while license suspended. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 19 days, to serve 71 days in jail, serve 90 days on an electronic monitoring device, 245 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,630 in fines and costs.

Jason Scott Wolgamott, 27, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Patrick Clifford Bearden, 22, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$930 in fines and costs.

Michael Joseph Rautio, 27, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$730 in fines and costs.

Justin Tyler Spencer, 22, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$930 in fines and costs.

tend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$930 in fines and costs.

Jeremy John Moses, 28, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail, to serve 12 days in jail, 353 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$800 in fines and costs. Reckless driving. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 79 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Jesse Kane Simon, 24, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$730 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Michael Joseph McCann, 26, Charlevoix. Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. Sentenced to minimum of three years in prison to a maximum of 10 years in prison with credit for 83 days in jail. Police officer-assault/resisting/obstructing. Sentenced to a minimum of 16 months in prison to a maximum of 24 months in prison with credit for 83 days in jail; \$180 in fines and costs.

Scott David May, 34, Boyne City. Child support-failing to pay. Serve

nine months in jail with credit for four days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$470 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 19, Boyne City. Attempted breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to seven months in jail with credit for 76 days, to serve seven months in jail. Retail fraud-third degree. Sentenced to three months in jail with credit for 76 days, to serve three months in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$160 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Frabley Lawn Services Plus, 05580 Barnard Road, Charlevoix, by Karen A. Frabley

XEdgeX Management; XEdgeX Productions; XEdgeX, 3476 West M-32, East Jordan, by Tatum Criner

Summerset Pointe, 309 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, by Daniel B. Barron

May's Small Engines, 1172 Dam Road, Boyne City, by Justin C. May

Garage Restorations, 206 West Carpenter St., Charlevoix, by Gordon C. Russell

Cooks Paint & Wallpaper Service, 03157 Aspenview Trail, Boyne Falls, by Robert G. Cook

Horton Bay Farm, 06825 Horton Bay Road North, by Sam Buitendorp and Cheryl Buitendorp

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Richard Gerald Spears, 21, East

Lansing and Katie May Brock, 23, East Jordan

Donald Andrew Carter, 24, Birmingham, Ala. and Bethany Giuliana Lantbell, 21, Boyne City

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Judie Marie Postmus vs. Anthony Hugh Postmus

Deborah L. Mandeville vs. Nicholas R. Mandeville

Gena Maria Cross vs. John H. Cross, III

Amy Marie Crump vs. Martin Joseph Crump

Roger Conaway vs. Shirley Conaway

David M. Radle vs. Janet H. Radle

Lewis I. Kline vs. Shari M. Kline

Mary Katherine Everling vs. Mathew James Everling

Kathryn Ann Parker vs. Jeffrey Alan Parker

Births

Justin William Whisler Jr., weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces was born Dec. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Justin Whisler and Shelly Barrow of Central Lake. His grandparents are Robert and Ramona Barrow of Central Lake and Ray and Kris Whisler of Boyne City.

Avery Pearl Strange weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces was born Dec. 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael

and Megan Strange of Ellsworth. Her sibling is Olivia Mary Strange, 18 months. Grandparents are Ronald and Shirley Boss and Greg and Norcen Strange both of Ellsworth. Great-grandparents are Jean Drenth, June Boss and Polly Strange, all of Ellsworth.

Jonelle Tyne Wagner weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces was born Jan. 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ty and Maureen Wagner. Her siblings are Rilyn and Katherine Wagner. Grandparents are Henry and Joan Wagner and Thomas and Evelyn Oleksy of Charlevoix. Great-grandparent is June Riley of Charlevoix.

Lacy Jane Fettig weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce was born Jan. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Todd and Susan Fettig of Boyne Falls. She has a brother Ethan. Grandparents are the late John and Sally Looze of Boyne City, Dennis and Kathy Fettig of Marysville, Tenn., Connie Fettig of Petoskey and Tom Riedel of Houghton Lake. Great-grandparent is Ruth Looze of Boyne City.

Autumn Renee Fortune weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born Jan. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Gary and Alondra Fortune of East Jordan.

Morgan Jerry Mann weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born Jan. 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Dr. Daniel and Tonya Mann of Charlevoix. His sibling is Kiley. Grandparents are Audrey Mumaw of Marshall, Tom Mumaw of Traverse City. His great-grandparents are Bertha Karch of Traverse City and Bob Mumaw of Marco Island, Fla.



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City council to interview three for police chief seat

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qualified to fill the chief's seat, they have the power to pull candidates from that original 29 for final review and hiring.

After hearing comments from the public supporting Doan, council voted to add him to the list of applicants they will interview this week. At press time interviews had not been scheduled.

Mayor Nonnan Carlson said, "I don't think anyone has questioned Gerard's ability as a police officer and what he's given as a patrolman. Just because he wasn't recommended by the professional team doesn't mean he's been slighted in any way. He's willing to keep going."

At previous meetings council mem-

bers have agreed that they are looking for a long-term working chief who is visible in the community.

Former chief Dennis Halverson announced his resignation in late September. Halverson, the longest serving Charlevoix Chief of Police, accepted the "Safe Schools Coordinator" position with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. He started in this position in early November.

Deputy police chief Scott Hankins has filled the role of interim chief during the transition time.

At the time of Halverson's retirement he was making \$53,736 a year. The incoming chief's wage was advertised to be between \$45,000 and \$55,000.

Council plans to hire the new chief and set his wage at their regularly scheduled meeting to take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16.

ADHD workshop kicks off child health education series

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) will be the topic of a Thursday, Jan. 19, workshop designed for educators, counselors, nurses and parents.

Terry M. Dickson, M.D., Director of the Behavioral Medicine Clinic of Northwest Michigan, will lead the workshop as part of an eight-part series presented by Child Advocates for Emotional and Health Issues.

The workshop will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the media center at Petoskey High School.

Dr. Dickson, who had a pediatric practice for 15 years, serves and supports children, adolescents and adults with ADHD. The Behavioral Medicine Clinic, which opened in 2001 in the Traverse City area, is a comprehensive clinic which provides

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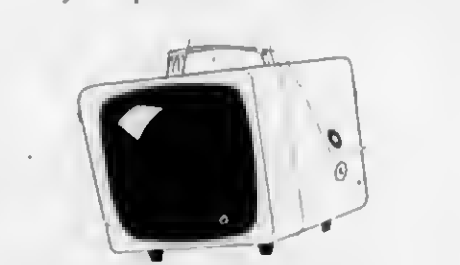


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Stupak drafts legislation to keep Acacia in Charlevoix

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some thought that maybe the new buoy tenders cannot cut the ice in the same manner or method as the old types could. I don't want the Acacia decommissioned before we're sure the new huoy tenders can do the job they are intended to do."

In the letter which Stupak sent to some high-ranking Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation members, he expressed the essential aid to navigation and search and rescue services which the Acacia provides to the northern Great Lakes region.

"These critical services will be severely limited after the Acacia is decommissioned. Therefore, I urge you to include the following language in the bill," Stupak stated in the letter.

The language in Stupak's proposed legislation states, "The Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall not decommission the Coast Guard cutter Acacia before May 1,

2007 and shall ensure the availability of such vessel for transitional ice breaking and huoy tending service on the Great Lakes until that date or until an additional ice breaking or ocean going buoy tender is stationed on northern Lake Michigan."

Stupak said he isn't sure where Davis is going with his lobbying efforts.

"If there is a mission, we should have the assets to do that mission," he said. "If there is a new mission in Charlevoix, I'll do whatever I can to get those assets. But I don't want anyone to believe that the Acacia will be around forever, that's not going to happen."

He added, "I've asked for an 18 month extension to make sure we have sufficient assets to protect everyone's interests."

Stupak hopes to know more about the status of the Fiscal Year 2006 Authorization Bill by February.

Carlson said, if the extension goes through, it will be a win for everybody.

"That's everything that we've wanted and that's what I've been working on for a year," he said.

Carlson said he has heard positive talk about the possibility of this extension coming to fruition. And, if it happens, it will not only be a starting point, but a small victory for Charlevoix.

If it wouldn't have been for the work of Davis, Stupak and others at the state, local and federal level, Carlson said, "I certainly don't think it would have happened."

Carlson added, "I think this is a good lesson to citizens (of Charlevoix) that they have good representation at the state, federal and local level that have worked hard. And, when you work hard at something, sometimes it comes out in your favor."

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A writer's angst over door-to-door sales



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

Last week a couple men peddling theology visited my home. This makes it the third time the dense duo were turned away from my door. And seeing as they asked when would be a good time to come back, I expect this won't be the last I've seen of them.

The idea that people go house to house selling products, services or religion boggles my mind. But, as angry as these invasions of space make me, I must confess to a brief foray into the world of door to door sales once upon a time.

Though I never dared visit the

same house twice, I managed to annoy many an unwilling patron during my three month stint. I would have quit after the first humiliating day if it weren't for the empty promises of big money and nonexistent prestige.

My first taste of the biz was in vacuums — and I thought cleaning kennels after table scrap Tuesdays was bad. If you are unaware, selling vacuum cleaners is one of the most miserable jobs on the planet, right below barnacle scraper and the guy who washes the arm length gloves at the animal husbandry clinic.

My second and final sales job was with some obscure phone company. There's nothing quite like the indignant look on someone's face when you knock on their door and ask them if they are happy with their long distance service. Why I wasn't punched in the stomach more often, I'll never know. I later heard the company was accused of switching people's long distance service without their knowl-

edge.

I'd like to think I'm absolved from the stink of those paltry positions for two reasons. One, I never made a penny. In fact, with the cost of business attire, gasoline and lost time at a real job, I actually ended up a few thousand dollars in the hole. Two, I felt terrible about myself every time I darkened someone's doorstep with my pitch.

If I recall, the only comparable humiliation I felt previous to working in outside sales was when I was 15 and my father decided he'd try taxidermy as a hobby. Few things lower a young man's self-esteem like the shame of dodging traffic on 90 degree blacktop with a handful of week-old possum remains while attempting to avoid being spotted by someone you know — and let me tell you, those babies ain't pine scented either.

While I can't change my awful past, I may be able to offer a little insight into the mind of these door-

stop derelicts. First of all, don't invite them into your home. Once they're in the blood sport begins and you are on your own.

If you find yourself in the position of defending your pocketbook against the lure of 80 pounds of authentic Himalayan Yak Butter, remember, the words that come out of your mouth are seldom what the salesman hears.

When you say, "I'm not sure I need a lifetime supply of lemon flavored wart remover," the salesman hears, "I might change my mind if you throw in a couple cases of Grandma Smith's Old Time Fish Lips."

When you say, "I'm not interested," the seller hears, "Remind me how the floor buffing unicycle attachment will enhance my life."

And, as a final effort to rid your home of these putrid purveyors you say you cannot afford the product, the seller hears, "Please offer me the 30 year installment plan at 26.5 percent APR financing."

While I may not be able to live without a vacuum powered spine massager, battery operated steak knives or a self-propelled potato peeler with built-in nose hair trimmer, I don't want to buy them from a guy in a trench coat at my kitchen table.

Yes, my steak knives are dull. Yes, my carpet is stained. And yes, I've heard the good news. In fact, he and I have an understanding: I don't turn to anyone else and he doesn't show up on my doorstep with full color pamphlets telling me how great he is.

I'd rather not adopt a Jack Russell terrier with an anger problem to deter these troublesome traffickers, but I have the number to the local humane society on speed dial, and I just might.

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Grandparenting, it's not the Lido Deck



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

I took a trip to Chicago, Ill. this past weekend to celebrate my daughter's twenty-eighth birthday.

It seemed only fitting to do something special since she had reached the same age that I was when she entered this world kicking and screaming. It was a reality check for me as it drew up memories of when my own mom came to Charlevoix during that very snowy winter of 1977 and traversed I-75 minus an SUV.

What woman in her 50's loves to travel in the winter? Only a trip to Chicago or spending time with a

grandchild could make me wander from my cozy home.

This chapter of my life is hitting me square in the face. I am playing the role of older mom, friend and grandma. In this chapter of my life I've realized that I never really appreciated everything my mom and my mother-in-law did for our family until I became a grandma myself.

If you are a parent, married or single, it's very difficult to spend quality time with your children. For a working mom, that only leaves weekends to catch up on household tasks and sometimes even bringing home unfinished work. Though I feel that most young parents today are doing a wonderful job blending work, family activities and household tasks, it is easier with help from a grandparent.

Grandparents can offer children of busy families a listening ear and maybe even a calmer lifestyle. I've found the best thing about being a

grandma is having the time to listen without worrying about cleaning and laundry. Now, I finally get it — this is what grandparenting is all about.

Author Dr. Kornhaber, said it best, "The relationship between a grandparent and a grandchild is one in which they really are crazy about each other simply because they are breathing."

Most grandparents if they aren't working full-time are needed more than ever. I am impressed by the number of grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. They deserve to be treated as royalty as far as I'm concerned. They chose to spend time trying to fix or maintain family order when they could be running around in their fifth wheel or getting margaritas on Lido Deck.

Some couples experiencing a divorce will rely on a great deal of support from a grandparent. For

months and sometimes years following divorce children experience sadness and anger. With mom and dad wrapped up in their own feelings their patience is tried to the limit. Grandma and grandpa can provide a quiet and nurturing home for them to visit. The difficult part will be avoiding the negative comments which are so easy to make in front of the children about their son or daughter's former spouse. A grandparent can accept that the couple had difficulties in the marriage and need to keep from adding any more information for the child to see either parent in a bad light.

Having a grandparent listen helps to build a child's self-esteem. When you ask about a school project or how their week went, the communication between you grows. Your grandchild may turn to you for support later on when they need advice or need to make a decision about something important.

Companionship is another thing you can offer. Let your grandchild watch or join you as you make dinner or build something. The grandkids also love hearing stories about their mom or dad when they were little themselves. This sharing gives them the security to know they belong to a larger family that has a wonderful background. Talk about great-grandma or great-grandpa and various aunts and uncles too. If our grandchildren have a pleasant experience with us they will approach life with excitement and humor and will have a better attitude about growing older. They also learn the important lesson to "Respect your elders."

Gosh I'm an elder, but don't call me senior citizen, I'm not ready to be called that yet.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

'Thank you' supporters

Editor:

At 6:26 p.m. on Nov. 6, I was involved in a head-on car accident in Atlanta, Michigan. After being passed around to several hospitals and emergency units, I ended up in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan Hospital for two of my three surgeries. My stay there was a duration of 24 days before returning home to Charlevoix.

After being home for three weeks I was to start physical therapy on my legs at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. The second day of therapy, Diane, my therapist, suspected the likelihood of a blood clot in my left thigh. We checked it out with Dr. Stewart and sure enough, after Heather looked for just under 15 minutes, it was located with ultrasound.

I spent Dec. 23 through Dec. 27 in our hometown hospital. The concern, care, and degree of professionalism was superb, burying any of the care I had received thus far during my recovery. We should be very proud of the institution we have right here in our own backyard. Hats off to all of the aides, nurses and doctors that helped me get past this potentially critical phase on my road to recovery. You

guys are great.

In addition, I most certainly need to thank so many thoughtful individuals out there that have supported me and my family since the accident. The generosity of so many has astounded and humbled my wife and I time and again. We are very, very, very appreciative and thankful for your friendships and support. You too are great.

Remember, the highest thing in life is in fact a culmination of all the little things. Be sure to stop and smell the ponies whenever possible.

Have a great 2006.
Brent Marlatt and family
Charlevoix

Christmas project success

Editor:

On behalf of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee, I would like to thank a myriad of persons, groups, churches, clubs and other organizations that helped to make this a hugely successful project this year and a merrier Christmas for 350 children in our community.

First off, commander Charlie Butcher and the membership of the VFW allowed us the use of their new building from which to work. Toys For

Tots and Russ Bolt, Ken Staley and Charlie Butcher provided us with more toys than Santa's workshop turned out last year, donated, of course, by the good people of Charlevoix. A tremendous number of gifts came from the Giving Tree at St. Mary's Church, and Becky Wimmer, Mary Plude and Alida Klooster worked many long hours on that part of the project.

Churches contributed money, clothes, cookies, cake mixes and frosting, candy, peanut butter and salines as well as many helping hands. Jerry Shupert added to the baskets with a generous donation of apples from his orchard. Scott Kelley and Tory Werth stored groceries at BASIS for us and then transported them to the VFW.

Organizations, as well as individuals, donated homemade knitted mittens, hats, scarves and slippers. Among those was the Barnard Grange, which also have us a generous check. Other groups donated a mountain of socks.

Clubs and businesses donated toys and money, and many individuals sent checks to help the project, which this year benefited 175 families, four nursing homes and many senior citizens who live alone. I think many people

in our town do not realize the scope of this project, but we spent about \$6,000 on groceries alone.

The Charlevoix Ministerial Association, under whose umbrella we work, donated beautiful hard copies of the story of the Birth of Jesus.

High school students double bagged our sacks for us, spent hours after school helping sort toys and also grudging through the snow and slipped on the ice to carry groceries and toys to the cars on delivery day. Many other volunteers loaded up their cars and delivered groceries and gifts to families who did not have a means of picking them up.

It would be nearly impossible to name everyone, but know that you were appreciated for whatever role you played in the project and will not go without a reward by Him in whose name we undertake this activity every year.

We wish all of Charlevoix a most Happy New Year and peace and prosperity in 2006.

Bev Boss
Community Christmas Project Chair
Charlevoix

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Sheriff returns to work following heart surgery

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is pleased to report the return of Sheriff George T. Lasater to full-time status after his recent illness.

Sheriff Lasater, 67, suffered a heart attack Nov. 14, while he was at his home in Horton Bay.

Lasater, who has been sheriff for the past 29 years underwent surgery Nov. 17 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Sheriff Lasater has been working in the office for several hours a day for the past couple of weeks. His doctor

has given him a full pardon and said he was physically able to return to full-time status on Friday, Jan. 6.

The sheriff's office has been overwhelmed with calls, cards, flowers and general concern for Sheriff Lasater.

Undersheriff Don Schneider commends the Sheriff's office staff for all of their support and help.

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Frame it in lights

Editor:

Breckenridge, Colorado keeps their white lights up throughout the winter. The town looks so warm and inviting.

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Replica windows installed at new Charlevoix library



Courtesy photo

Dan Cleary, Construction Supervisor, for Clark Construction Company stands in front of the new Charlevoix Public Library where 1927 replica windows were recently installed. The Friends of the Library will host a video viewing of the project's progress Jan. 16 at the existing library off Clinton Street.

A phrase commonly heard around Charlevoix is, "Have you seen the windows?"

The installation of the brand-new replicas of the original 1927 windows began on the new Charlevoix Public Library at 220 Clinton Street.

This stage of the library construction and project progress up to this point will be included in a video presentation at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

At the meeting, which will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, Dan Cleary, construction supervisor, with Clark Construction Company, and Lyle Gennett, video producer, will be on hand to share the story of the transformation of the old building into a state-of-the-art library while maintaining its historic character.

This program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the library at (231) 547-2651.

Red Cross blood drive to take place on Jan. 19

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

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Women's Winter Tour to take place Feb. 25 at Castle

Strap on your boots and join Charlevoix's biggest winter party for ladies.

The National Subaru Women's Winter Tour is the largest, most unconventional women's winter event in the United States and it is making its third annual return to Charlevoix on Feb. 25.

The Women's Winter Tour includes cross country ski and snowshoe events. This year the party has moved to Castle Farms. The enchanting grounds of the restored, historic farm create a fairy tale setting for the women who participate.

The Women's Winter Tour encourages participants to make a day of the event by sticking around after skiing and snowshoeing for Castle Farms' wine festival.

The celebration features wines from area vineyards, gourmet cuisine, strolling musicians and a night

of live music from a dynamic local band. Women's Winter Tour participants will be offered a discount for the festivities at Castle Farms.

The Charlevoix Women's Winter Tour will benefit the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc., which provides services to women and children who are survivors of domestic abuse.

The original purpose of the Women's Winter Tour is to inspire women of all shapes and sizes to get excited about cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The tour gives women the confidence to get outside and get active in the security of a noncompetitive environment.

For more information on the event and to learn how you can receive a discounted registration fee for the 2006 National Subaru Women's Winter Tour in Charlevoix, visit www.womenwinter.org.

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Engagement

Gladstone — Christiansen



Courtesy photo

Jordan Gladstone and T.J. Christiansen of Ludington, plan to marry July 22, 2006.

Jordan is the daughter of Geoffrey and Benora Gladstone of West Bloomfield. She is a 2000 graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in

education.

T.J. is the son of Dave and Julie Christiansen of Charlevoix. He is a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School and 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology. He is teaching Industrial Arts at Ludington High School.

CPR and First Aid classes offered at local hospital

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

An Adult Heartsaver CPR class will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 in classroom B.

A Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) class will take place 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 in classroom B.

A Basic First Aid class will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in classroom B.

The cost is \$25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid

class is \$30. There is a price reduction for the three-class series.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through

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Obituaries

Phyllis Roberts: Dec. 16, 1922 - Jan. 2, 2006

Phyllis N. Roberts, 83, of Charlevoix, died Jan. 2, 2006, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Phyllis was born Dec. 16, 1922, in Lake City, to Carlisle A. Roberts and Bertha Hicks Roberts. She graduated from Reed City High School and Michigan State University with a major in foreign languages.

She was employed as a manpower specialist and management analyst

with the United States Department of Defense. She worked in Japan, French Morocco and Korea, retiring in 1985.

She is survived by four sisters, Marjory Himmel of Eastpointe, Arlyle (William) Koehler of Detroit, Mary (James) Schrandt of Lansing and Joan (Fred) Jolliffe of Charlevoix; three brothers, Jack Roberts of Grand Rapids and Charlevoix, James (Ila) Roberts of Harrisville, Pa., and Carl

(Martha) Roberts of Northport; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; nieces, Laura Lee Roberts and Marcy Roberts; and brother-in-law, Joseph Himmel.

The funeral service for Phyllis took place Jan. 5, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor James Green officiated. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery.

Tom Cresswell: March 14, 1946 - Jan. 3, 2006

Tom Cresswell died on Jan. 3 at his seasonal home in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Tom was born on March 14, 1946 in St. Louis, Michigan, to Richard and Shirley Cresswell.

He received a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University in 1969, and a J.D. degree from The University of Michigan in 1972.

After working with his uncle in private law practice, Tom joined the legal department of The Dow Chemical Company in Midland in 1974. Tom was a focused, intelligent and passionate lawyer. Through his interpersonal and legal skills he earned a number of significant assignments, including at the Houston Dow Center, as division counsel for the western division, division counsel for Michigan division, general counsel for Dow Pacific Area, and associate general counsel for the company in Midland. Tom was instrumental in resolving several

company critical issues, including the Midland nuclear plant litigation and the creation of the Midland co-generation venture, and the Dow Corning breast implant litigation and bankruptcy. He retired from Dow Chemical in 2000 and moved to his home in Charlevoix.

Tom is survived by his wife, Ruth A. Cresswell; his three children, Jason (Sarah) Cresswell of Petoskey, Lyndsey (Brian) Nilles and their daughter Lyla of Midland, and Joshua Cresswell of Midland, and his two step-children, Michael Rosa and daughters Chloe and Lanea of Pigeon, and Marc (Adrienne) Rosa of Farmington Hills. Tom is also survived by his mother, Shirley Cresswell, of St. Louis, and his sisters and brother, Patricia (David) Rosenberg of Nokesville, Va., John B. (Laurie) Cresswell of St. Louis, and Leann (Steve) Slosson of Lake Orion.

Tom is predeceased by his father, Richard Cresswell and his sisters,

Cara and Candace Cresswell.

Tom is missed and will be remembered forever by his entire family, his close cousin Jim (Candy) Cresswell, his many friends, his friends and colleagues from his Dow career, and his golf, fishing and hunting buddies. Tom was a man of many interests and skills, one of which was being a wonderful grandfather. His granddaughters Lyla, Chloe and Lanea brought him his greatest joy the past few years.

A memorial service was held at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix on Saturday, Jan. 7. The Rev. Todd Thompson of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church officiated.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Cresswell requests that donations be made in Tom's memory to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, CCA Honor & Memorial Gifts, 386 Park Avenue South, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016-8804 or www.cca.org.

Anthony Engler: Jan. 28, 1942 - Jan. 3, 2006

Anthony Joseph Engler, 63, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Jan. 3 at his home in Charlevoix.

Tony was born Jan. 28, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Anthony and Wanda (Kosewicz) Engler. He graduated from South High School in Cleveland. On June 2, 1962, he married the former Yvonne Homziak in Cleveland.

Tony and Yvonne moved to Charlevoix in 1967, where he was employed by the Medusa Portland Cement Company. Tony retired in 2004, as a distinguished Master

Mechanic.

He was a member of Family of Faith Ministries, where he was in charge of the monthly men's breakfast. Tony loved to fish, and he helped with and participated in both the Lake Charlevoix Trout Tournament and numerous walleye tournaments.

Tony is survived by his wife Yvonne; daughters, Wendy (Brendan) Fisher of Lansing, Cindy Hoffmann Engler of Charlevoix; son Jeffrey (Joanne) Engler of Ada; grandchildren, Nick and Tony Hoffmann; Jay, Harrison, Wyatt, Andrew and Ellie Engler; by

his brother, John Engler; sister, Chris (Doug) Selick; mother-in-law, Mary Homziak; uncle, Norman Kosewicz all of Cleveland, Ohio; and cousin, Ronald Celaschi of Charlevoix.

A funeral took place Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Family of Faith Ministries on East Upright Street in Charlevoix. Pastor Michael Arp officiated with Pastor Lowell Anderson and Pastor Phillip Starks co-officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and/or the American Cancer Society, or to the Family of Anthony Engler.

Harriet Ervin: Sept. 16, 1919 - Jan. 5, 2006



Harriet Ervin

Harriet Chamberlin Ervin, 86, was born to Mildred C. and Stephen E. Chamberlin on Sept. 16, 1919 and passed away peacefully on Jan. 5.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Charles E. Ervin, Jr. of Stillwater, Minn.; son, Charles E. (Sally) Ervin, III,

of Marietta, Ga.; and daughter, Heidi E. (Robert) Stevenson of Stillwater, Minn.; and her grandchildren Christopher (Dana and great-grandson Charles) Ervin, Caroline Ervin, Julie (Matthew and great-grandsons Ian, Nick and Peter) Goldsmith, Mark (Gretchen and great-grandchildren Jacob, Grace and Joseph) Stevenson.

Harriet grew up in Webster Groves, Mo., and after marrying Charles, settled in Birmingham where they raised their children. When Charles left General Motors, they enjoyed 26 years of retirement in Sun City West, Ariz. In July of 2004, Harriet and Charles moved to Stillwater, Minn.

Harriet loved entertaining and playing bridge with her dear friends. She was an avid golfer and loved her adopted summer home of Charlevoix.

She will be remembered with love and a smile by her friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Boutwells Landing Chapel, located at 5610 Norwich Parkway North in Stillwater, Minn. Private interment will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ironton Congregational Church, 03582 Washington Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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County supports township ordinance changes

By BENJAMIN GOHS
 Staff writer

Following unanimous votes by the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, Charlevoix Township Planning Commission and, on Jan. 9, the Charlevoix Township Board, the two sections of the zoning ordinance in question were deleted.

The motion made by planning commission member, Michael Buttigieg, was seconded by Nancy Ferguson at the Jan. 6 meeting.

County planner, Larry Sullivan said the proposed changes to the ordinance will have no effect on the previous election results wherein the Charlevoix Township big box amendment was passed 340 to 215 no votes.

"The language they're proposing to delete is in conflict with state law especially in terms of election law," he said.

Sullivan summarized section 13.4 G of the zoning language for the commission members.

"There has been a lot of argument back and forth as to whether this is in conflict with state law or if it supersedes state law," he said. "That issue has been raised on a previous election that took place."

He added, "I think it's important to realize that the changes that are being made to the ordinance or are proposed to be made to the ordinance at this point in time don't affect what's happened in the past. It's merely making a change so the ordinance doesn't conflict with

state election law and allows the process to move forward with any referendum that may result in the future."

Sullivan said the other part of the language proposed to be deleted is the statement that, "in summary states this ordinance supersedes or would take precedent over any other regulation that might exist in both the township or potentially at the state level where there's a conflict."

Charlevoix Township resident, Al Wojan, gave a brief history of Charlevoix Township's zoning ordinance wherein he told the commission the opponents of ordinance zoning amendment 1.73, the big box amendment, didn't bother to advertise their point of view on the matter because they knew how difficult it would have been for the amendment to pass referendum due to the strict nature of the township's zoning language.

"I guess the reason I'm even speaking tonight is because I feel that an injustice in the whole process is happening," Wojan said. "The citizens adopt a law and then later the citizens are told that the law they adopt is ineffectual and it's done by the same people that actually passed the law, not by a court that might adjudicate the law to see if it was right or not."

He added, "I don't object to the changing of the law, they have the right to do that, but my problem is: Do they have the right to tell us that we, the opponents, lost the vote even though the law says we didn't?"

Sullivan said he thinks there might be some unfounded concerns that if the

language is deleted then if there is ever litigation surrounding the election results of amendment 1.73.

"If that's litigated it's going to be litigated based on the laws and rules that were in effect at the point and time when the vote took place," Sullivan said.

County planning commission member Randolph Frykberg said, "What stood at the time of that vote was law. What they change now is only from that point forward and that's subject to legal interpretation. (What) we're looking here tonight to consider is, 'Is this the change that makes sense? That's all.'"

Frykberg said the commission isn't going back to some previous controversy to see if they can change it.

Charlevoix Township trustee, Nancy Rajewski said, to clarify things, when the township did housecleaning to fix errors, these two sections of language

were missed.

"We can go back through our minutes," she said. "We never discussed or intended to be stricter than state law and I have to thank Mr. Wojan or whoever found it because now we can correct it."

According to Rajewski, mistakes like this happen all the time when townships draft language.

But, opponents to amendment 1.73 feel the inclusion of the language proposed to be stricken from the ordinance was intentional.

The language in question is found in sections 12.3 on page 81 and 13G4 on page 84 of the zoning ordinance.

Wording in section 12.3 which has been recommended to be deleted states, "In the interpretation, application and enforcement of this ordinance, whenever any of the provisions or limitations

imposed or required by the provisions of this ordinance are more stringent than any other law or ordinance, then the provisions of this ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other law or ordinance impose more stringent requirements than is imposed or required by this ordinance, then the provisions of such other law or ordinance shall govern."

The portion of 13.4G recommended to be deleted states, "The township clerk has determined that an adequate petition has been filed within 30 days of the effective date and has been approved by a majority of the registered electors residing in the township."

The Charlevoix Township Board will have the final say on the fate of these two sections. The date when the board will consider this was unknown at press time.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS Tuesday, January 3, 2006 – 8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Appointed Councilmember Gabe Campbell as Deputy Mayor.
- Reappointed Greg Withrow, Howard Horton, and Mary Eveleigh to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Reappointed Arlene Staley to the Board of Review.
- Reappointed Councilmembers Gabe Campbell and Bob Timms to the Councilmember seats on the Board of Review.
- Approved the Mayor's reappointment of Ken Staley to the Compensation Commission.
- Approved the Clerk's reappointment of Stephanie Brown and Alida Klooster as Deputy Clerks.
- Adopted Resolution 2006-01-01, Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies (Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations Within the state Trunkline Right of Way).
- Approved a month-to-month extension, not to exceed six months, of the contract with Bob Davis, for services on the City's behalf to retain a Coast Guard vessel in Charlevoix.

Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2005 real estate with **unpaid 2003 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Charlevoix County Treasurer, pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.

The Charlevoix County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for 10:00am-12:00pm, January 23, 2006 at the Treasurer's Office, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 2:00pm, February 3, 2006 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Charlevoix County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 05834-20CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by March 31, 2006.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are NOT being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed may become available at public auction after July, of 2006. These parcels remain the property of their current owner until redemption rights have expired. No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The amount due listed indicates the balance which was due as of forfeiture on March 1, 2005. The current amount required to redeem must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

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ANDERSON, DONALD R	053-578-007-00	\$1,084.06	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-017-65	\$1,524.92
ANTHONY, PAULINE	013-707-598-00	\$434.73	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
BAMFIELD, SCOTT ALLEN	012-109-008-25	\$601.05	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-701-034-00	\$309.40
BROCKETTE, JERRY A W	051-378-010-00	\$386.99	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-701-047-00	\$309.40
BROCKETTE, MICHAEL E	051-378-010-00	\$386.99	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-705-223-00	\$640.06
C H SMITH COMPANY INC	015-001-020-10	\$2,377.04	GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-751-030-10	\$330.99
C I F GROUP / CONSUMER FINANCE	051-378-010-00	\$386.99	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	012-234-017-60	\$1,883.16	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-002-10	\$538.52
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	012-234-017-65	\$1,524.92	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-017-60	\$1,883.16
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-017-65	\$1,524.92
CITIZENS BANK	015-001-020-10	\$2,377.04	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
COLE, BRIAN P	013-227-029-00	\$227.83	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-701-034-00	\$309.40
COLE, DONALD R	013-227-029-00	\$227.83	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-701-047-00	\$309.40
COLE, DONALD R	013-227-029-00	\$227.83	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-705-223-00	\$640.06
COLE, MRS BRIAN	013-227-029-00	\$227.83	GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-751-030-10	\$330.99
CONTMORTGAGE CORP	051-467-251-00	\$1,717.55	GILLESPIE, ROBERT J	013-222-049-15	\$6,343.30
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CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-007-011-15	\$3,444.33	GOSCHY, BARBARA A	007-200-016-00	\$1,109.39
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-007-10	\$1,275.57	GOSCHY, PETER E	007-200-016-00	\$1,109.39
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CURTIS, SHAWN L	053-725-004-00	\$315.01	GRIFFIN, ROGER J	053-024-080-00	\$853.67
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FLEENER, YVONNE K	007-200-016-00	\$1,109.39	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	010-033-008-00	\$585.27
GALLAGHER, MRS JOSEPH	013-227-029-00	\$227.83	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	014-001-007-00	\$728.11
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-002-10	\$538.52	JEPSSEN, BRENDA JEAN	015-001-020-10	\$2,377.04
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-017-60	\$1,883.16	JEPSSEN, MICHAEL A SR	006-032-006-00	\$946.00

Postage cost increases took effect Jan. 8



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

These Favorite Children's Book Animals stamps wearing the new 39 cent price tag go on sale today, Jan. 11, nationwide. The price of a first-class stamp went from 37 to 39 cents on Sunday, Jan. 8.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Those with late holiday mailings will now spend 5.4 percent more on postage for letters and most packages than if they had mailed them before Monday.

On Jan. 8, across-the-board rate increases for the U.S. Postal Service went into effect.

The change, which was first proposed in April of 2005, boosts the price of a first-class stamp from 37 to 39 cents. In addition, an Express Mail package sent overnight rose to \$14.39 from \$13.65 and Priority Mail service climbed to \$4.06 from \$3.85 for a package weighing two pounds.

This is the first jump in stamp

prices since June 2002 when first-class stamp costs rose 3 cents to 37 cents.

"The post office spreads the rate evenly across all classes of mail everything has to pay its own way," said Blaise Rivers, postmaster for the Charlevoix Post Office.

Bearing the brunt of the increase will be business mail accounts, which Rivers said currently make up the majority of the mailing industry.

He said eBay users, who typically ship using Priority Mail will also feel the hit.

Rivers explained that the increase will help cover the postal service's fuel costs. He said that nationwide, the U.S. Postal Service uses 88,000 vehicles daily to deliver mail.

"Each penny fuel goes up is major to us," he said.

The local post office uses 12-vehicles traveling a total of about 750 miles daily to deliver mail to Charlevoix and some of its outlying townships.

He said those with excess 37 cent stamps can visit the local post office, located at 6700 M-66 North in Charlevoix, where a large supply of 2 cent stamps are available.

While this may seem like a major hike, the price change is lower than what was initially proposed. The Wall Street Journal reported in November 2005 that the Postal Service was expected to ask for an increase of at least 10 percent — possibly increasing the price of a first-class stamp to 41 cents from 37 cents.

Sheriff investigates satanic ritual sexual abuse

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a case from the 1970s to the early 1980s involving alleged satanic ritual child sexual abuse.

"We have a reliable victim here and are taking it as a serious complaint," Charlevoix County Sheriff, George Lasater, said.

He explained that the case, which involves one victim and multiple witnesses and perpetrators, has been in his hands for about five years.

"It's time to go public. If we can get assistance from witnesses or

perpetrators, we can help the victim put this to rest — closure," Lasater said.

Since first learning of the allegations of satanic ritual child sexual abuse, Lasater and his staff have worked to follow-up on leads, including gathering names of some of the individuals allegedly involved and conducting interviews.

He said thus far, evidence doesn't include videotapes or pictures of the alleged events.

"This is probably our last hope for coming up with suspects," he said.

In a press release Lasater explained that for the most part, persons who took part in this activity who have

remained and live in Michigan may be immune from prosecution due to the legal statute of limitations.

It also states that although the victim and participants in this satanic abuse appear to be mainly from the Boyne City area, some subjects may be from other parts of Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

"There are no known Charlevoix

ties. That's not to say there isn't, but right now there's not," Lasater said.

Anyone who may have been involved in or has any knowledge concerning satanic ritual sexual abuse of a child during the 1970s or 1980s is asked to contact Charlevoix County detective/sergeant Michael Wheat or Lasater at (231) 547-4461.

The press release states, "This re-

ported activity is linked to another criminal complaint that is currently under investigation by the sheriff's office."

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After school programs continue in spite of cuts



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Charlevoix Elementary School student Cora Taylor, 9, twirls one end of the rope while 7-year-old Kelsey Engstrom does her part by jumping. The girls are just two of the many local children who benefit from after school programs hosted by the Charlevoix Public Schools. Recent cuts at the federal level have not impacted these programs.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix Public Schools managed to maintain the level of after-school programs in spite of not receiving any of the \$30,837,919 in federal funds doled to Michigan.

According to Charlevoix Elementary School principal, Richard Swenor, Charlevoix doesn't receive funds for after-school programs regardless of how the economy is doing since the number of at-risk children in Charlevoix is so low.

"We've not really been affected," Swenor said. "Most of our after-school programs are low-cost or free and they have been pretty self-sufficient."

Swenor said minimal fees are charged for some of the activities, but just enough to cover the instructor and/or supplies if needed.

In the past, Charlevoix Public Schools have offered cooking, bowling, foreign language and dance classes as well as cheerleading and basketball workshops to name a few.

"I think after and before school programs are very healthy for kids. It gives them a chance to enrich their education in different ways," Swenor said. "I think we've been very fortunate to offer what we have."

Swenor said, this past year, the schools offered less of the programs than they have in the past due to the lack of an event coordinator.

"The lady that coordinated that isn't with us anymore, but we might have a coordinator before year-end," he said. "In the past we've had a great turnout. It gives the kids something constructive to do. And, in some cases, it has been a good form of solution to daycare on some days for parents."

Cheerleading, basketball, soccer and wrestling are also a part of the after-school programs.

Swenor said, if there was a change of policy which would extend funds to Charlevoix Public Schools, there are some programs he would like to implement.

"I would love to have an after-school tutoring program for kids who are a little

bit behind in reading and math to do; one on one program — the research is clear on the benefits of tutoring," he said. "If we had the money to do that, it would be awesome."

Swenor added, "It would be nice to start some decision making programs. There are a lot of things that would be very healthy for kids. We do have our Sunshine Club, which is latchkey program after school, but it would be nice if we had the money to tutor them while they're there."

If a child wants to join a program and cannot afford it, there are some smaller denomination scholarships donated by local families which allow kids to do so.

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Mayoral history picture project nears completion

The project to recognize City of Charlevoix mayors of the past has moved closer to completion.

The Charlevoix City Hall wall designated to display the official pictures of past mayors has been determined and only a few pictures are still needed.

The working committee includes Arlene Staley, city clerk Carol Ochs, Sam Supremaw and Dean Davenport.

"We have been blessed by having many outstanding mayors. The project will recognize their contributions and may help motivate future mayoral candidates to run for the office," Davenport said.

The Charlevoix Historical Society has made their photo records available and the Artvark Studio has reprinted the pictures so the originals can be returned to the donors.

"The project has drawn support from the entire community," Staley said.

Ochs is coordinating the activities taking place in the recently renovated city hall.

Pictures still needed to complete the project include Leonard Adams who served in 1935; Archie A. Swinton who served in 1921; Simon M. Rose who served from 1917 to 1920; Andrew Ross who served in 1916; Harry Nicholls who served from 1913 to 1914; Oluf Nordrum who served in 1912; and Simon M. Rose who served in 1908.

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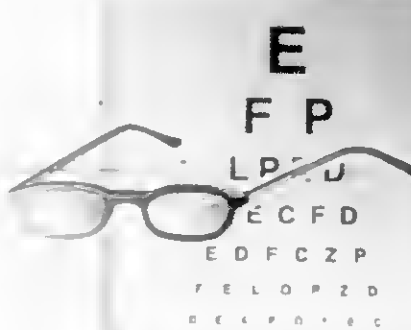
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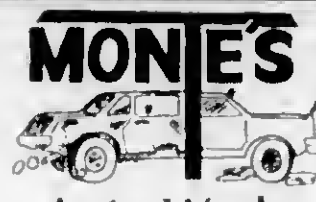


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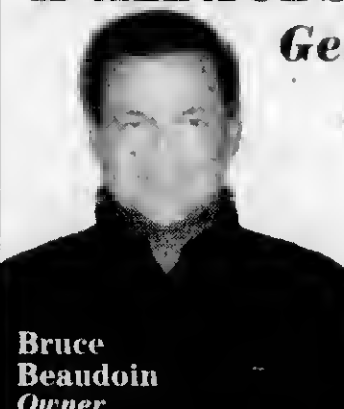
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BUSINESS

Momentum, The Troll to consolidate

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Local business owners David and Audrie Michael plan to consolidate their two local clothing stores.

The couple own and operate Charlevoix businesses, The Troll and Momentum. The Troll, located at 305 Bridge Street will maintain its name and signature resort wear core and will take on some of the name brand items from its sister store, Momentum.

"We want to keep The Troll because it was our first store ever. It's the only Troll — it's kind of sentimental," Audrie said. "We won't have room to accommodate that much but we'll still carry many popular name brands and offer great deals on resort wear."

They plan to vacate the existing Charlevoix Momentum store at 211 Bridge Street at the end of March.

Current Momentum store hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m.

to 7 p.m. Saturday. The Troll is only open one day a week, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday. Audrie said hours at The Troll will be extended after Momentum closes and the two stores merge.

She said the transition will not result in the loss of year-round, full-time jobs but some employees' roles have changed.

According to Audrie, the decision to close the large, local Momentum store, which opened about four years ago, was primarily based on a change in the nature of the couple's business which is moving more in the direction of wholesale.

"We're growing. We had to pick a way to grow that made sense and didn't pull us in so many directions," Audrie said.

She said their focus is also on expanding its presence in northern Michigan as they start a new retail store this spring in Glen Arbor and ponder the possibility of two more opening in the area before the busy 2006 summer tourist season.

"Our goal is to have one store per



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Local business owners David and Audrie Michael plan to consolidate their two local clothing stores, The Troll and Momentum. The Troll, located at 305 Bridge Street will now house both resort wear and name brand clothing. At this time Hans Wiemer, who owns the Momentum building pictured above at 211 Bridge Street has not secured renters.

town and to wholesale out resort wear," she said.

Momentum stores currently exist here and in Harbor Springs,

Petoskey and Traverse City. The couple also owns the outlet store, Resort Wear North, in Ellsworth.

Hans Wiemer, owner of the

commercial building which the Michael's rent at 211 Bridge Street, said a replacement business for the location has not been found.

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Mary Faculak on board at Halfway to the Top



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Mary Faculak, co-owner of Halfway to the Top, a clothing and accessory store located at 403 Bridge Street, joined store owner Dave Guanci in the business venture in March of 2005. Faculak also recently decided to launch a new Web site. Above, she is shown at right with store team manager Carol Moore.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A Charlevoix store owner will soon serve customers locally and nationwide.

Mary Faculak, co-owner of Halfway to the Top, a clothing and accessory store located at 403 Bridge Street, recently decided to launch a new Web site.

Faculak, announced the addition of the Web site last week. It will go live at www.marysapparel.com in about two weeks. Site design is being headed up by cyberspace prodigy Nelson Ogden, a 17-year-old junior at East Jordan High School.

Faculak's partner, Halfway to the Top co-owner Dave Guanci, of Charlevoix, opened the store in May of 2004. This marked realization of his dream to open a retail store in town where he could sell his line of Latitude 45 Halfway to the Top clothing and art. The store also carries other art on consignment. At that time Faculak was looking at opening a store in Elk Rapids. She said it was Guanci's drive to open a store here that sealed the Halfway to the

Top deal.

Faculak met Guanci while boarding his feathered friend, a goose named Buddy, during the winter of 2003 at her Charlevoix home set on a 265-acre third generation family farm.

She helped in the buying process to get the store on its feet, took a sabbatical while caring for her ailing parents and joined Guanci in this business venture in March of 2005, just under a year after the store opened.

"We are here for the community. Our local clients are critical," Faculak said.

The building is the former site of Ace Hardware and underwent a major renovation to accommodate Halfway to the Top.

Construction gear has been replaced by men's and women's apparel and accessories. Halfway to the Top is a concept store for the Canadian company, French Dressing Jeanswear. Aside from its plethora of moderately priced business, dressy and casual wear, they also carry a wide variety of accessories including a new line of Italian Troll Beads and

offer contemporary gift items.

Faculak is the executive director of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce and also owns and operates Mary's of Boyne in Boyne City and the E.J. Shoppe in East Jordan, both of which are clothing stores.

Guanci and Faculak believe their business has been successful due to their friendly customer service provided through their client care program and by sales representatives Carol Moore, Coreen Henry, Sheila Johnston and Heather Garcia.

"If you don't look good, we don't look good. That's the satisfying part for us," Faculak said.

Faculak has also seen success in promotions like Ladies Night Out which she hosted Dec. 7. She is looking forward to a second promotion party, a Super Bowl shopping event, which she is planning for Feb. 5. She said this will likely include an on-site massage and other possible spa treatments.

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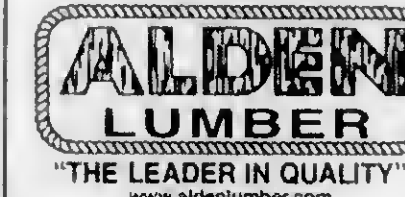
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The fee is \$590 for 556-565 students, \$600 for 566-575 students, and \$610 for 576-585 students. The fee is \$620 for 586-595 students, \$630 for 596-605 students, and \$640 for 606-615 students. The fee is \$650 for 616-625 students, \$660 for 626-635 students, and \$670 for 636-645 students. The fee is \$680 for 646-655 students, \$690 for 656-665 students, and \$700 for 666-675 students. The fee is \$710 for 676-685 students, \$720 for 686-695 students, and \$730 for 696-705 students. The fee is \$740 for 706-715 students, \$750 for 716-725 students, and \$760 for 726-735 students. The fee is \$770 for 736-745 students, \$780 for 746-755 students, and \$790 for 756-765 students. The fee is \$800 for 766-775 students, \$810 for 776-785 students, and \$820 for 786-795 students. The fee is \$830 for 796-805 students, \$840 for 806-815 students, and \$850 for 816-825 students. The fee is \$860 for 826-835 students, \$870 for 836-845 students, and \$880 for 846-855 students. 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inside the free throw line, grabbed and shot the ball in one motion for the game-winning basket. He connected on 8 of 13 shots from the field, including two of four treys, while grabbing four rebounds and handing out three assists against the Cadets.

Friske's 24 points at West Point included the game-winning basket with six-tenths of a second remaining to lead the Bears to the win over Army. With two seconds remaining on the clock, and the score tied, 57-57, Friske took the inbound pass just

Teen swim is from 8 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Monday night of each month.

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Masters Swim Team is a competitive program for those 19 and older which is offered from 8 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

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	W	L	St. Mary's	49	51	Don Wells	432	Spencer	15	99
Butt's Buds	3	1	State Farm Insurance	48	52	Andrew Trimble	463	Blanchard/Crain	14	10
B VanLoos & Sons	3	1	R & C Roofing	42	58	Beverly Smith	460	Webb	14	10
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	1	3	Ferguson & Chamberlain	18	82	Nancy Zimmerman	396	Russell & C R	14	10
Paul Butryn Lanes	3	1	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			Tuesday Night Ladies - Jan. 3, 2006			Stein	14
J Arnold Painting "A"	1	3	Series	Game				Flitlick/Birdi	13	11
J Arnold Painting "Z"	1	3	John Fiedorek	584	235	W	L	Browne	13	11
The Flight Deck	1	3	Larry Potter	584	212	Charlevoix Foot Clinic	3	Thomas	12	12
Selph Trucking	1	3	Rory Pittman	554	215	DM Construction	3	Ferguson	12	12
			Scott Kehner	555		Paul Butryn Lanes	3	Korfman	10	15
			Young at Heart's League - Jan. 5, 2006			Grey Blades Inn	3	Bradley	9	15
			Series	Game		Oleson's Food Store	1	3	Nordman	8
John Fiedorek	653	245	David Gregory	590	225	Birdies Beauty Shoppe	1	3	Blanchard Crain	6
David Gregory	590	225	Paul Timers	4	0	Central Drug Store	1	3	Pariton	3.5
Don Hart	587	222	Sparetime	4	0	Great Lakes Concrete	1	3		20.5
Del Hori	587		Twilighters	3	1	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				
			Half & Half	2	2	Series	Game		Series	Game
Church League - Jan. 4, 2006			Has Benes	2	2	Cathy Sullivan	538	Roger Crain	574	206
	W	L				Devise Cunningham	< 207	Kelly Bradley	494	190
Paul Butryn Lanes	64	36	All City	0	3	518	190	Gary Spencer	494	173
Lakeshore Tire	64	36	Malletts	0	4	Carol Kane		John Ferguson	459	150
Lutherans	61	33	Irish Rollers	0	4	Chedy Maissen	485	Carrie Blanchard	450	167
			HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			Double Deckers Mixed League			Lisa Bradley	157
			Series	Game		Jan. 8, 2006	W	L	Carla Spencer	427
			Mo Dixon	537	195				Cathy Russell	156
			Eidon Potter	465	178	Sladek	17.5	6.5	Laurel Sladek	402
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Her office is located at 14730 Park Avenue, on the Charlevoix Area Hospital campus.

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Internist opens medical practice in Charlevoix

Internist Deborah S. Smith, M.D., Ph.D., has opened a medical practice in Charlevoix, where she will see patients on Mondays each week.

School of Medicine, Dr. Smith completed her internship and residency programs at the University of Michigan Hospitals and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

She earned her Ph.D. in social psychology from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. With the opening of her office, Dr. Smith becomes the third internal medicine specialist in this area joining doctors Reed Freidinger and James Gels who also maintain Charlevoix practices.

In addition to her private practice, Dr. Smith is serving as a hospitalist at Charlevoix Area Hospital,

where she will manage the care of hospitalized patients on behalf of several local physicians.

Geralyn M. Doskoeh, M.D., also acts as a hospitalist and shares an office suite with Dr. Smith.

A transplant to the community, Dr. Smith is married to Daniel Buday, a longtime area resident. She and her husband make their home in Charlevoix, along with their daughter, Emma.

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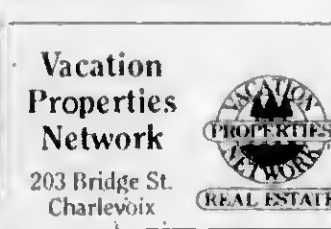
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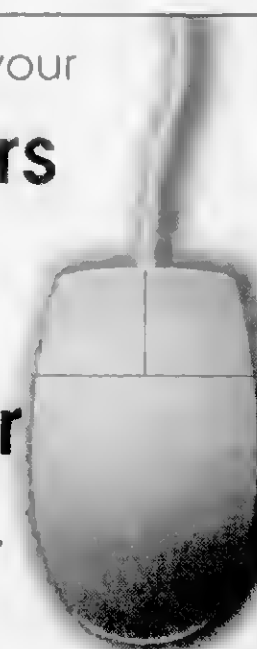
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Area events

CPR and First Aid classes

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

An Adult Heartsaver CPR class will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 in classroom B.

A Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) class will take place 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 in classroom B.

A Basic First Aid class will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in classroom B.

The cost is \$25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid class is \$30. There is a price reduction for the three-class series.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information please call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

Yacht club off-season events

The Charlevoix Yacht Club will host an off-season series of free events open to the public during January and February. Club members John Friedly and Andy Bowman will kick off the series at 7 p.m. Jan. 13. The two will tell about and show pictures including charts of North Channel cruising by power and sail. They will also provide Canadian regulation information.

At 7 p.m. Jan. 20, club member Cliff Biddick, owner and operator of a marine salvage tugboat, will recount a few marine disaster stories.

For more information visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Fiddlers and Pickers Day

The 3rd Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will take place from 3 to 10 p.m.

Jan. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located off Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix. Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are welcome. The entrance fee is a \$5 donation to benefit the East Jordan Fiddler Jamhoree Scholarship Fund. Food and beverage will be available. For more information call Gabe Campbell at (231) 547-9739, Bill Stevens at (231) 547-9153 or Dan Johnston at (231) 526-5145.

Winter baseball camp

Oakland University baseball coach Dylan Putnam and his staff, together with the coaches of Charlevoix High School will host the Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15. The clinic is for baseball players in grades 7-12 and will take place in the Charlevoix High School gym. Cost of the clinic is \$50. Registration forms will be available in the Charlevoix Middle School and Charlevoix High School offices or by calling Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-7388.

Tennis lessons

North Country Junior Development is offering tennis lessons starting Jan. 14 at North Central Michigan College for all levels of junior play.

Classes are taught by Denny Green, coach of the varsity girls' and boys' teams at Harbor Springs High School.

Lessons for students in third through fifth grades are offered from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays for seven weeks, beginning Jan. 14. The cost is \$70.

Lessons for beginning and intermediate middle school students will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays for seven weeks, beginning Jan. 14. The cost is \$70.

Lessons for advanced middle school/high school boys and girls, will take place from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday nights, for 13 sessions, beginning Jan. 23. The cost is \$175.

Lessons for varsity boys will take

place from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Tuesday nights for 10 sessions, beginning Jan. 24. The cost is \$150.

Lessons for varsity girls will take place from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Thursday nights for 10 sessions, beginning Jan. 26. The cost is \$150.

To sign up contact Denny Green at (231) 526-6382, or e-mail coachgreen10s@charter.net.

KCB annual meeting

Members of the general public are invited to join the membership of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful at the group's annual meeting.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Grey Gables. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar offered.

Grief and loss support

Three Grief and Loss Support Groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Grief support groups create a safe and confidential atmosphere for all participants with educational and support materials provided to help guide participants.

A Charlevoix group will meet at Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State St. This group will meet for six weeks from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 16. A Petoskey group will meet at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church located at 1020 E. Mitchell St. and will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 21. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. These services are free of charge to residents of Charlevoix and Emmet counties. To register or for more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or register on-line at www.hospicetlb.org.

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Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the library. They will be held Jan. 18 and 25 and March 8 and 15.

The interview process and correspondence guidelines will be covered during the first class. How to use the U.S. and Michigan census records will be the topic of the second class. In March, the first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

The fee for the four classes is \$14 for Friends of the Library members and \$20 for non-members. The fee can be paid upon registration at the library located off Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Free throw championship

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Youth Free Throw Championship Jan. 21.

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship. The local competition will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 in the gym at Charlevoix Middle School.

The winners progress through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions with trophies awarded to all champions.

Participants are required to furnish

proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn McDonough at (231) 547-5437.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is \$12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is \$40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Community Food Pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.



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SCRAPBOOK

Making due in Charlevoix in the 1940s



Marilyn Boss
'Days gone by'

As I write about those who lived in Charlevoix in 1940, I find many down to earth people who lived from day to day, not making much money, but being content with what they had, and making due with old items instead of buying new.

There were those who made a living fixing a broken radio, or other items, and today, of course we have a throw away society. Things might have been hard at times, but most everyone was in the same boat, and were thankful for what they had.

Frank Oleksy and his wife, Marian, lived at 419 Antrim Street with their daughter, Constance. Frank was a manual arts teacher in the school.

Mrs. Isabelle Oliver lived at 615 Norwood Road. Her son, Jay, also lived there. He was a presser at Art Dry Cleaners. Another son, Leonard, lived there and worked in the CCC camp.

Miles Olmstead was a fisherman, and his wife, Frances, was a Michigan Bell telephone operator. They lived at 115 East Garfield Street. Franklin Olmstead also lived there. He was a clerk at Fred S. Myers store. Helen Olmstead was a junior high school teacher. She lived at 409 Antrim Street.

Hannah Olney was a widow (George A.) and lived at 402 Sherman Street. Her son, Ernest, was a lineman with the Charlevoix Electrical Department. He drove every day, back and forth to Bellaire to help operate the City of Charlevoix's hydro-electric dam, which generated a portion of electricity.

Harold Olson lived at 807 State Street. He owned the Olson Mattress Company with Roy C. Davis. This company manufactured mattresses and rebuilt them. It was located at 109 Antrim Street.

Anton Olszewski and his wife, Gisela, lived at 409 W. Garfield. He was a mechanic. Their children were Ruth, Margaret and Adeline. Eleanor Olszewski was a maid and lived at 201 W. Garfield.

Amos and Eleanor O'Neill lived at 503 Sherman Street. He was a trucker. Helen L. O'Neill lived at 404 West Upright Street. James O'Neill and wife, Clara, lived at 316 West Huribut Street. He was a laborer. Louis O'Neill and wife Helen, lived at 204 Lewis Street. He was a clerk at the Charlevoix Post Office. Marshall O'Neill also lived there.

Richard and Effie O'Neill lived at 116 East Huribut Street. He was a mechanic

at Brown Motors.

Margaret Orłowski was a widow (Louis) and lived at 901 Bridge Street. Her son, Louis also lived there. He was a student, and later became an architect for General Motors. He and his wife, Rita came back to Charlevoix in later years, and retired. He did many drawings free for projects around the community and Rita is still very much involved in charity work in town. Margaret's daughter, Mary Margaret Orłowski, was a teller at the Charlevoix State Savings Bank and lived there also. She later married Cornelius Geiken. Mayne Orłowski was manager of the Blue Post Inn, and lived at 801 Bridge Street. It was located on the corner of Bridge and West Upright streets. The porch posts were painted blue.

Elmer L. Olmstrom was a laborer, and he and his wife, Agnes, lived at 101 Green Street.

William C. Palmer was a school commissioner, and he and his wife, Gladys, lived at 309 West Upright Street. Their son, Benjamin, and daughter, Florence, who were students, also lived there.

Frank Panter was a mason, and he and his wife Rosa, lived at 306 Burns Street. One day, his still, which was in the basement, blew up. Dale was delivering milk door-to-door, so he followed the fire truck over there. Frank was carrying the still out the side door, and putting it in

the garage, and one of the firemen asked Frank, "Where's your wife?" Frank replied, "Oh, She's in the house. We've got to get her out."

George and Gretus Pant lived at 101 1/2 Mason Street. He was a clerk at Goldie's Tavern. Goldie Pant owned Goldie's Tavern, located at 101 Mason Street.

Rev. Russell G. Parker and wife, Margaret, lived at 205 State Street. He was pastor of the First Congregational Church. Dale remembers him as a very tall, dignified man, and he always wore a swallow tail coat. Dale must have been impressed, as the Reformed Church ministers didn't dress like that. He remembers that he preached one Sunday afternoon at the Reformed Church on Barnard Road, as a substitute minister. His subject was, "They were first called Christians at Antioch." Quite an impression, I'd say.

James Parsons was an insurance agent, and lived at 106 Belvedere Avenue. Lloyd and Marguerite Parsons lived at 107 West Garfield Street, with their children, Shirley and Donald.

Pearl Partridge was a widow (Frank). She lived at 212 Park Avenue. She also owned a summer home at 2 Boulder Park. Her son was Francis, who became a priest in later years. Dorothy Partridge was a teacher and also lived at 212 Park Avenue. Henry Partridge and wife,

Marian, lived at 205 Petoskey Avenue. He was an accountant at Argo Milling Company. Rosanne Partridge was a clerk at F.J. Fessenden and Son, and also lived at 205 Petoskey Avenue.

Minnie Earle Payton was a librarian at the Charlevoix Free Library. She lived at 109 Park Avenue.

Harold Pearl and his wife, Pauline, lived at 111 Michigan Avenue, with their daughter, Betty. He was a painter and decorator. Hiram Pearl and his wife, Selma, lived at 303 Bridge Street, where they owned their own business. He was a barber, and Selma was a beautician. Reuben Pearl and his wife, Bernice, lived at 215 West Huribut Street. Their sons were Bert, Robert and Howard. They were neighbors of mine. Ted Pearl was a barber at 225 Bridge Street. He and his wife, Edith, and son, Donald, lived at 105 Park Avenue.

Ernest Peaslee was a deputy county clerk, and lived on RFD 3. In 1951, we bought a 1930 Model A four-door sedan from him. It had been parked under a tree on his property for 10 years. We refurbished it and drove it as a second car for 25 years. Dale put chains on it every winter, and it never failed to get him to work in the deep snow.

Martin Pedersen was a janitor at the Charlevoix Hospital, and lived at 103 West Lincoln Street with his wife, Minnie,

who was a dressmaker. Their daughters, Amy and Hazel also lived there. Their daughter, Dorothy, had married Maurice Dixon. In later years their daughter, Julie was born. She later married David Christiansen. Marvin Pedersen was a laborer and lived at 108 Antrim Street.

Glenn Pemberson and wife, Freda, lived at 402 West Upright Street with their daughter Gleneen. Freda was a Michigan Bell telephone operator. Glenn owned Pemberton Service. He sold Kelvinsators, and serviced them as well as radios. This business was located at 102 Mason Street.

Simon Perron and wife, Hilda, lived at 405 West Huribut Street with their daughter, Shirley.

Daniel and Elizabeth Peters, lived on Division and Meech. He was a laborer.

Peter and Mildred Petersen lived at 213 West Garfield Street. Their sons were William and Larry.

Anna Peterson was a widow (Valdemar) and lived at 211 E. Lincoln Street. Caroline Peterson also lived there.

I knew most of these people, and enjoy reminiscing about them and their families.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

2006 Chamber Board of Directors
 The 2006 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors are: Jim Berlage, Chairman; Ronald Agnello, Treasurer; Judy Friske Kehr, Vice Chairman; Jacqueline Merta, President; Pam Archarya, Alan Lovelace, Jeff Spreckell, Jay Bingham, Patricia Blanchard and Linda Bradley.

2006 Events
 The Chamber of Commerce is going into 2006 with the following exciting events that we are working on. We are hoping this will be the most exciting year ever in Charlevoix.

January 12 Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Awards; February 17-19 Indoor Sidewalk Sales; February 25 Women's Winter Tour at the Castle; April 15 Easter Egg Hunt; April 28 & 29 Michigan Festivals & Events Association Spring Break Educational Seminar; June 3 National Trails Day Bike Ride/Walk; June 17 Taste of Charlevoix; June 24 & 25 Summer Solstice Art Show; July 8 & 9 Charlevoix Art & Craft Show; August 17, 18 & 19 Sidewalk Sale Days; October 13, 14 & 15 Apple Festival; November 4 Community Pledge, Shop Charlevoix for Charities; November 24 Christmas Tree Lighting; December 2 Christmas Open House; December 21 Men's Night Shopping Event.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards is January 12th
 This is a very special event for our members to celebrate. The Chamber's most prestigious awards are also presented to honor persons who have given to their community. This dinner is January 12th at Stafford's WeatherVane Restaurant.

3rd Annual Fiddlers & Pickers Day January 14th
 This event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bells Bay Road from 3 to 10pm. There will be food and beverage available. Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are all welcome. Entrance fee is by \$5.00 donation. Donations benefit the East Jordan Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Gabe Campbell at 547-9739.

The Women's Winter Tour returns for its 3rd visit to Charlevoix on February 25th
 Strap on your boots and join the biggest winter party just for gals! The entire event takes place at Castle Farms and the party goes all day long. Eat drink and be merry! Ski and snowshoe, all the while enjoying delicious goodies and hot beverages from Stafford's WeatherVane, Scoville's Gourmet, and Whitney's of Charlevoix. Don't miss the classic S'mores pit, brought to you by Glen's Market. The annual Silent Auction features interesting products and services from area businesses and retailers, and 100% of the proceeds go to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Go for the Chocolate, stay for the wine! Make it a girls' weekend. Stick around after skiing for shopping in historic downtown Charlevoix and for Castle Farm's A Winter's Night annual wine festival, which goes all afternoon and into the night.

Your carriage awaits! Let the Charlevoix Chamber treat you like royalty in their sleek limousine shuttle provided by the Castle Trolley and Charlevoix Limousine. Ladies are encouraged to be transported to and from the Tour event, to downtown shopping, and A Winter's Night at the Castle. You simply must make this a weekend-long adventure!

Applications to register are available at the chamber office or you can register online at HYPERLINK "http://www.womenswintertour.com" www.womenswintertour.com. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

7th Annual Snowmobile Ride-In is January 28th
 The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will sponsor the 7th Annual Snowmobile Ride-in on Saturday, January 28th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. The ride-in participants will rendezvous in downtown Charlevoix's East Park (weather and snow permitting) where riders can warm up by the bonfire and enjoy free hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate and coffee. There will be drawings throughout the afternoon for door prizes, donated by area merchants. The trail to downtown is open from 7am to 11pm. The Ride-In will be held at the Ferry Beach pavilion on Ferry Avenue if there is insufficient snow to allow access to downtown.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Jan 12	Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner 547-2101
Jan 6-13	SEE-North's 12th Night Candle-Lit Trail Hike 348-9700
Jan 13-14	Phoenix, Ensemble at Crooked Tree 347-4337
Jan 14	Fiddlers & Pickers Day 547-9739
Jan 13-Feb	25th Annual Juried Photography Exhibition 347-4337
Jan 21	Knight's of Columbus, Free Throw Contest 547-5437
Jan 21	Young Naturalist Seasonal Hike 347-0991
Jan 28	Charlevoix Snowmobile Ride-In 547-4688
Feb 3-4	CMU Percussion Ensemble at Crooked Tree 347-4337
Feb 4	Snowshoe/Bead-Making Extravaganza 347-0991

The next Retail meeting is January 19, 2006 at Stafford's WeatherVane Restaurant at 8:45 am.

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is at Grey Gables on February 3 at 7:30 am.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

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Doan named chief of police

By JULIE WITTHOEF
 Editor



Gerard Doan was unanimously hired by city council at its meeting Monday

night, Jan. 17.
 "I'm in disbelief. I just didn't think it was going to happen," Doan said. "I knew I was three (council votes) strong, possibly four and I was hoping for six."
 Prior to the meeting it was unclear the direction council would take. Second ward councilmen Gabe Campbell and Gene Beeras as well as third ward council member Shirley Gibson supported Doan vocally throughout the hiring process. However, according to the city's charter, the successful candidate needs four council votes to be brought on board.

At previous meetings council members have agreed that they are looking for a long-term working chief who is visible in

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Photo by Julie Witthoef

Jeff Hilligan, the neighbor of newly hired city police chief Gerard Doan, cheers with the audience, including city patrolmen sitting behind him, after city council handed down a unanimous vote for Doan.

Chamber recognizes local citizens

By JULIE WITTHOEF
 Editor

At the 48th Annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce meeting Jan. 12 three Charlevoix residents were recognized by the chamber's board of directors for their contributions to the community.

Linda and Richard Mueller, the couple that has steered a \$10 million overhaul of the local historic site Castle Farms were named Ambassador of the Year by the chamber board of directors.

According to chairman of the chamber board of directors, Jim Berlage, the Muellers exemplify the aim of the ambassador's award in all that they do.

"The first thing they said when they accepted the award was, 'We need more brochures.' They are always promoting Charlevoix as well as the Castle," he said.

Chamber president Jacqueline Merta said since purchasing the Castle in 2001 and undertaking its massive renovation project, the Muellers have promoted the spirit of the community.

Linda said she was surprised to have been recognized.

"I'm glad they think enough of me to give me an award," she said.

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Photo by Julie Witthoef

Awards were given to Charlevoix residents at the annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce meeting Jan. 12. (From left) Roger Nesburg was given the chairman's award, Linda Mason was named outstanding citizen of 2005 and Linda and Richard Mueller were given the ambassador's award.

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Sheriff warns of bank scam targeting local senior citizens

According to a recent news release from Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater, a telephone scam has been directed at county residents.

Lasater said multiple senior citizens have received calls from an agency identifying themselves as a representative of a local bank where the senior citizen has an account. The caller claims the bank is merging with another bank and he/she needs the senior citizens' checking account number so they can transfer their account to the new bank.

In the news release Lasater states that, "The caller usually has a foreign accent and attempts to make the senior citizen feel secure, advising them they will receive a packet regarding the merger."

According to Marilyn Joy, vice-president of Charlevoix State Bank, four of the bank's customers have received calls like this.

In a press release dated Jan. 14 authored by Todd Willoughby, vice-president of communications for the Michigan Bankers Association, he states, "The Michigan Bankers Association wants the public to know that banks and financial institutions already have your personal financial information, and they will never make phone calls asking customers for something they already have."

Lasater recommends those receiving a call like this, hang up and call their local bank and law enforcement agency. Lasater can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6720.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Billy Jack Pickles, 31, Boyne Falls. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow-second or subsequent offense. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 27 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Anthony Allen McCaslin, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve six hours of community service work; attend zero tolerance class; \$180 in fines and costs.

Frederick Alexander Wiser, Jr., 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend zero tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Bryan Erik Levine, 27, West Bloomfield. Alcohol-use fraudulent identification by a minor. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Justin Paul Matzka, 30, Traverse City. Receiving/concealing stolen property more than \$200 but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; 314 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; write a letter of apology; \$3,100 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 28, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve six days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Paul Joseph Nanegs, 19, Charlevoix. Check, insufficient funds over \$100, but less than \$500; and check insufficient funds under \$100. Serve 12 days in jail; \$491.28 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Ann Moses, 26, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of property less than \$200. Serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve three months on probation; \$350 in fines and costs.

Travis James Batterfield, 25, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Matthew William Naidow, 45, Kalkaska. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Lacey Rae Richardson, 30, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; write a letter of apology; \$3,100 in fines and costs.

Charles Ruhl Metzger, 54, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Mark Anthony Capp, 47, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense.

Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

Peter Allen Dadovich, 31, Boyne City. Use of a narcotic-cocaine; and drunk and disorderly person. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 32 days, to serve 27 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Northern Lights Ballroom, 460 Hemlock St., Boyne City, by Chad and Alexandra Wittenmyer

Parson Painting, 07441 Nine Mile Point Drive, by Brian K. James and Sheila K. Ritter

Sunshine Daydream Services, 01246 South Shore Drive, Walloon Lake, by Aaron Sherk

Cherry Nails, 181 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Tung Tommy Nguyen

ABC Building Co., 8736 Fuxess Road, Ellsworth, by Nicolas Antinossi

Matt Dietel Carpentry, 00330 North Ranney Road, East Jordan, by Matthew Dietel

Marriage

The following people were recently

granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Henry J. Baumgartner, 36 and Randy Jay Thornton, 36, both of Boyne Falls

Divorce
The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Tanera Meadows vs. Mark Follette

Births

Ella Grace Kuhlhawick was born Dec. 18, 2005 to Emily and Henry Kuhlhawick III at Akron General Hospital in Akron. Her maternal grandparents are Jack Bullard and Lois Bullard of Akron and paternal grandparents are Hank and Kim Kuhlhawick of Akron and Bob and Terry Rowe of Charlevoix.

Gwen Lorene Oliver weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces was born Jan. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Matthew and Lana Oliver of East Jordan. Her brother is Garrett Luke.

Emily Lynn Starr weighing 5 pounds, 10 ounces was born Jan. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Crystal Starr of Charlevoix. Her sister is Alyssia Marie Russell. Grandparents are Scott and Betty Conely of Harbor Springs.

Zachary Robert Murray weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces was born Jan. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Charles and Julie Murray of East Jordan. His brothers are Rocky and Sherry Clark of East Jordan, William Purcell of Marshall and Bob Timms and Margie Murray of East Jordan.

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Linda Mason, a visionary who Merta described as, "a dreamer, achiever and most of all a doer," was

Chamber honors Muellers and Linda Mason

CHAMBER

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Linda said her family's decision to focus their energy on a Charlevoix business venture stemmed from the long Mueller history here.

While the Muellers' efforts at the Castle started recently, their community ties date back to the late 1800s, when the Mueller family first called Charlevoix their home away from home. Richard's grandfather played a role in founding the Belvedere Club.

"It just seems right to give something back after so many years of enjoying Charlevoix," Linda said.

She added that her passion for medieval art and architecture made the purchase of the site a perfect fit for her.

"Little girls have dreams and fantasies of Cinderella dancing in ballrooms fit for knights and queens. Linda Mueller is living that dream as owner of Castle Farms," Merta said.

With renovations at Castle Farms having been wrapped up in the spring of 2005, the Muellers are looking forward to expanding gardens at the site to welcome residents and visitors who will attend many events there.

Linda said the Castle will host 80 weddings in 2006 and the couple is looking to organize a Renaissance festival in the future. On Feb. 25, the Castle will host the chamber's Third Annual Women's Winter Tour, a cross country ski and snowshoe event.

"We want to bring people out to see the grounds and the buildings. It's so pretty," Linda said.

While Linda Mueller was recognized for her contributions to Charlevoix another Linda was acknowledged for her extensive offerings here.

Linda Mason, a visionary who Merta described as, "a dreamer, achiever and most of all a doer," was

chosen by the board as the 2005 outstanding citizen of the year.

"She's been involved in the chamber and Charlevoix for many, many years, many times working behind the scenes," Berlage said.

Mason was surprised at the honor and said there are more deserving people in Charlevoix.

In spite of Mason's reserved acceptance of the award, her accomplishments speak for themselves. Merta said Mason is a perfect fit for the outstanding citizen of the year award which recognizes an individual who over a number of years has given freely of their time, talents and resources to make Charlevoix a better place to live. Last year, Marina LaBlance won the award.

Mason, owner and operator of Mason Interiors has been a Charlevoix business owner since 1978. She has also served on various boards including the City of Charlevoix's Historical Study Committee, the board of directors for the Edgewater Inn, seven years on the chamber board of directors and service on its retail committee as well.

"She is innovative and always exploring creative ways to enhance business," Merta said.

Mason was instrumental in the city's street-side tree planting effort as well as establishing the popular Apple Festival 27 years ago. She has been

actively involved with Charlevoix Area Hospital's signature fund-raiser Holly Daze since its inception in 1992. In 2005, she co-chaired the event which took place Dec. 1 at Castle Farms and brought in a record setting \$137,000 for the hospital.

"Quite a track record and she's not done yet," Merta said.

Of these accomplishments Mason said the most satisfying was watching as she and five other members of the merchants association raised funds to have the street-side trees and accompanying grates planted and installed along Bridge Street.

The chamber also recognized the service of its outgoing board members including Eric Kummerman who was vice-chairman in 2005 and served on the board for three years, and Terry Edger who served on the board for three years and as vice-chairman in 2004.

Judy Friske-Kehr has moved into the vice-chairman's seat for 2006. Jim Berlage will continue as chairman and Ron Agnello as treasurer. Patt Blanchard, Jay Bingham and Linda Bradley are new board members for 2006. Pram Acharya and Jeff Spreckell are returning board members who will continue to serve this year.

See related story on page 14.

Weather

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Jan. 11	36	25	—
Jan. 12	39	30	.03(r)
Jan. 13	48	34	—
Jan. 14	37	28	—
Jan. 15	29	22	—
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Long-time Charlevoix business owner and community advocate Linda Mason was named outstanding citizen of the year for 2005 by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at the chamber's annual dinner Jan. 12.

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OPINIONS

Gerard Doan ran a fair race for city chief of police seat

It's time for Gerard Doan to take a breath and a bow.

The local patrolman who has been making the streets of Charlevoix a safer place since 1986 was awarded the chief of police's seat at Monday night's Charlevoix City council meeting.

While every police officer commands respect with their well armed belt, we think Doan has earned his.

During the lengthy, grueling interview process Doan stammered a bit and moved nervously in his chair once in a while but he engaged in a fair process.

He is a man who believes in fairness and consistency.

After not being selected by the professional team to go on to the final round of interviews, he could have mounted a letter writing campaign to area newspapers with his supporters backing him.

But instead he chose to sit back and watch how the cards fell.

In a candid interview he initiated with the Courier staff he had the opportunity to bad mouth the opposition. But again Doan took the high road and said the one thing he had up on fellow candidates John Jarecki, Jr. and Patrick Foster was his long history in town.

That history doesn't include complaints from citizens who were slapped around or cussed at. It does include the Charlevoix

EDITORIAL

Public School children who were taught about the dark side of drug abuse as he administered the DARE program. And lighter times as he took the first slippery steps on the slopes of McSaubia teaching ski school.

No Gerard may not build the fancy, dancy Safety Town Mr. Jarecki spearheaded in Illinois and he may not be ready to introduce the high-tech record keeping project Mr. Foster implemented in Clay Township but he will always put Charlevoix first.

He is raising two children in Charlevoix schools and on the streets of our town, he cares about his friends and neighbors and is ready to take his profession to the next level.

We hope to see him attend the FBI training academy and continue to pursue other field training and management avenues for both himself and his staff.

His lack of management training doesn't scare us, every entrepreneur and CEO had to get a break some time.

With this in mind, we hope community members don't get hung up on the fancy merits listed on the resumes of those who were not chosen and direct that energy to supporting one of our own, Gerard Doan, City of Charlevoix Chief of Police.

Global warming brings with it highs and lows



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

Looking around this January, it is difficult to escape the notion that things are warmer than they have been. There is less snow and more heat.

Whether you consider global warming to be a plot by liberal scientists to thwart the oil business or whether it seems to you the most dire threat currently facing humanity, most everyone considers global warming as a potential negative.

Global warming, if it occurs, would be a bad thing, seems to be a statement almost everyone supports.

In line with our policy of thinking locally and acting globally, I'm here to case a positive light on the eventuality of an overheated earth.

First the botanical news. Walking around Charlevoix in the second week of January, there are plants blooming out of doors and without any human intervention. Chickweed, which blooms in almost every month

of the year in southern Michigan puts out tiny white flowers after only a few days of above freezing temperatures and no snow cover. It is blooming now in out-of-the-way, neglected corners of Charlevoix. A plant called Pineapple Weed, a relative of Chamomile not of pineapple, can also be found in bloom along our sidewalks where the ground is bare.

For the botanically impaired there are certainly other positive elements of warming. If you are heavily invested in electric or other energy utilities, don't worry. As the need for winter fuel declines, the need for air conditioning is certain to rise proportionally. We might manage year-round shipping on the Great Lakes if it gets much warmer. Snowmobile sales will surely slump, but should be partly compensated by an increase in mower and lawn maintenance items — my back yard is greener than it has been in any January I can remember. Skiing activity will be way down, but boating should be up. And with the warming there should be more wind — a clear positive for the sailing crowd.

Less salt on the roads would mean longer automobile life. It will not be necessary to search on the Internet for used cars from Arizona or Texas. There will be fewer down coats sold. But sunscreen sales and swimsuit

offerings should increase. With less snow to remove, there might be more money available to hire lobbyists. And while intense global warming seems to carry the risk of drowning some of our ocean shores and coastal cities as salt water levels rise, our local lakes will almost certainly evaporate more and shrink back a bit. That means more land for sale right next to the water. There may even be new islands.

Global warming could be a very real economic opportunity if we are ready to take advantage of it.

But seriously folks, all the information available seems to suggest the earth is indeed warming, that we are at least part of the cause and most of the effects will in fact mean more problems than opportunities.

Maybe we should take a page from the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis, who convinced the Egyptian Pharaoh that seven years of plenty would be followed by seven years of famine, and it would be best to plan ahead for that eventuality. Maybe we should plan for the worst effects of global warming just in case they come to pass and the useful phrase is, of course, think globally, act locally.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Recognizing servicemen

Editor: My name is Lynda Roberts. I am Valerie Pedersen's daughter-in-law. I noticed in the December 28, 2005 issue that the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs awarded Sgt. Country Middleton a Certificate of Appreciation for his time served overseas.

I believe every soldier deserves recognition for their service to

this country. However, I am disappointed in the Charlevoix community for not recognizing another member for his years of service, my husband, Sgt. Sean Roberts (Kimble). He has been enlisted for five years now and has been deployed not once, not twice, but three times to the Middle East; including the ground war. His last deployment was 12 months long. When he returned, he came to

Michigan to sit with his sister, Danielle Kimble, to end her reign as Venetian Queen during the parade in July 2005. That is the only recognition he has received from the people of Charlevoix, the community he has been a part of for over a decade.

Now, my husband does not do his job for recognition. He loves

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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his job and he loves working for the United States of America, but it makes it hard for him to go and fight for this country when he is not appreciated by the people of the community in which he grew up. During his last deployment, not a single soldier was killed from his company, partly to do with his leadership and his training. If anything, that deserves recognition enough.

I am proud of my husband and I let him know that every chance I get. I hope that the community of Charlevoix recognizes, and appreciates, that Sgt. Sean Roberts (Kimble) stands right next to Sgt. Country Middleton in defending your rights and freedoms.

Lynda Roberts

Fort Riley, Kan.

Food pantry

Editor: As our Community Food Pantry

Northern Michigan Chorale rehearsals

The Northern Michigan Chorale resumes rehearsals for their annual spring concert on Jan. 23.

Chorale registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at Parr Memorial Baptist Church, located at the corner of Waukazoo and Michigan streets, in Petoskey.

Peter D. Sims returns as Musical Director and accompanist. Gary Albert has joined the chorale as dramatic director and choreography will be under the direction of Meghan Meyer.

Music for this performance will follow the theme, "Songs of the Sea," and will include featured selections from Titanic: The Musical.

The ensemble will include local soloists and small groups. A small pit band will be featured. Persons who play trumpet, trombone or alto saxophone are asked to contact Peter Sims at (231) 348-5215.

Concert dates are April 22, 23 and 24. All performances will take place at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

Membership is open and does not require an audition.

Registration will continue at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30 and rehearsal will follow from 7 to 9 p.m. There are membership and music fees that will be collected from new members.

For more information, contact Northern Michigan Chorale president Christine Brown at (231) 582-9337 or music librarian Janada Chingwa at (231) 347-1618.

Board met to review and assess the year of 2005, we realized what great generosity we have experienced from organizations, clubs, groups, individuals and churches this past year.

We hesitate to mention individual names as many people donated money and food items anonymously, but we would like to recognize the churches in the Charlevoix area who donated to the pantry throughout the year.

Among them are: Barnard United Methodist, Bethany Lutheran, Charlevoix United Methodist, Charlevoix Congregational Church, Christ Episcopal, Community Church of God, Community Reformed Church, Greensky Hill, Ironton Congregational, Norwood United Methodist and St. Mary.

As you can observe from this list, this participation in, and support of, the pantry is truly an ecumenical effort and a hallmark of small-town caring about one's neighbor.

We thank every individual who contributed to the pantry in 2005 in whatever way, and, as we do not foresee a decrease in the number

of people coming to the pantry in 2006, we hope you will continue to remember us in your giving.

May God grant you a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Sue Dixon

Chairperson, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry Charlevoix

Community outreach

Editor:

I would like to thank the members of our local Community Christmas Programs including: Monica Crawford, Kathy Reid, Rosemary Horton, Ardith Hawley, Ruth Wilemski, Bev Boss, Ione Baum, Mary Helen Riggie, Deh Gelderblom, Arlene Staley, Kay Woehrlt, Kay Smith, Mary Eveleigh, Connie Roberts, Roman Hank, Capt. Rob DeGeorge as well as the many other behind the scene helpers for making this such a successful year. I would also like to extend a big thank you to Lois Gilhert for her coordination of the distribution of names and donors for the Department of Human Services. We couldn't

have completed this enormous task without the tremendous efforts of Jerry Walker, Russ Bolt, Bob Nolan and Charlie Butcher with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. They work year-round gathering toys and needed items to provide for a happy Christmas for the less fortunate in our communities.

I would also like to thank the many individuals, businesses and school classrooms who donated items or took entire families and shared their Christmas spirit to make a brighter Christmas for those in need. Without you it would be impossible to provide for so many families.

Thank you to the groups and individuals who also donated money to our agency to help those in need now and throughout the year. Thank you so much.

The Coats for Kids drive this year was incredible. What gener-

ous communities we live in. We received over 400 coats, brand new as well as gently used ones as well as snow pants, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. These items have been distributed throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties as well as to several local schools. We have been able to have coats available in our office for those that come in needing them.

Thank you to all who have donated.

Times are difficult for many and with the continued generosity, care and concern of giving individuals such as yourselves it makes life easier for many.

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Shirley Gillespie

Community Resource Coordinator

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Tuba time



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On Dec. 17 at the Denos Museum in Traverse City, Charlevoix residents participated in "A Tuba Christmas," which is held in various locations throughout the world. It is a band consisting of tuba and euphonium players, who perform Christmas carols. Residents who participated are pictured above. They are (front, from left) Jayne Bennett, Dennis Hoshield, Bill Brodin and Veronica Shull. (Back) Tom Anderson, Ron Willey, Ethan Winchester and Ron Winchester.

Scott Davis inducted into Senior Executive Service



Scott Davis

Scott J. Davis, son of Rick and Jean Davis of Charlevoix, was recently selected for induction into the ranks of the Federal government's Senior Executive Service.

Davis is the Deputy Program Manager for the U.S. Army's Future Combat Systems Brigade Combat Team in Warren.

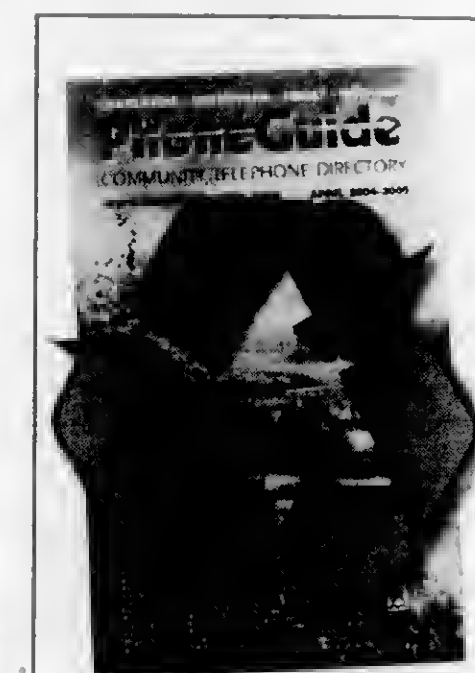
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As Deputy Program Manager of the Future Combat Systems Brigade Combat Team, Davis is responsible for organization and management of all civilian personnel, resource management, program

contracting and acquisition, and program reporting and audits.

He had previously been the Director of Engineering for the Future Combat Systems where he was responsible for the management of engineering personnel and system of systems engineering activities for the program. He is also an active Army Reserve Officer currently assigned as an acquisition officer with the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and has held a variety of positions from platoon leader through battalion executive officer.

Davis earned his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1986 from Michigan Technological University and his master of science degree in industrial engineering from Wayne State University in 1998.



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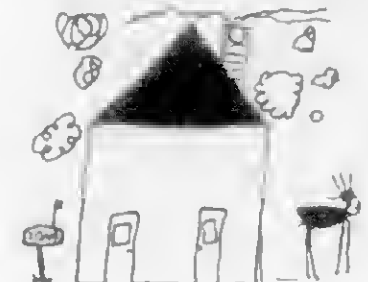
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On Thursday, Dec. 22, staff and students of the Charlevoix Children's House Hosted their annual Holiday Program at Castle Farms.

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Engagement

Caswell — Williams



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Kristen Leigh Caswell and Bradley Garret Williams of Lansing recently announced their engagement.

Kristen is the daughter of Paul and Karen Caswell of Escanaba. She is a 1995 graduate of Escanaba High School and received her bachelor's degree in social relations from the James Madison College of Public Affairs at Michigan State University in 1999.

Kristen currently serves as deputy finance director for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's 2006 re-election campaign.

Bradley is the son of Ron and Theda Williams of Charlevoix. He is a 1995 graduate of Charlevoix High School and received his bachelor's degree in political science from Calvin College in 1999. Brad works as legislative liaison for the Office of Government Affairs for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The two are planning to marry Saturday, May 20 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix.

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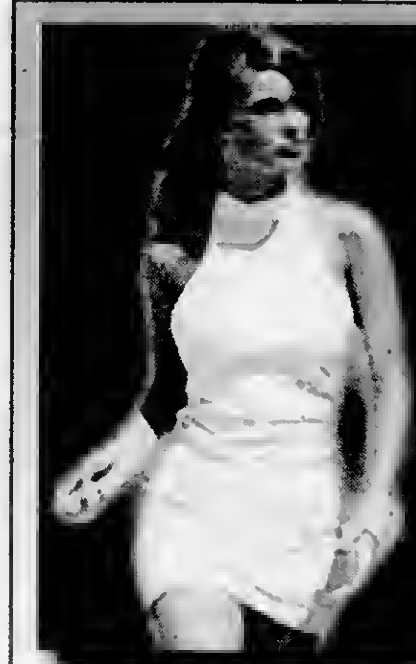
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Student performers

In early December, Brandon and Jerusha Londgren, students at Bethany Lutheran College and the children of Jeff and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, participated in a holiday mini-tour to Golden Valley, Minn. and Onalaska, Wis. and the annual Christmas at Bethany concerts with the instrumentalists and choirs from Bethany Lutheran College.

Hope College Dean's List

The following students at Hope College in Holland, who are from Charlevoix, were named to Hope's Dean's List for the 2005-2006 winter semester.

To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

They are seniors, Danielle Vogelheim, Taryn Drost and Katherine Madison; junior Eric Bourassa; and sophomore Amanda Boss.

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Obituaries

Joyce Wheeler: March 29, 1929 - Jan. 4, 2006

Hattie Joyce Clarke Wheeler died Jan. 4.

Joyce was born on March 29, 1929 in Lansing and was raised by parents of devout faith and devotion. The middle child among a total of nine, Joyce skipped even her first steps to the beat of a different drummer. Unique in her interests, talents, outlook and philosophies, Joyce was a true intellectual with a passion for the arts. Few pages, within her grasp, of the great classics in literature and in music were left unturned. She fondly recalled searching behind the bookcases for fallen novels after she had read all on the shelf at her one-room, country school.

One of Joyce's proudest accomplishments was graduating from Vernard College with a major in

piano and a minor in voice. This was no small feat for a young country girl working her way through college in a Chicago, Ill. candy factory while attending classes, memorizing countless concertos and sonatas for recitals and traveling the country with Vernard's girls' trio. A few months prior to her passing, Joyce received a certificate inducting her into Vernard's Distinguished Association of Golden Grads, Class of 1955. This certificate was promptly framed and proudly displayed in the little apartment at Sun City, Alma, Ga. where she spent such happy days during the final chapter of her time on earth.

Unquestionably, music was Joyce's greatest passion. While Joyce played organ and piano and

sang for countless weddings, funerals and many other services, teaching piano was what she loved best. The pitter-patter of children's feet entering her home for their piano lessons echoed continuously for over 50 years. Joyce loved her piano students dearly teaching was truly her life's calling. Joyce was far too humble even to imagine the legacy she left behind, but how thrilled she would be to know that young scholars studying fine arts could receive a scholarship to help them attend college because of her life's dedication to music and to children.

Contributions to the Joyce Wheeler Music Scholarship Fund may be sent to Alma Exchange Bank, 501 W. 12th Street, Alma, Georgia 31510.

Henry Felix: June 23, 1913 - Jan. 7, 2006

Henry J. "Hank" Felix; 92, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Jan. 7, at his home in Charlevoix.

Hank was born June 23, 1913, in Great Falls, Mont., the son of Peter and Carmelia (Jakotski) Felix. He graduated from Hamtramck High School in 1932. Hank served as staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Force in the European Theatre during World War II. He married the former Dorothy Black McDermott in December of 1953, and she preceded him in death in 1977.

Hank co-owned and operated the Airport Inn in Charlevoix

from 1956-1978. In September of 1998, he married the former Beth Geneit who preceded him in death in March of 1999.

Hank was a member of the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post # 226 in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Lion's Club, and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his stepson, Desmond (Jean) Milligan of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Douglas, Desmond, and Devon (Vera) Milligan all of Charlevoix; David (Susan) Milligan of Stafford, Texas, Scott Willis, and

Laurie Kohler both of New York; eight great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Eleanor Willis of New York; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service took place Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Fr. Jerry Hunko of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the Rev. James Green of the Bible Baptist Church officiated. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's School.

Marjorie Linse: April 9, 1935 - Jan. 8, 2006

Marjorie A. Linse, 70, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Marge was born April 9, 1935, in Charlevoix. She graduated from Charlevoix High School.

She is survived by her son, Randy G. Skiver of Detroit; uncle, David (Marilyn) Miller of Charlevoix; husband, Edward F. Linse of Charlevoix.

Her funeral took place Thursday,

Jan. 12, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Fr. Jerry Hunko officiated, and burial was in Brookside Cemetery.

Carol Kraft: July 4, 1929 - Jan. 14, 2006

Carol Winifred Kraft, 76 of Gaylord, died Saturday, Jan. 14 in Charlevoix.

She was born on July 4, 1929 in Detroit to William and Mabel (Cyler) Crawford and graduated from Southeastern High School.

After working for Detroit Edison and marrying Charles John "Jack" Kraft on Dec. 14, 1956 they resided in St. Clair Shores. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 2002 after retiring to Gaylord in 1990.

Raising a family while living in Fraser, Carol and Jack had four children that survive her. They are Gregory (Roxanne) of Washington, Conn., Janis Kraft

of Atlanta, Ga., Mary Ellen (Jeff) Rizzo of Charlevoix, and Charles III (Monique) of Lake Forest, Ill.

Carol loved spending time with her grandchildren; Ashley, Alex, Andrea, Matthew, Bradley, Estelle and Charles John IV. A sister Ruth Hare of Dallas, Texas also survives her.

Her two brothers Douglas and Charles "Chuck" Crawford preceded her in death.

Carol was a lifelong volunteer and member of organizations including: St. Luke Presbyterian Church of Warren, Fraser Parks & Recreation, Fraser Senior Center, Red Hat Society, PEO Sorority of Traverse City, First

Presbyterian Church in Gaylord and the Humane Society. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

Memorial services will be take place at 4:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Gaylord with the Rev. Mary McClure officiating.

Interment will be at Otsego Lake Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Gaylord. The Humane Society or Hospice through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

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Kur drafts resolution to hire outside civil counsel

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



John Jarema

The author of the proposed resolution to remove Charlevoix County prosecutor John Jarema as the county's civil counsel was revealed last week.

During the Jan. 11, organizational meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, sixth district county commissioner, Shirley Roloff, informed the other commissioners that former Charlevoix County prosecutor Mary Beth Kur, was paid \$150 to draft the resolution.

Roloff said she brought the matter to the board's attention because she is tired of not knowing about some of the county business that occurs.

"No one knew where it came from. They didn't know who wrote it and to me, that's not right," she said. "I can tell you exactly who wrote it and I think the people should know it and I think that in 2006 that everything we do everyone should know about so we're all on the same page."

Roloff said she understands most drafts of resolutions come out of the county clerk's office. She said she wouldn't be so upset if the draft hadn't come out of Kur's office.

Kur and Jarema have a long history of public political battles.

Fourth district county commissioner and chairman of the board, Vic Patrick said, "I think a resolution of this nature is probably not something that the clerk's office draws up every day and it's entirely possible that they had to go outside to have somebody draw it up."

Charlevoix Township resident, Carol Martin, asked to know who chose Kur to write the resolution and who authorized the payment.

"It sounds like you guys didn't know this was happening," she said.

Third district county commissioner, Ronald Reinhardt said, "Vaguely yes, we knew that we were leaning in that direction."

Patrick said the bill wasn't reviewed until after Dec. 14, which was the date of the meeting at which the resolution was unanimously voted down.

Charlevoix resident, Samantha Harris said, "The bottom line, I feel, is that you people lied and we can't trust you. You all sat here and said you did not know where it (resolution to remove Jarema as civil counsel) came from."

First district county commissioner, Josh Barnes, refuted prior knowledge of the resolution.

"I did not know where it came from, I knew nothing about it and I don't like being called a liar," he said.

Harris later apologized for using the word liar.

Patrick said farming out work to Kur could be misconstrued in light of the animosity between she and Jarema and the nearly \$1 million dollar lawsuit the county was required to pay in May of 2005 to settle a suit filed by two of her former employees.

"If people in this city don't want this firm (Schmoll, Martin and Kur PLLC) or this ex-prosecutor (Kur) to do any work at all, then suppose if our present prosecutor doesn't get elected next time, do we want to automatically exclude him from any work in the county from then on," Reinhardt said.

said. "I say no."



Mary Beth Kur

Fifth district commissioner Dennis Jason said, for what it's worth, he knew nothing of who authorized Kur to write the resolution.

Martin said she believes some people don't want Kur working for the county because of the lawsuit settlement.

"Again, there are other people in this county that have a different opinion," Reinhardt said. "They just don't come down here hollering about this whole thing."

Barnes said he wanted to make it clear that he and Jarema had a major disagreement about the publication of the article which appeared in the Charlevoix Courier which questioned the legality of his commission seat.

"However, I covered it directly with John (Jarema). I did not go to Mary Beth (Kur) or any one else," he said. "John and I resolved the issue and put it behind us and I think he's satisfied."

Barnes added, "I would like you to believe me when I tell you I did not know where that memo (resolution) came from and I was not very happy with it either."

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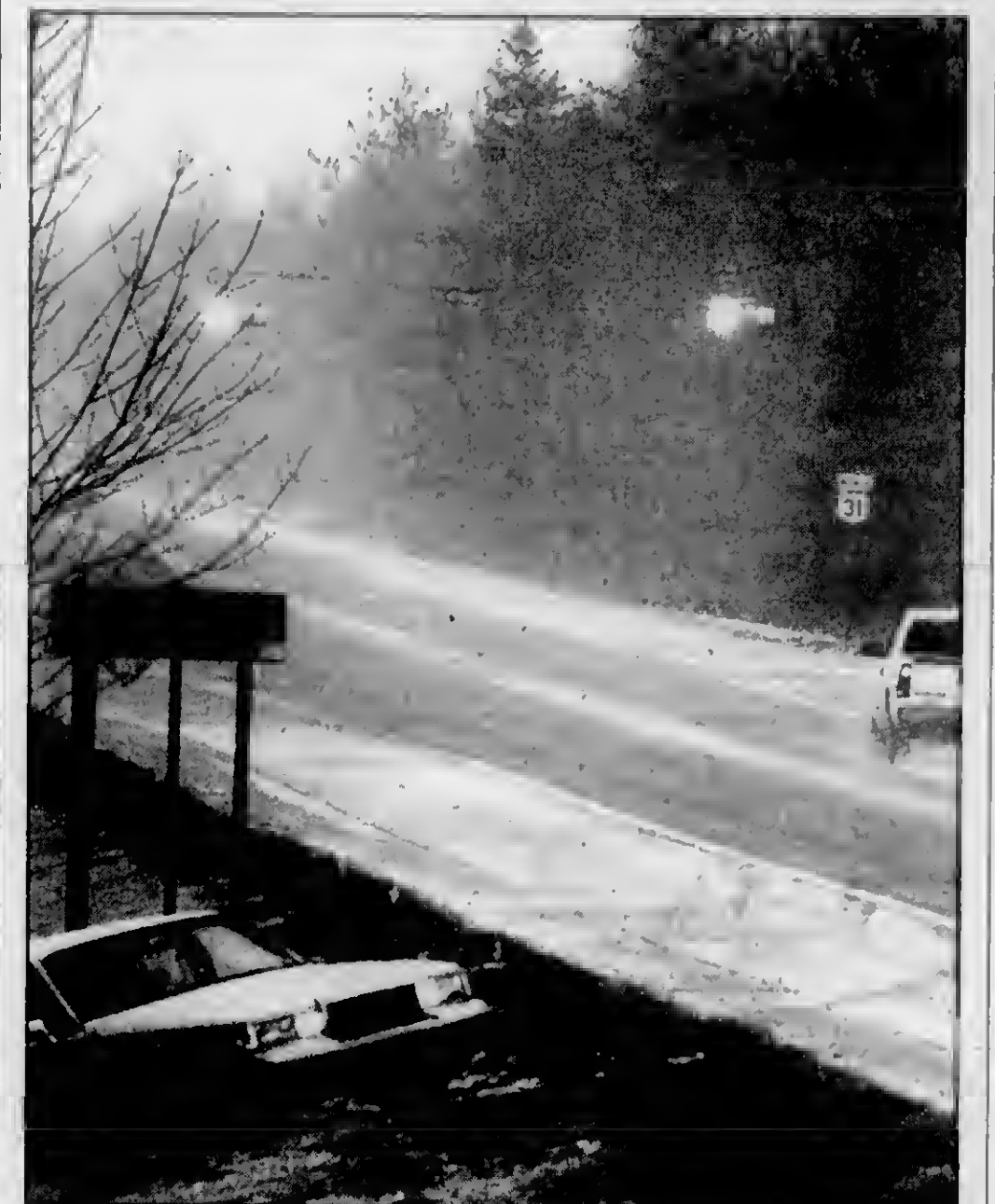


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Angermuller family take over Duke's Deli

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A local family is now serving up deli delights at Duke's Deli on Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

Debbie and John Angermuller took the deli over in September of 2005 and recently remodeled its interior to better serve customers.

The two bought the business from Alma Yaldo. Debbie, who works at local Harbor Wear stores said she developed a friendship with Yaldo when she operated the deli and found out about the business opportunity is their discussions.

"It was one of those spontaneous things," Debbie said.

The Angermuller family opted to keep the name due to other established Duke's Deli locations in the area.

Since taking over the reigns the Angermullers have put their son, Joe, 22, at the helm in the kitchen. Joe, the store manager, has extensive culinary experience and said he prides himself on the meticu-

lously maintained environment at the eatery.

"We pride ourselves on cleanliness. We believe strongly in that," John, who is also a self-employed handy man, said.

They have added hot-dog rollers and sell beef Coney dogs daily. Other than the Coney dog addition, the Angermullers have kept the Duke's Deli menu in tact which features desserts as well as block and barrel cheeses and meats in sandwiches, wraps and salads. They also offer catering.

The Angermullers have daily \$5 lunch specials which include half a sandwich, soup or a side salad, chips, a pickle and a small fountain drink. Free delivery is available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft
Joe, Debbie and John Angermuller of Charlevoix bought Duke's deli at 216 Bridge Street. The family ran deli now offers delivery services and daily lunch specials.

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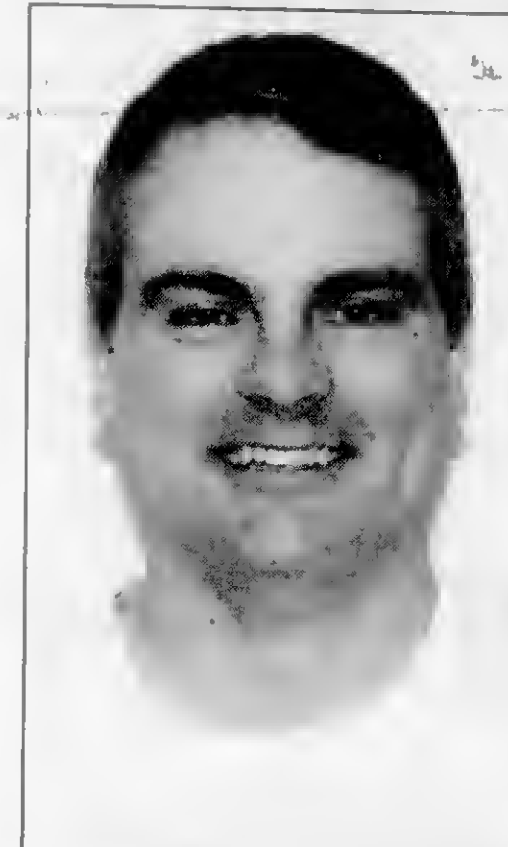
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Hilligan takes reigns at Muscle Menders



By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Medical massage therapist Jeff Hilligan is kneading and stretching area residents to improve their health.

Hilligan, who bought Muscle Menders of Charlevoix in January 2005 from its owner of five years, Janet Stutzman, said after a year in the biz, he is seeing first-hand the healing capabilities of medical massage.

His interest in the approach to wellness came when he suffered severe neck and shoulder pain from repeated motions he made while washing windows for his business, Window Butler.

"It essentially disabled me," he said. He said after a series of medical massage treatments with Stutzman he could pick up his children, Tucker and Abby, again and resumed normal movement with the injured shoulder.

It didn't take much convincing

"We treat the cause, not the effect. It's amazing, where it hurts generally isn't the problem."

Jeff Hilligan,
Owner of Charlevoix Muscle Menders

from Stutzman for Hilligan to believe in the therapy and he decided this was the new direction his professional life would move in.

"I have a whole new perspective on people's health," he said.

He attended Blue Heron Healing Arts Academy from where he earned his national board certification in medical massage in July 2005.

Hilligan explained that medical massage is cause based where relaxation massage is effect based.

"We treat the cause, not the effect," he said. "It's amazing, where it hurts generally isn't the problem."

To relieve chronic pain and reduce muscle inflammation, spasms and stress, Hilligan uses site spe-

cific massage as opposed to focusing on the whole body.

Hilligan said since taking over Muscle Menders of Charlevoix he has been involved in numerous success stories where clients have been able to stop taking pain medication and have found relief through his work.

"People are so disheartened with the medical community. It's either a drug or a test," he said. "I love the challenge of educating them. Giving them the easy thing to do to feel better and heal — implementing quality versus quantity in their daily routines."

While he offers stretch and strength routines to his clients he also touts the importance of drinking water in healing.

"Metabolically what it (water) does for your body is amazing," he said.

Hilligan continues to operate his Window Butler business. He has two employees who do the physical side of the business.

He said the massage business does not impact his shoulder in that it employs gravity strength where window washing is overhead work.

Stutzman offers limited service at Muscle Menders of Charlevoix and is not accepting new clients.

Hilligan is looking to expand his client base and said he's available days or evenings by appointment.

He charges \$35 for a 30 minute treatment and \$60 for an hour.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment call Jeff Hilligan at (231) 237-0077 or send him an e-mail at musclemendersllc@peoplepc.com.

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Roger Nesburg awarded chairman's honor

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix's Roger Nesburg received the chairman's award at the annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce dinner in recognition of the time and resources he has given to the community.

Chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Jim Berlage, who presented the chairman's award to Nesburg, said Nesburg was chosen, "Because of his great contributions to Charlevoix and the chamber of commerce over his many years in Charlevoix."

Nesburg has a degree in metallurgy from Michigan Tech, he is a member of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, Street Legends car club and the Lions Club. He is a t-ball coach, a field trip bus driver, a cub scout troop leader, a member of the St. Mary church as well as a member of the St. Mary School advisory board of directors.

Nesburg has been in Charlevoix since 1978 and worked for LexaLite International until he started Charlevoix Screenmasters in 1984. He lives in Charlevoix with his wife, Annette, and four children, 7-year-old Michael and 6-year-old triplets Danny, Rachael and Natalie.

Nesburg said the honor came as a pleasant surprise.

"I was humbled and honored," he said.

Nesburg said the driving force behind all his work with the chamber and different committees over the years are his children.

"I'm one of those people who are willing to step in. This is one

of those things where they are looking for people to step in and help out to make the community a better place," he said. "Adult leaders are needed to step in and take leadership responsibilities and to influence the community in a positive way."

According to Berlage, Nesburg served on the chamber's board of directors from 1999 to 2002 as well as being chairman of the board in 2001 and 2002 and serving on the industrial development committee for several years.

Berlage said Nesburg is invaluable to the success of the chamber coming into the technological age.

"Through his leadership, all the chamber's computers and software programs were updated to make the chamber office more efficient to serve our members to the public," Berlage said. "Thank you, Roger Nesburg. Your leadership and skills are truly inspiring. You are a remarkable person. Your unselfish dedication has made this organization the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, a better place for all who are a part of it."

Nesburg said, "I took great interest in the membership of the chamber. I guess I took a step inside to see how things work and I was amazed at how much time and effort the staff puts into Charlevoix."

"I enjoyed helping the chamber administer their programs for local businesses and the community — they're not just a business organization as I've often heard them described — I see them doing more than that," he added.

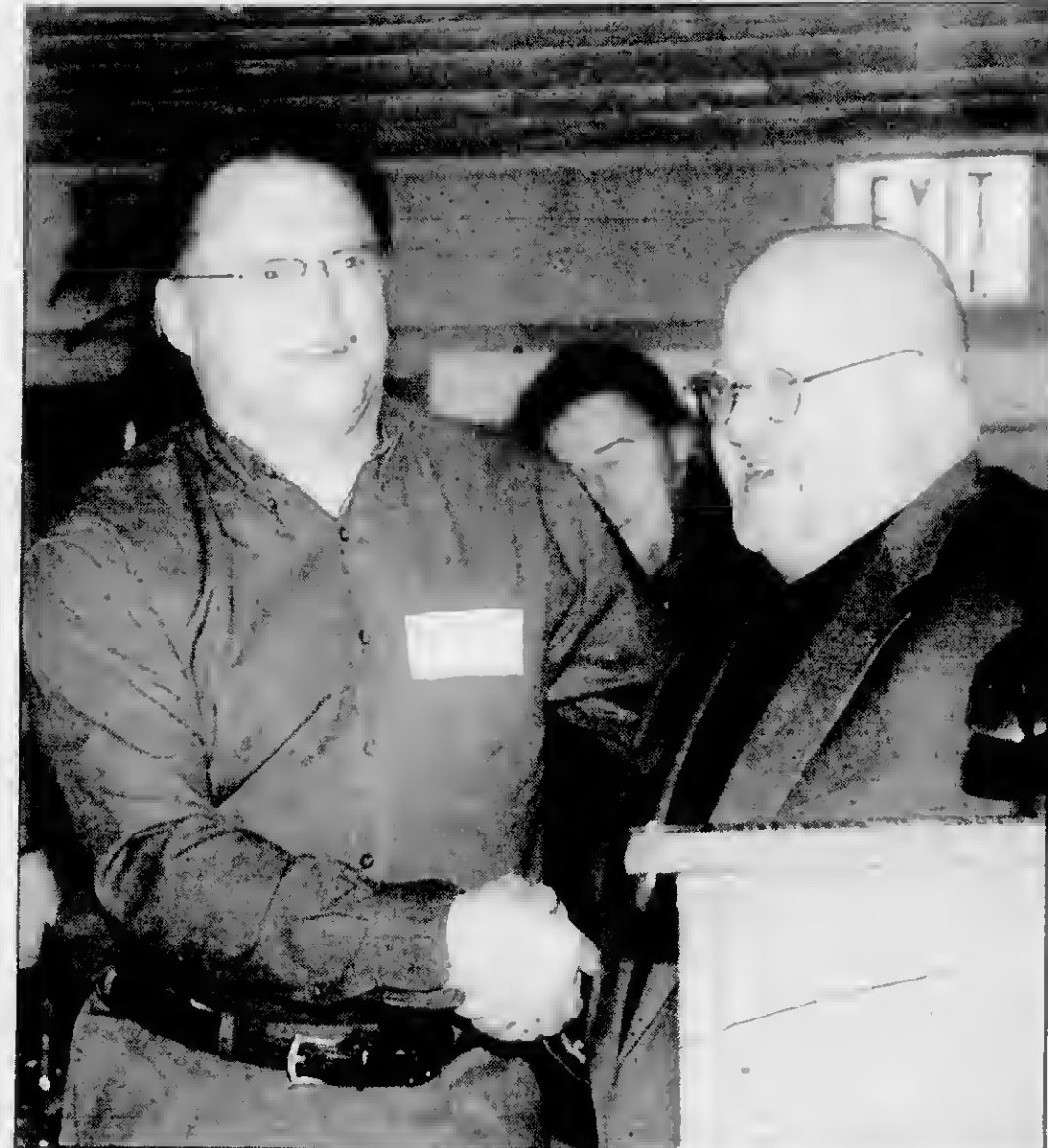


Photo by Julie Witthoett

Roger Nesburg (left) accepted the chairman's award for 2005 from Chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Jim Berlage. The awards ceremony took place Jan. 12 at the chamber's annual meeting held at the Weathervane Restaurant. Nesburg, who owns and operates Charlevoix Screenmasters has served on the chamber board and many other committees in Charlevoix and has volunteered his time.



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Castiglione named to department of emergency services

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Linda Castiglione as the new deputy coordinator of the Department of Emergency Services of Charlevoix County.

Jack Messer, director of emergency services, recommended Castiglione for this unpaid, volunteer position which is designed to support the acting director in



Linda
Castiglione

preparing for catastrophic events as well as responding to them. Castiglione would also act as director in Messer's absence.

"I'm excited about it," Castiglione said.

"It's a good opportunity to serve the public."

Castiglione, who is a civil engineer by trade, was the emergency plan coordinator at Big Rock Point nuclear power plant where she has been since 1979.

She said she was asked by

Messer to be his assistant to help plan for catastrophes such as floods, terrorist events and even epidemics and pandemics of contagious disease.

In her new position, Castiglione would facilitate cooperation between different entities such as

the health department and the police station responding to an emergency situation.

The position is unpaid with training and travel costs authorized by the Charlevoix County Office of Emergency Management.

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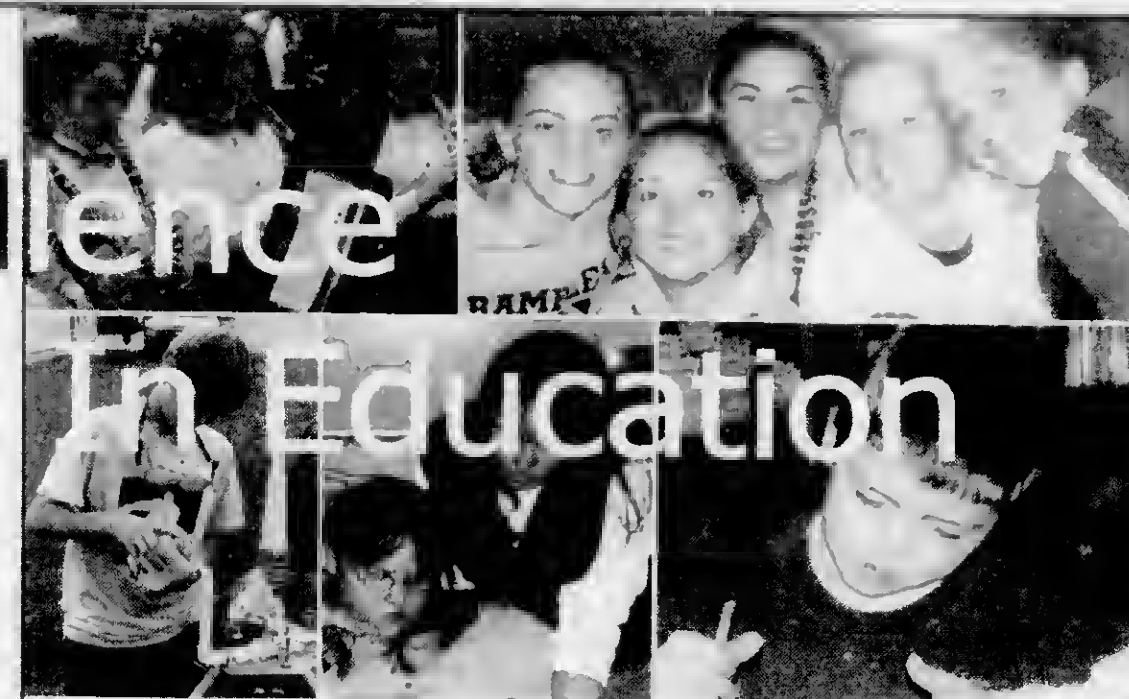
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Larry Levensgood, Secretary
Charlevoix Board of Education

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Children's House awarded scholarship grant



Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Charlevoix Children's House students Aidan Flynn and Izabel Frey stand with Maureen Radke with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, school director Barb Godwin-Chulick and school board president Linda Whitley to accept a \$1,700 foundation grant to be used for student scholarships.

Scholarship opportunities at the local Montessori school, Charlevoix Children's House were recently expanded due to a \$1,700 grant awarded to the school by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

According to school director Barb Godwin-Chulick, the tuition funds will offer partial scholarships to students of families who qualify.

"We would like to help as many families as we can," she said.

This is the first grant the school has been awarded by the foundation since Godwin-Chulick took over the director's position five years ago.

Scheduling for class participation at Charlevoix Children's House is for full or half-day programs.

"Extending our school's programming to a greater population supports the Charlevoix community of families," the author of the school's grant

application states. "The continuity and completion of the three-year program provides a solid educational foundation for these children to enter first grade."

Godwin-Chulick said that natural disasters have reduced the amount of charitable contributions to the school and the grant was a needed boost to the scholarship program.

The grant came from the foundation's Youth Fund and was awarded in November after Godwin-Chulick gave a hands-on presentation of Montessori materials to the youth board.

Maureen Radke of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation said the Children's House grant request fit the Youth Fund's mission in that it will be used to enhance the quality of life for children in Charlevoix County.

Founded in 1978, Charlevoix Children's House serves students

ages 2-and-a-half to 6. The one-room classroom is state licensed to serve 31 students and currently has 25 enrolled. Godwin-Chulick is joined by certified instructor and co-director Stacey Edwards and classroom assistant Ashley Kughman.

The school is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays during the school year. Families can obtain scholarship applications by visiting www.charlevoixchildrenshouse.org or through the school located at 08700 Mercer Boulevard in Charlevoix. Applications are reviewed by an independent scholarship committee, headed by school administrator Dianne Dreyer.

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Salmon from local student release caught



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Here Charlevoix Middle School students release the 2004 batch of young salmon into Lake Charlevoix. One of the fish released by students was caught recently.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Those in the natural sciences keep constant watch on the state of salmon in the Great Lakes, but not too long ago there were no such fish in any of Michigan's waterways.

According to John Clevenger, Fisheries Technician with the Charlevoix division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), alewives were an exotic species which came in through the St. Lawrence Seaway. Due to a lack of natural predators, the alewife population increased in numbers

detrimental to the environment.

"The population exploded in the late 1950s and 1960s but there were no real predator species to keep them in check," Clevenger said. "They overpopulated and began washing up on beaches and creating a real stink."

Clevenger said the overabundance of nutrients loaded the lakes having a negative environmental impact. He said it took industrial front-end loaders to scoop the hundreds of thousands of fish off the once clean shores.

"There was nobody using the beaches because they couldn't stand to be down there, so the fisheries division brought

in coho salmon, then Chinook salmon in the late 1960s," he said. "First they were brought in to control the alewife population then the sport fishing that followed."

While some of the uncontrolled exotic species have had potentially negative effects on the environment, Clevenger said, the salmon have had nothing but a positive economic and natural impact.

Currently, scientists like Clevenger compare fish planted by the Department of Natural Resources from one hatchery

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The Charlevoix Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on January 11, 2006. Commissioner Frykberg was absent.

Election of Officers was held. Commissioner Victor Patrick was elected Chairman and Commissioner Frykberg was elected Vice Chairman.

The Board agreed unanimously to keep the meeting schedule for 2006 the same as 2005. Meetings will be held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, and at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday.

The Board unanimously agreed to continue publishing the summary of the minutes in local newspapers.

Motion approved the slate of appointments. (Available in the Clerk's Office)

Motion approved the minutes of the December 28, 2005 meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #06-001, Amend County Parks Budget Revised

Motion approved Resolution #06-002, Deputy Emergency Coordinator.

Council adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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DNR fish program teaches science hands-on

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to another. During this latest study the Department of Natural Resources has found nothing out of the ordinary in the fish population, but they have proved some things which they had previously suspected.

As a result of the study, he said, "We've made some management decisions. We've seen better survival of different stocking sites so we made some adjustments accordingly. In some sites that did well, we added fish. In some sites that didn't do so well, we reduced fish."

While most salmon existing in the Great Lakes were planted, Clevenger said, "In recent times we are seeing some wild fish or naturally reproduced fish showing up in the catch."

Clevenger said the local salmon have many similarities, but there are some differences from their oceanic cousins, the main difference being size.

Salmon are marked with a coded wire tag which is placed in the fish before being released in specific areas around the lakes.

"Coded wire tags have been used in the Great Lakes since the mid to late 1980s in lake trout and have been used with Chinook salmon since about 1990," he said. "We're into the fifth year of marking. Then it takes another four years of studying the fish."

He added, "These studies can take up to eight or nine years to complete."

In cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources' coded wire tagging program, an average of 100 eighth grade science students in Charlevoix get a chance to experience some hands-on work in wildlife management each year.

"They actually get to do some of the work that the DNR does," said Charlevoix Middle School eighth grade science teacher, Paul Gelderblom. "We tag the fish, we measure them during the school year and we divide how many fish we have in the tank and put them in a cooler with an aerator and each class gets to release some of the fish into Lake Charlevoix."

In the four years his classes have been raising, tagging and releasing fish, this is the first year someone caught a salmon released by one of his classes.

"This is the first one returned with a tag in it," he said. "Which is really special because the amount of fish we tag and release compared with the number of fish out there is really exciting."

Local fisherman Ron Fratrack is the first known angler to land a fish released by the eighth graders and Clevenger said if he sees 500 fish back from 100,000 which were released, that is a high.

For a fisherman to catch a tagged salmon out of a release of only a couple hundred is amazing, he said.

Clevenger said, what the Department of Natural Resources really wants to know is, are fish from one hatchery in better condition than fish from another hatchery.

"One may not be better than the other,

but how do they compare in size, fat content and overall condition of the fish before it's released," he said.

Clevenger said, "In fall we take (Chinook) eggs out of fish then fertilize them and raise them in the hatchery for five to five-and-a-half months then they are tagged within the last month before being released when they are big enough to accept the tags."

"Once tagged, they are held in the hatchery and tagged with the same number at each location and brought up in a truck," he said. "At some sites they go directly into the river and some sites they are released into the weir or a holding tank."

As the population of alewives is reduced so too will the number of salmon, which are planted in the lakes.

Because, Clevenger said, "You can't have more predators than prey."



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Students of Paul Gelderblom's eighth grade science class at Charlevoix Middle School study salmon before they tag and release them.

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Steering committee discuss school expense cuts

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The members of the Charlevoix Public Schools Financial Steering Committee met for their third of four meetings on Jan. 12 at Charlevoix Middle School to create and discuss a philosophy for expenditure reductions.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Schools, Dr. John Sturock, opened the meeting with a review of the work completed in previous meetings and then explained how the process of ranking expenditures would go.

Sturock said, "Given all are important, which would you rank high, in other words, if the Board of Education were faced with making reductions, these would be the last reductions made."

Sturock then asked the group to rank expenditures which they thought should be low on the list, meaning they would be the first items to go if cuts are made.

The committee members were also directed to rationalize the order in which they put their items just before breaking into groups of five.

Group one thought cuts which result in the loss of students and therefore revenue and anything which would impact core academics should be the absolute last.

Group two's consensus was the administration building is low on

the list and should be looked at before anything else is cut.

The members of group three think there should be some restriction and restructuring of teacher conferences since there are so many and they can be costly. They also think selling the administrative building and moving the administration to the high school should be looked at long before any programs are cut.

Group four mentioned the teacher's health care plan and said it could be brought in line with the rest of the business world to help lower the burden on school budgets. The group also thinks the efficiency of block scheduling, consolidated bus runs and privatized lawn care could be explored.

Sturock said this meeting was helpful and he is excited about sharing it with the board.

"I'm pleased with the outcome," he said. "We've ranked the priorities so when the board looks at expenditures at least we'll have somewhere to start."

He added, "The school board is looking for community input and this group's input is sincere."

The committee has their fourth scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Jan. 26 at Charlevoix Middle School to brainstorm potential ways to generate revenue and put all the information they've come up with together in a package which will be submitted to the board at a later date.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Members of the Charlevoix Public Schools financial steering committee rank suggestions on which programs to look a cutting first and last during the third of four scheduled meetings.

Stepping Stones to School Family Night Feb. 2 at elementary school

Music and movement will be celebrated during fun activities beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Charlevoix Elementary School for families with children age birth to five.

Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher Jodi Thompson will be working with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District staff in an interactive music and movement event for parents and children birth to five. Older siblings are welcome to attend with their family.

A light dinner will be provided from 5:30 to 6 p.m., with activities following.

While interacting with their children, parents will learn how music can be used to expand their child's learning skills.

The evening is sponsored by Charlevoix Elementary School and Stepping Stones to School.

Stepping Stones to School is a network of free services open to all families with children, ages birth through 5. Stepping Stones to School is designed to help families walk their child toward school readiness starting at birth. Studies show that the potential success of a

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For more information about

Stepping Stones to School or the location and date of activities at your local elementary school, call (231) 547-6217.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Synopsis - December 28, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on December 28, 2005. Commissioner Frykberg was absent. Minutes of the December 14, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #05-119, Section 5311 Operating Project Authorization and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute.

Motion approved Resolution #05-120, Bank Depositories for 2006.

Motion approved Resolution #05-121, 2005 Budget Deficits.

Motion approved Resolution #05-122, Amend Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #05-123, Amend County Parks Fund Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #05-124, 2005 Forfeitures and Foreclosures Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #05-125, Support of UP-EMS.

Motion approved Resolution #05-126, Sub-Lease-Boyerne Area Senior Center, an authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.

The 137th Session of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned.

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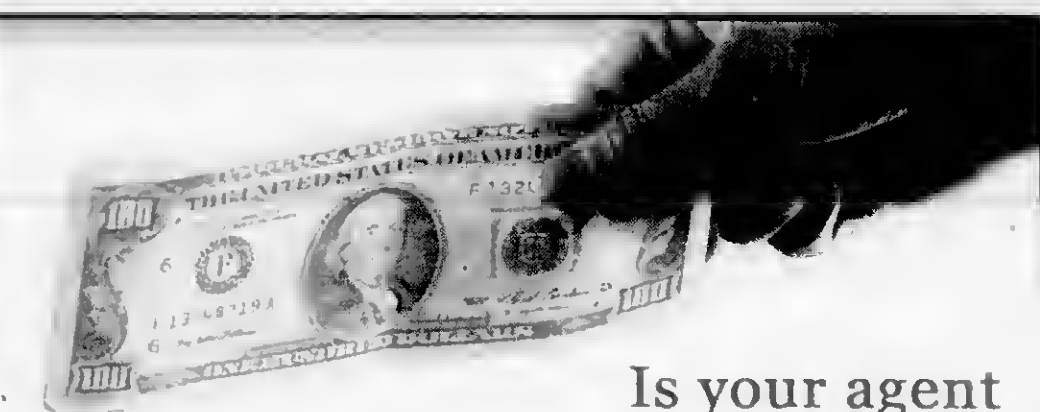
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Development planned for Pine River Lane

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Plans are underway for a 12-unit hotel to be built overlooking the Pine River Channel.

The proposed condominium hotel would be built on just under an acre of land owned by Peter Carey, Julie Bandfield and Randy Carey located at 115 Pine River Lane in Charlevoix.

"It was the desire of the families to develop the best possible plan for the City of Charlevoix," said the agent for the property owners, Nancy Carey, of Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors of Petoskey and Charlevoix.

Carey said the property is zoned commercial and in that zone there are less desirable things which could be built such as boat storage facilities. She said this proposed "boutique style" project would have 24 underground parking spaces to help preserve the beauty of the area.

Currently a single residence occupies a portion of the property.

Carey refused to disclose the name of the developer of the proposed project and hesitated to speculate on what might come of the existing house but she did mention the developer is a local company.

The property is zoned commercial and the proposed project is within acceptable uses Carey said.

"This plan is in compliance with current code," Carey said. "It's important to the family that the people understand that we are not taking an R-1 and changing it to commercial. The property was zoned commercial as per the city's own master plan. A condominium hotel is the highest and best use for the community."

Carey said there is a beautiful view of the Pine River Channel and the owner hopes to have fountains and many flowers to accentuate the beauty of the proposed construction site.

tion site.

"Although there is a hotel there already, (Weathervane Terrace Inn and Suites) we wanted it to be residential in nature because we're trying to be good neighbors by respecting the nature of the area," she said.

While the proposed project is still in the early stages, Carey said the owners hope to begin construction if and when they receive approval.

"We hope to assist in the economic growth of the area by improving the infrastructure in that area for everyone," Carey said. "Change occurs and it has to happen. We've planned for it in the best possible way and I hope people understand that."

The members of the City of Charlevoix's government have been more than helpful, Carey said.

"They provided us with all the information we needed to submit a plan," she said. "It's a very detailed process and it can be overwhelming for people, even developers."

She added, "They were absolutely wonderful, while being very protective of the zoning in the city and they (were) very clear about what the community needed and wanted. They provided a great balance in their service to us and the community."

And, Carey said, if this plan is approved, there will also be a new waterline installed, "which will be much improved from the current waterline."

In planning for this project, Carey said, the owners want to offer larger spaces than are available in the downtown area with the hopes that hotel rooms with living rooms, kitchens and overall more spacious surroundings will entice families to stay for longer periods in Charlevoix.

Carey said the family planned this

project as a memorial of sorts for their deceased father and grandfather, Peter Don Campbell, who was a local retailer for many years beginning in 1917.

"He wanted more than anything for Charlevoix to prosper. And if he were alive today, I think he would be sad at the empty storefronts and the way Charlevoix appears to be struggling economically," she said. "He wanted the town to be vibrant and he wanted people to live and work and play here."

According to city zoning administrator Dianne Manore members of the city's planning department met Jan. 16 to review a revised plan as the initial plans did not meet the city's code.

A date has not been set when this project will go before the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission for a development plan review. The next planning commission meeting is at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 in the second floor city council chambers at city hall.

Anyone looking for more information may contact Nancy Carey at (231) 645-1234.



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The property where this house sits is where the proposed 12 unit condominium hotel will be built if approved by the City of Charlevoix Planning commission.

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Fireman's Ball to take place Feb. 11

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

For the past six years the Fireman's Ball in Charlevoix has been a means of recognizing local firefighters for their sacrifices and efforts as well as helping raise some funds for equipment.

The seventh annual Fireman's Ball will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are \$30

each or two for \$50 and can be purchased at the fire department or through the president of the Firefighters Association, Winfield Scott.

According to Scott, there will be a dinner, a silent auction, raffles and dancing to tunes provided by DJ the DJ at this year's hall.

And, he said, "We use the money we raise to buy equipment for the department that the city doesn't get for us."

In the past, the fund-raising efforts allowed the department to purchase new handheld radios and an auxiliary trailer for their dive team among other things.

The hall is open to the public, Scott said.

"Last year we had about 200 people — it just seems to be getting bigger and bigger every year, which is a great thing," he added.

For ticket information, call Scott at (231) 547-2821.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

This snowmobile and trailer are just two of many items the City of Charlevoix Fire Department was able to purchase with funds raised at their annual Fireman's Ball. This year's event will take place Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Special City Council Meeting Synopsis
Monday, January 9, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr., presiding. All council members were present.

Council received the City Manager's recommendation for Police Chief candidates.

Motion approved to start the interview process with Patrick Foster, John Jarecki, Jr., and Gerard Doan.

Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Special City Council Meeting Synopsis
Wednesday, January 11, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr., presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Council discussed interview questions for the Police Chief candidates.

Council then proceeded to interview three candidates for the position of Police Chief:

Patrick Foster
Gerard Doan
John Jarecki, Jr.

Council adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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January 12, 2006
PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Charlevoix County has been chosen to receive \$22,039.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of CharEm United Way, Women's Resource Center, Manna Project, Salvation Army, the Care and Share Program and Lighthouse Missionary Church will determine how the funds awarded to Charlevoix County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Charlevoix County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with the Women's Resource Center, the Salvation Army, the Manna Project and Care and Share participating. These agencies were responsible for providing 30,000+ meals and 1000+ nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact **Dianne Clifford DuPont**, Local Board Chair, P.O. Box 22, Charlevoix, MI 49720; phone 231/237-9551; email charemuw@sbcglobal.net for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is **Monday, January 23, 2006**.

The annual meeting will take place **Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 9am** in the CharEm United Way office at 103 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. Applying agencies must be present to present funding requests.

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Masons installed



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The newly installed officers of the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge #282, Free and Accepted Masons are pictured above. They are (front, from left) Frank Rathjens, Erv Barrett, Mark Knapp, John Rathjens and Don Bowers. (Back) John Taylor, Chuck Davis, Russell Brown, Neil Ahrens, Dan Soullier, Franz Wiczinski and Walter Hufford.

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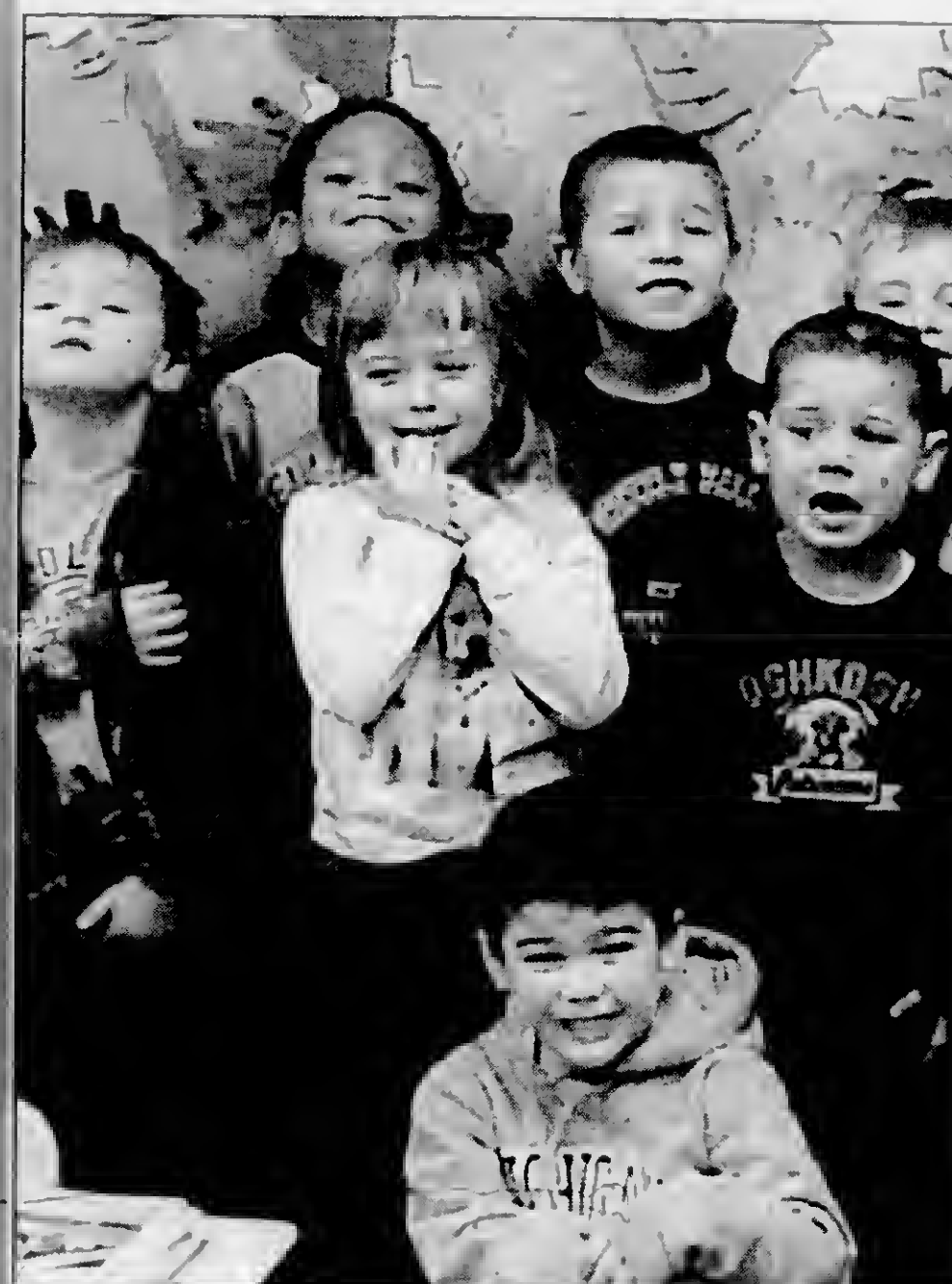
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advantage of the new Medicare prescription program.

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SPORTS

Skiers continue to improve race time

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix/East Jordan ski teams continue to improve during competition on the slopes.

The Charlevoix/East Jordan high school boys' and girls' ski teams competed on Jan. 10 at Boyne Highlands for the Petoskey/Harbor Springs Invitational.

The boys' scores in slalom and giant slalom ended with the team placing 9th with a final score of 308 while the girls' ended the invitational in 6th place and an overall score of 174.

"We're very pleased with the results," said varsity skiing coach, Sue Miller. "We haven't had much time on the snow. I told the athletes to have fun and to ski to the best of their ability."

Miller told her kids they can only improve from here.

"Katherine Rowley had impressive results considering she isn't 100 percent," she said. "She did a great job."

In the boys' slalom event, Mac Brennan took 18th place with a time of 1:34.86; Nic Williams was in 35th place with 1:41.97; Geoff

Baier placed 42nd with 1:46.45; Zack Smith placed 48th with 1:49.57; Tanner Fisher placed 49th with 1:50.10 and Billy Brodin placed 65th with 2:21.05.

In the boys' giant slalom event, Brennan placed 23rd with a total time of 1:05.21; Fisher placed 44th with 1:07.93; Williams placed 45th with 1:07.97; Smith placed 53rd with 1:10.17; Brodin placed 54th with 1:10.45 and Jason Palmrose placed 58th with 1:14.59.

In the girls' giant slalom event, Rowley placed first with a time of 59.95; Kelsey Poinneau placed 17th with 1:05.32; Elizabeth Hasseld placed 33rd with 1:08.92; Kristin Dupuis placed 37 with 1:09.21; Stephanie Poindexter placed 38th with 1:09.24 and Kristen Kovel placed 56th with 1:16.77.

In the girls' slalom event, Rowley finished 1st with 1:33.15; Poinneau finished 15th with 1:41.68; Hasseld finished 32nd with 1:51.97; Poindexter placed 38th with 1:56.62; Kovel placed 52nd with 2:12.14 and Dupuis finished 54th with 2:17.28.

The impressive showing at the Petoskey/Harbor Springs Invitational was preceded by

strong showings by both teams at the Lake Michigan Conference ski meet.

The boys' of Charlevoix/East Jordan finished in 5th place with a total of 175 points while the girls' finished in 3rd place with 87 points on Jan. 5 at Boyne Mountain for the Lake Michigan Conference ski meet.

"We still need more training," Miller said. "The boys had a lot of crashes."

She added Williams and Cameron Attee each had great performances.

Girls' giant slalom standings show Rowley in 1st place with a total time of 51.27 seconds; Poinneau in 5th place with 54.03 seconds; Hasseld in 17th with 57.48 seconds; Poindexter in 21st with 58.73 seconds; Dupuis in 24th with one minute and five seconds and Kovel in 28th with 1:06.08 minutes.

Girls' slalom standings show Rowley in 1st place with 54.99 seconds; Poinneau in 5th with 1:00.01; Hasseld in 17th with 1:07.12; Poindexter in 20th with 1:10.10; Kovel in 24th with 1:17.53 and Dupuis in 26th with 1:29.89.

Charlevoix cheerleaders pump gas to raise funds

The Charlevoix High School cheerleading squad will be pumping gas at the Holiday Station, located at 1402 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

This fund-raiser, through which tips will be accepted, will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 21. Funds will help pay for the team's practice uniforms and competition fees. For more information call coach Erin Nickel at (231) 588-2556.

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SPORTS

Rayder volleyball tally conference wins

Charlevoix to host an invitational Jan. 28

By SCOTT RICHARDS
Sports writer

The lady Rayder varsity volleyball team ended a big week of successful play.

They picked up two conference wins when they traveled to a well coached East Jordan team on Monday, Jan. 9 and again to Boyne City on Friday, Jan. 12 where the Ramblers could hardly wait to take them on.

They then traveled to Ludington on Saturday, Jan. 14 and played in the Scottsville Mason Invitational where they placed third.

"The East Jordan game was a big win for us" said varsity coach Liz Grunch. "We really played well, they have a very good coach and a really good program."

The lady Rayders swept all three matches. The first match was a close fought one with Charlevoix just squeaking by 25-23 then 25-18 and 25-20. Sasha Spencey had 14 of 15 serve receives, 10 kills, seven digs and three blocks. Sally Haselschwardt had six kills and three blocks. Emily Heffling had eight digs. Bethany Pearson had four kills and two blocks. And Zita Anderson added 23 assists.

Coach Grunch was very pleased with



Sasha Spencey

to face an eager Boyne City team.

"They were really fired up for us," Grunch said. "They were just waiting for us."

But just like they played against East Jordan, the Rayders soundly swept the Ramblers 25-17, 25-12 and 25-11.

"That was the best team effort yet,"



Liz Grunch

seven kills and six blocks. Anderson had 21 assists and 12 digs. Ashlie Bradley had six kills and nine digs.

On Sunday night, Jan. 15 the team returned from Ludington after spending the night there where they placed third against some really big teams at the Scottsville Mason Invitational.

Grunch said. "We are playing better every day, all the hard work is starting to pay off."

The totals for the Boyne City game were Murphy Gillespie with 10 kills.

Pearson had 21 assists and 12 digs. Ashlie Bradley had six kills and nine digs.

There is a lot of volleyball season yet to play. As of this week the lady Rayders varsity volleyball overall record is 10-8-5 and a perfect 3-0 in the conference.

Their next match is against Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 19 at Charlevoix High School.

Charlevoix, 4-4 overall and 2-3 conference, traveled to Elk Rapids for a Lake Michigan Conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Results were unavailable at press time. The Rayders host East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 20.

Rayders take Kalkaska in double overtime

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Trevor Mays hit two free throws with three seconds left in regulation to keep Charlevoix alive as the Rayders rallied for an 89-86 double overtime win over Kalkaska last Friday night.

It was a topsy-turvy game as Charlevoix led by as many as 13 in the third quarter but were victims to a 19-2 Kalkaska run to begin the fourth quarter. The Blazers led at that point, midway through the fourth quarter, 70-63.

The Rayders trailed by seven with 43 seconds on the clock but came back thanks to four consecutive missed free throws by Kalkaska and clutch shots by Mitchell Crandall and Matt Kautz.

In the overtime frames, the lead went back and forth numerous times and the outcome was always in doubt, right up to a Kalkaska desper-

ation half-court three-point attempt at the buzzer that hit the backboard and rim before bouncing out.

Kautz finished with 26 points, eight rebounds, five steals and four assists. Crandall had 25 points, eight rebounds and three assists to lead the Rayders. Mike DiMartino had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Mays pulled down seven rebounds.

Earlier in the week, the Rayders snapped a four-game losing streak

by defeating Boyne City, 70-66.

Charlevoix used a balanced attack with five players in double figures in the win. DiMartino, Kautz and Dustin Dibble each scored 13 points. Crandall had 12 points and 16 rebounds. Dan Swenor added 11.

Ty Haske handed out seven assists. Kautz had six steals and three assists.

The Rayders led 12-8 after the first quarter, 29-24 at the half and 52-42 after three periods before the Ramblers rallied late.

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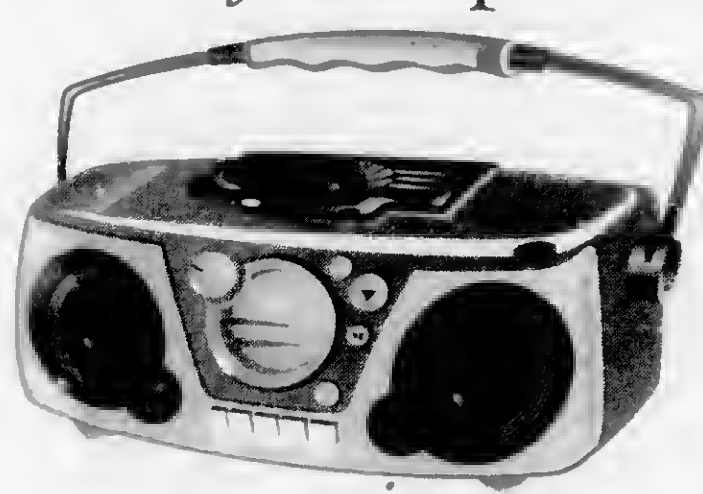
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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

THIS IS to inform Aaron Rainey, last known address: 13340 Sherwood Lane, Charlevoix, MI, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #019. A brief description would be a vacuum, tables, clothes, stroller, carpet, toys, and crib mattress. You have until February 12, 2006, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 66795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. (231) 547-5838.

(01-11-2-076)

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EMPLOYMENT 086

RN FOR Crisis Residential Program & OBRA/Older Adult Services. Provide health/medical assessments for persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities in the older population & primary RN for the Crisis Home. Based in Petoskey but requires travel to hospitals & nursing facilities in a multi-county area. Requires MI licensure as RN, prefer mental health experience. FT position with excellent benefits & salary ranging from \$31K to \$43K. Send resume to: HR, North County CMH, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. Fax: (231) 347-1241, E-mail: hr@nccorcmh.org EOE.

(01-18-2-086)

PROGRAM ASSISTANT, part-time, NCMC's Institute for Business and Industry Training, East Jordan office. \$11.67 per hour. Promote programs to youth, adults, community and media. Assist in recruiting, contracting with instructors and coordination of classes. Must have associate's degree, 1-3 years of directly related experience, demonstrated skills in word processing, databases and spreadsheets, strong organizational and communication skills, familiarity with East Jordan community. Send application letter, resume, copies of transcripts, three references to Human Resources, NCMC, 1515 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770. Deadline: 01/27/06. Job starts 02/06/06.

(01-18-1-086)

HEAD COOK for new Charlevoix Assisted Living Facility. Experience with the elderly desirable. Some knowledge of quantity food production helpful. Call Ruth Bellissimo at (231) 347-8311.

(01-18-2-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY. We are "staffing up" our Certified Nurse Aide department and will be starting a new nurse aide training class in February. If you have an interest in helping others, this is your opportunity to start your medical career in a state-of-the-art facility. Training is paid after 3-day probationary period, with hourly wages ranging from \$9.25-\$9.46 depending on time off benefit plan selected. Upon receiving CNA certification, hourly wages increase to \$9.84-\$10.05 per hour. Positions will be available on the afternoon and midnight shifts. Apply in person at 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan. Call Jane Korhase at (231) 536-2286 with any questions.

(01-18-2-086)

ADULT ACTIVITY AIDE "Call-in" (hours as needed) position open at our Boyne City location. Will assist developmentally disabled individuals build daily living and vocational skills. Must be dependable, flexible, self-motivated and team oriented with a high degree of confidentiality. Requires good driving record, HS diploma/GED with related work experience but will train. Wages start at \$9.63 per hour. Send letter and resume to: North County CMH, H.R., One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. Fax: (231) 347-1241 or E-mail: hr@nccorcmh.org EOE.

(01-11-2-086)

SALES HELP WANTED 088

SALES PROFESSIONALS needed for our Charlevoix and other dealerships. Salary plus commission. Earning potential \$60,000+. Health care and retirement available. If you are an individual with integrity, good organizational skills, and a successful sales background, then we want to see your resume. Send to: ICC, PO Box 146, Acme, MI 49610.

(01-18-1f-088)

SALES - I am a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be a good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to \$50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. Please call (231) 347-6958 and ask for Human Resources.

(12-21-5-088)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SKI'S, boots, and poles, (Fishtail). Like new, size 7. \$100.00. Call 231-547-6443.

(01-18-1-134)

CONDOS FOR SALE OR RENT 158

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. 231-881-3528.

(3-9-1f-158)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

\$3,500 TRIPLE NET for 3000 sq. feet. Charlevoix, Antrim St., prime corner location, can be divided and prorated, turn-key office space available 750 to 3000 square feet, central reception, private offices, additional storage area, T-1 internet connection, abundant parking. Call (231) 237-5011.

(12-7-1f-168)

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(12-7-1f-168)

CHARLEVOIX 2,500 sq. ft., office/retail, 1204 Bridge Street, Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(11-10-1f-168)

BEAUTY SALON for rent, Charlevoix location. Furnished or unfurnished. Call (231) 536-7216 for details.

(11-18-2-168)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169

LAKE HARBOR Apartments, 637 Petoskey Ave., Charlevoix is under new management. Laundry is on site. Heat is free. Country Living near Town. Clean, Friendly Community. Call Today. EHO/Barrier Free (231) 547-6870.

(01-11-4-169)

IN TOWN, Beautiful, Furnished, Lake View Unit, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. All amenities. \$650 per month plus utilities or \$850 including utilities, lawn care and snow removal. (231) 547-9409. No smoking or pets.

(01-18-3-169)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

RENT OR LEASE with option to buy, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 1/2 car garage. Furnished or unfurnished. \$900 per month. Call (231) 547-9475.

(01-18-1f-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-1f-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-547-6445.

(9-15-1f-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(3-31-1f-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-1f-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Rulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

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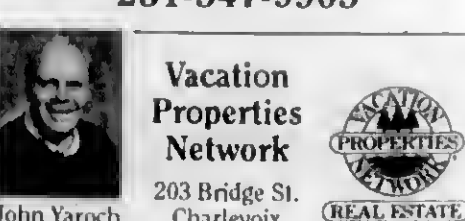
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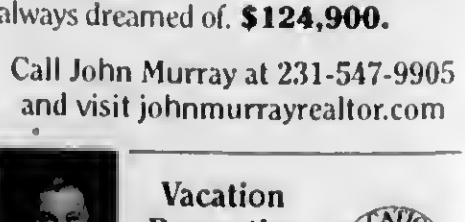
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John Murray 203 Bridge St. Charlevoix

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made by Charles E. and Linda A. Willette of 05845 S. Ranney Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 to Alden State Bank of 200 Alden St., Bellaire, MI 49615 dated November 21, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan on December 23, 2002 in Liber 506 of Mortgages, on page 844 thru 848 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight and 25/100 (\$21,648.25) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Building, 301 State Street in the City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on February 10, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.5 percent interest, legal costs, Attorney's fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Township of South Arm, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan,

Commencing at a rail road spike at the West 1/4 corner of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along West line of said (centerline of Ranney Road) Section South 00 degrees 26'23" West 264.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 44'25" East 330.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 00 degrees 26'23" West 66.84 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 89 degrees 44'38" East 987.42 feet to a T-iron stake on the West eighth line of said section; thence along said line South 00 degrees 29'20" West 321.47 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44'38" West 1317.14 feet to the West line of said section; thence along the West line of said Section North 00 degrees 26'23" East 388.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The period of redemption will be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: December 28, 2005
Mortgagee: Alden State Bank
by: Leon W. Sluyter, Vice President
Alden State Bank
PO Box 717
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

(L)01/04, 01/11, 01/18, 01/25)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Mark A. Kemp, a married man, of 221 Girard Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073, and NPB Mortgage, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 770 Kenmore, SE, Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, dated September 17, 2004, and recorded on September 30, 2004, in Liber 639, Page 544, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$76,365.38) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on February 17, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

Parcel A: Commencing at a T-iron stake at the West 1/4 corner of Section 17, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence on a bearing of East 1329.51 feet to a point which is recorded as being 86'11 rods West of the center 1/4 post of said section; thence South 01°42'00" West (recorded as South) 400.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 01°42'00" West 233.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, thence on a bearing of East 74.06 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence along said 1/8 line South 00°56'16" West 6.9220 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South 1/8 line of said section; thence along said 1/8 line North 89°56'42" Feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°56'16" East 658.85 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 33°20'41" West 216.72 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence on a bearing of East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 33 North, Range 7 West. 66 foot wide private easement for access and utilities; Commencing at a T-iron stake at the West 1/4 corner of Section 17, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section on a bearing of East 963.48 feet to a point in the centerline of Ferry Road, being the point of beginning of this description; thence

NPB Mortgage, LLC
770 Kenmore, SE
Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

DATED: January 6, 2006

Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
161 Ottawa Avenue, NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315
(L)01/11, 01/18, 01/25, 02/01)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Decedent's Estate
File No. 05-10997 DE

Estate of Todd W. Vallad, Jr.
Date of Birth: November 17, 1983
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Todd W. Vallad, Jr., who lived at 04115 US 131, Boyne Falls, Michigan died March 25, 1996. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Todd W. Vallad, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720,

LEGAL NOTICE 210

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along 1/4 line and along said centerline of a bearing of East 66.03 feet; thence South 01°42'00" West 33.01 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of said road; thence continuing South 01°42'00" West 451.99 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, thence South 33°20'41" East 216.72 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00°56'16" West 117.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 33°20'41" West 334.37 feet to a 1/2 rod; thence North 01°42'00" East 470.87 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of said road; thence continuing North 01°42'00" East 33.01 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 33 North, Range 7 West. P.P. # 006-117-020-30-00 which is vacant land on Ferry Road, East Jordan, Michigan 49727. The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 18, 2006
Paul K. Beardslee (P42177)
206 S. Kalamazoo Avenue
Marshall, MI 49068
(269) 781-5193

Todd W. Vallad
16555 F Drive South #35
Marshall, MI 49068
(269) 789-0807

(L)01/18)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by RODNEY C. ROBINSON and ANN L. ROBINSON, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking corporation, having its principal office at 78 S. Main, Rockford, Michigan, 49341. Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded May 4, 2000 in Liber 387 of Mortgages, Page 617. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 59/100 (\$431,139.59) dollars including interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building, 301 State Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Charlevoix, City of Charlevoix, Michigan, on February 24, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., local time. Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Pub-

lic Acts of 1971 [MCLA 600.3240(8), MSA 27A.3240(8)] the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

Parcels "A" and "B" of "Castle Shores" Land located in the Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, all being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West, described as follows:

Parcel A: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence North 46E01'58" West 973.34 feet to a point on the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66, said point being on the East line of the former Julia J. Taylor property as recited in trustee's deed recorded in Liber 262, Page 701, Charlevoix County Records, thence North 59E11'01" West along the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66 334.87 feet to the East line of the Paul W. Klingenberg property as recorded in Liber 249, page 942; thence North 0E01'07" West along said line 480.16 feet; thence East 30.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0E01'07" West 100.00 feet; thence East 30.00 feet; thence North 0E01'07" West 138.00 feet; thence East 68.58 feet; thence North 0E01'07" West 328.72 feet; thence West 128.58 feet to the East line of said Klingenberg property; thence North 0E01'07" West along said property 1123.39 feet to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence North 89E50'31" East along said shore 71.80 feet; thence South 0E01'07" East 430.32 feet; thence North 89E50'31" East 64.30 feet; thence South 0E01'07" East 1189.28 feet; thence on a curve to the left 70.47 feet (radius of said curve is 417.03 feet, long chord bears South 4E51'45" West 70.39 feet); thence West 112.02 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West.

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

CPR and First Aid classes
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) class will take place 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 in classroom B.

A Basic First Aid class will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in classroom B.

The cost is \$25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid class is \$30. There is a price reduction for the three-class series.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information please call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

KCB annual meeting

Members of the general public are invited to join the membership of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful at the group's annual meeting.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Grey Gables. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar offered.

Yacht club off-season events

The Charlevoix Yacht Club will host an off-season series of free events open to the public during January and February.

At 7 p.m. Jan. 20 club member Cliff Biddick, owner and operator of a marine salvage tugboat, will recount a few marine disaster stories.

For more information visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Singles for Christ dinner

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church invite all singles age 40 and over from all areas and churches to attend the group's January dinner at 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at Applebee's, located at 1930 U.S. 131, in Petoskey. RSVP is required so please call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905 with your reservation.

Cheerleading fund-raiser

The Charlevoix High School cheerleading squad will be pumping gas at the Holiday Station, located at 1402 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

This fund-raiser, through which tips will be accepted, will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 21. Funds will help pay for the team's practice uni-

forms and competition fees. For more information call coach Erin Nickel at (231) 588-2556.

Witness for Life gathering

A "Witness for Life" gathering will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22 at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets in Charlevoix's East Park. This gathering recognizes the anniversary of legalized abortion (Roe vs. Wade 1973). Signs are welcome.

Singles over 40 Bible study

A "Singles over 40" Bible study group will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24. The guest speaker will talk about the single life and offer encouraging support. The group meets every other Tuesday at Bay Shore Estates Mobile Home Park, Lot #14, 7463 Old U.S. 31 in Petoskey. Call Mike at (231) 529-7724, Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or Rita at (231) 487-0062 for more information.

Tennis lessons

North Country Junior Development is offering tennis lessons at North Central Michigan College.

Classes are taught by Denny Green, coach of the varsity girls' and boys' teams at Harbor Springs High School.

Lessons for advanced middle school/high school boys and girls, will take place from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Monday and Wednesday nights, for 13 sessions, beginning Jan. 23. The cost is \$175.

Lessons for varsity boys will take place from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Tuesday nights for 10 sessions, beginning Jan. 24. The cost is \$150.

Lessons for varsity girls will take place from 7:45 to 9:15 p.m. Thursday nights for 10 sessions, beginning Jan. 26. The cost is \$150.

To sign up contact Denny Green at (231) 526-6382, or e-mail coachgreen10s@charter.net.

Grief and loss support

Three Grief and Loss Support Groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Grief support groups create a safe and confidential atmosphere for all participants with educational and support materials provided to help guide participants. A Charlevoix group will meet at Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State St. This group will meet for six weeks from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Thursday, Feb. 16. A Petoskey group will meet at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church located at 1020 E. Mitchell St. and will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning

Tuesday, Feb. 21. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. These services are free of charge to residents of Charlevoix and Emmet counties. To register or for more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or register on-line at www.hospicetlb.org.

Fiber art show

From knitting and quilting to basket making, embroidery, needlepoint, surface design, quilt work, beading, weaving and book-making — the Jordan River Arts Council invites local artists to submit their work for consideration for the fourth fiber arts show, "Rare Threads with Another Twist," will open Sunday, March 5, 2006 and close Friday, April 7, 2006. Artists are encouraged to submit work that is multi-media, multi-faceted, unconventional, whimsical and imaginative. Acceptance of the artwork will be announced by Feb. 1, 2006. Pieces must be delivered by Feb. 20, 2006 for exhibition.

Entry forms are available at www.jordanriverarts.com or by calling Donna Miller at (231) 599-2982 or e-mailing Bird61@aol.com.

Send entry forms, slide(s) and/or photo(s) to Sylvia Walworth, P.O. Box 519, Eastport, MI 49627.

For more information call (231) 536-3385, or visit www.jordanriverarts.org.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the library. They will be held Jan. 18 and 25 and March 8 and 15.

The interview process and correspondence guidelines will be covered during the first class. How to use the U.S. and Michigan census records will be the topic of the second class. In March, the first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

The fee for the four classes is \$14 for Friends of the Library members and \$20 for non-members. The fee can be paid upon registration at the library located off Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Free throw championship

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Youth Free Throw Championship Jan. 21.

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship. The local competition will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 in the gym at Charlevoix Middle School.

The winners progress through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions with trophies awarded to all champions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn McDonough at (231) 547-5437.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is \$12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is \$40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Community Food Pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

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ISD receives grant for Stepping Stones program

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Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is among 14 communities statewide to receive funding to enhance early childhood development and care initiatives.

On Thursday, Jan. 12 Governor Jennifer Granholm and Marvin McKinney, board chair of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation announced \$1.24 million in grants to fund 14 Great Start Collaboratives. Thirty-nine intermediate school districts initially applied for these competitive grants.

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District was awarded \$90,000. Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Superintendent, Mark Eckhardt, said by focusing on early learning and childhood development, the community will reap the benefits in the future as children come to school better able to learn.

"We are proud of our early childhood initiatives that expand well beyond the ISD and include many community partners in health care, the libraries, private businesses, parents, our schools and others," Eckhardt said. "Through this partnership, our most precious resource — our young children — will succeed."

From the day she took office, Granholm has maintained that early childhood development and care is a critical investment in the economic viability of the state. Her dedication to this effort spurred her to launch Project Great Start in 2003. In her 2005 State of the State message, the Granholm expanded Project Great Start with the formation of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, a non-profit public cor-

poration charged with focusing local efforts at promoting early learning and childhood development activities and connecting those local efforts into a statewide Great Start System.

"Children learn more from birth to age three than at any other time, setting the stage for future success in school and in life," Granholm said. "High-quality early childhood development and care is a wise investment in our children and our economy."

This is the first group of communities to receive funding through the Early Childhood Investment Corporation. Intermediate school districts will act as "fiduciaries" for the grants. In this round of grants, seven of the community plans were designated as Great Start Collaboratives, and seven more were awarded grants to help them build the capacity to become Great Start Collaboratives.

In the Charlevoix-Emmet community, the Human Services Coordinating Body and Stepping Stones to School will bring together public and private sectors to participate in the planning process.

Stepping Stones to School is a network of agencies that provide services to families with children birth to age five. Through its "one-stop-shopping" network of services, families with young children can access a variety of educational and health services to help them ready their child for kindergarten and early success in life.

Stepping Stones to School connects families with free services including: Play groups to meet other families and children; child development and vi-

sion screenings; educational and fun activities at local schools; a free event line to call and hear about age-appropriate fun activities in local communities (877) 866-3714; newsletters with information on health, nutrition and fun activities; birthday packets from your local school until a child reaches kindergarten; home visits for infants from a registered nurse.

All services are free and families can register with Stepping Stones to School by calling the toll-free number listed above or (231) 547-6216.

Although the Great Start funds do not pay for services, funds will support additional networking to link more services to the Stepping Stones to School network and support families with children ages 0 to 5.

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and the other Great Start Collaboratives receiving grants from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation will conduct community assessments and develop strategic plans for the development of a comprehensive system of early childhood services and supports accessible to all children from birth to kindergarten and their families.

Groups committed to participating in the Great Start collaborative include Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Department of Human Services, Early On, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, parents and others.

For more information about the Early Childhood Investment Corporation and Project Great Start, visit the Project Great Start Web site at www.michigan.gov/greatstart.



Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District recently received a \$90,000 grant from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation through the State of Michigan for its Stepping Stones to School program. (Above) Stepping Stones to School Alliance recently honored area agencies for their support of families with young children at a Partnership Party. Receiving a plaque and poster were (from left) Robin Moyer, Jordan Valley Library; Jan Fowler, Char-Em ISD; Dava Maat, Boyne Valley Library; Ron Fowler, Petoskey Public Library; Lorraine Manary of the Human Services Coordinating Body of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, who presented the plaques; and Peggy Potter, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. Marsha Miller, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency-Head Start/Early Head Start, is not pictured.

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City council names Gerard Doan chief of police

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the community.

Former chief Dennis Halverson announced his resignation in late September. Halverson, the longest serving Charlevoix Chief of Police, accepted the "Safe Schools Coordinator" position with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. He started in this position in early November.

Deputy police chief Scott Hankins has filled the role of interim chief during the transition time.



John Jarecki Jr.

Council interviewed the final three candidates on Jan. 11 including Doan and two others who were recommended by a team of area law enforcement professionals. The team picks were Patrick Foster, a sergeant with the Clay Township Police Department in Algonac, and John Jarecki, Jr., the city police chief in Norway, a town in the Upper Peninsula.

The professional team made up of Rogers City Police Chief Matthew Quanne, former Traverse City public safety director, Ralph Soffredine and Mackinaw City Police Chief Patrick Wyman interviewed seven applicants for the local police chief position. Doan was not picked out of the group.

Council and members of the community took issue with the team's decision not to recommend Doan, a long-time city patrolman, and chose to put him back in the running.

Doan said this decision was a boost for him and he was pleased to have the opportunity to continue.

"I'm glad I went through the whole process. I am so thankful for the com-

munity support. Without that I wouldn't have stood a chance," he said. "I must be doing a good job and people think I can take it a step further."

Doan also had the backing of his fellow patrolmen. City patrolman Matt Umulis spoke at the meeting.

"I've worked with Gerard for three years. He's taken me under his wing," he said. "He's the man for the job."

From comments made by council the final toss up was between Foster and Doan.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain said Jarecki's strengths were his proven leadership abilities but he doesn't feel he wants to be here.

The City of Norway Police Department is privatizing and Chamberlain said Jarecki is being phased out.

"I didn't feel the passion," Chamberlain said.

While Jarecki didn't have the passion for council, Doan will have to prove himself. Chamberlain said Doan has the least impressive resume of the final three candidates.

"He has a big ladder to go up," he said.

While the administrative side of the working chief's position will have a steep learning curve for Doan, he said he can do it.

"I wouldn't be here if I didn't think I could do it. It's a big risk," he said. "The biggest thing I've got going for me is community awareness. The other two candidates don't have the community ties I have. I feel I possess the leadership qualities to run this department."

Education was one place Doan said he could improve. However, he said as a father of young children he can't dedicate a lot of time to school right now.

Chamberlain said he hopes to see Doan pursue continued education opportunities.

"Sometimes you have to hang up the frying pan for another frying pan," Chamberlain said.

City manager Mike Wiesner, who is Doan's supervisor, agreed.

"I know he doesn't have the time right now but sometimes you have to make the time," Wiesner said.

Doan, 43, is a city resident who has been a patrolman for the city since May of 1986. He heads up the city's DARE and child safe lock programs.

Last summer he served as a lifeguard supervisor for the city's recreation department. This is a position he will not fulfill as chief.

He was not at the council meeting Monday night because he was giving ski lessons at the city's ski hill, Mt. McSaubia and returned home to take care of his two children while his wife, Becky, attended.

After council voted, Becky left chambers to deliver the verdict.

Prior to taking the patrolman's position with the city he was a Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy for six months.

He is a Charlevoix High School graduate and earned his bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Lake Superior State University.

Foster's uncle, Charlevoix resident, Dave Juilleret, said he was disappointed at the outcome and feels Doan is the less qualified candidate.

"The (professional team) group overlooked Gerard for obvious reasons. If city council was just going to pick the good old boy why go through the application process," Juilleret said.

Foster, 36, began his career in law enforcement in Charlevoix in 1992 when he was a part-time patrolman for the summer.

A lack of full-time positions had him looking for opportunities elsewhere.

He became an Indiana state trooper in 1993 where he stayed for a year before moving to the Clay Township Police Department.

There he supervises two squads of patrol officers.

He earned his bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University and is currently attending Central Michigan University to earn a master's degree in organizational development.

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Northern Michigan Review sold

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Ownership of the Charlevoix Courier has changed hands.

After owning the company for more than 70 years, the Schaller family has sold Northern Michigan Review, Inc., the parent company for publications which include the Charlevoix Courier, the Petoskey News-Review, the Gaylord Herald Times, The Graphic, Super Shopper, PhoneGuide and Saturday.

The sale to Schurz Communications, Inc. which has its headquarters in South Bend, Ind., is expected to be finalized by early March. Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

"We are pleased to be joining the Schurz organization," said Elsa Schaller-DeWitt, president of Northern Michigan Review, Inc. "Schurz Communications shares our values and recognizes the vital role our newspapers, PhoneGuide

and other publications play in our communities. We are excited about the markets we serve and believe this transaction will provide a strong foundation for continuing to faithfully serve our communities."

The Schaller family has been involved in the northern Michigan newspaper business since the 1930s when William F. Schaller started The Northern Michigan Shopping Review, which later became the Northern Michigan Review.

In 1953, the Northern Michigan Review merged with the Petoskey Evening News and became the Petoskey News-Review. William's son, Albert Schaller, was publisher at that time.

At the time of his death on July 10, 1979, Albert Schaller had been in the publishing business for 56 years, and expanded News-Review interests to include the Gaylord Herald-Times, the Charlevoix Courier and The Graphic.

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Photo courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review

On hand for the announcement Jan. 18 of an agreement to sell Northern Michigan Review Inc., parent company of the Courier to Schurz Communications Inc. were (from left) Todd Schurz, president of Schurz Communications Inc., Elsa Schaller-DeWitt, president of Northern Michigan Review Inc., Patrick Schaller and Gretchen Schaller-Arnold of Northern Michigan Review Inc., and Charles Pittman, senior vice-president of newspaper operations for Schurz Communications Inc.

Scrubbing for duds



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Molly Branietki, a Charlevoix High School cheerleader cleans the windshield of a person fueling up at the Charlevoix Holiday Station Jan. 21. The cheerleaders pumped gas for customers to earn tips to help pay for practice uniforms. The team earned \$407 in donations and tips for the cause.

Pajtas rules against Ways in development struggle

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Plans for development of over 400 residences to be built on a sprawling field in Eveline Township were struck down by Judge Richard Pajtas last week in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court.

"Their project does not comply with the township's objective to preserve the rural character of the township. It would both fragment and encroach upon the existing rural, residential neighborhoods," Pajtas states in his opinion.

Pajtas issued this 30-page opinion on Jan. 19, ruling in favor of 13 Eveline Township residents who have fought the dense residential development plan since the spring of 2002.

This decision throws out an initial settlement agreement reached in 2004 between property owners Dawson and his son Barney Way and the Eveline Township Board which opened the door for the proposed development.

In March of 2004 the Eveline Township Board unanimously denied the Way request for R-4 high density residential zoning. When the Ways brought an exclusionary zoning suit against the

township, the settlement surfaced.

The agreement, which is now moot, included development over a 16-year period of the 157-acre Way property located near Ferry, Brock and Roberts roads. On the northern part of the property, it allowed for 275 manufactured home sites and on the south 150 other residential units including condominiums.

The property is zoned farm/forest. The uses proposed in the settlement would range in zoning designation from R-2, medium density residential to R-4 high density residential.

Nearby residents, including farm operators Sue and Mike Kiteley and John and Nancy Cisne, were outraged by the settlement and on March 19, 2004 stepped forward and intervened. This intervention was granted by Pajtas.

According to attorney for the intervening defendants, Jim Pagets with the Gaylord law firm Benaway and Pagels, P.C., the defendants filed to intervene because they didn't feel the settlement between the Eveline Township Board and the Ways was in the best interest of property owners who neighbor the

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District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Paul Michael McKernan, 20, East Jordan, Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve six hours of community service work; attend zero tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Daniel Richard Everson, 21, Petoskey. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling \$260.

Kimberly June Smith, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Serve 80 hours of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$200 in fines and costs.

Cassey Dale Simons, 25, Charlevoix. Disorderly/obscene conduct. Fines and costs totaling \$200. Fail to stop/ID personal injury accident. Serve 315 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend impact weekend; \$2,288 in fines and costs. Assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days; 92 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; \$850 in fines and costs. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; \$1,430 in fines and costs.

Douglas Carl Steib, 36, Charlevoix. Police officer assault/resist/obstruct attempted. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for two days; serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device; 103 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; write a letter of apology; \$1,555 in fines and costs.

Brian Keith Magill, 45, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated; and possession of marijuana. Serve

365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 20 days in jail, to serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 269 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$2,080 in fines and costs.

Dustin Nathaniel Mervyn, 22, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days of jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$200 in fines and costs.

Matthew Franklin Smith, 24, Boyne City. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail, 59 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$500 in fines and costs.

Kyle Thomas Peters, 19, East Jordan. Operating minor with a blood alcohol content. Serve 60 hours of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; \$930 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Jeremy Scott McCarty, 27, Boyne City. Fleeing a police officer-fourth

degree, vehicle code. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 47 days, to serve 90 days in jail. Operating while intoxicated. Sentenced to 47 days in jail with credit for 47 days, to serve 47 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$1,615 in fines and costs.

Jayson Timothy Rayl, 25, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-occupant less than 16-second offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 270 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$1,220 in fines and costs.

Brian James Fortune, 18, Boyne Falls. Criminal sexual conduct-third degree (force or coercion). Serve a minimum of six years in prison to a maximum of 15 years in prison with credit for 46 days in jail; \$120 in fines and costs.

Steven Daniel Ingersoll, 38, East Jordan. Three counts of criminal sexual conduct-third degree (person 13-15). Sentenced to a minimum of six years in prison to a maximum of 15 years in prison with credit for 168 days in jail; \$240 in fines and costs.

Scott William Schulte, 30, Shelby Township. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$1,100 in fines and costs.

Bradley Jay Sweet, 46, Charlevoix. Criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree (victim 13-16). Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 365 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$530 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael J. Stokes Contracting,

1889 Boyne City and East Jordan Road, by Michael J. Stokes

Hospitalityphones.com; Corporate Communications, 04361 M-75 #11, P.O. Box 369 Walloon Lake, by James Biglawe

Burnout Productions, 10990 Burnett Road, Charlevoix, by Laura M. Swem

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Brian Gerald Harrington, 46, Boyne City and Elke Johanna Maierhofer, 40, Ellsworth

Brian Scott Vroman, 42, and Leslie Reinhardt, 37, both of Boyne City

Kimm M. Zamarron, 53, Boyne City and Gail Frances Wolfe, 58, Brownsburg, Ind.

Divorce

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Brenda Ann Looze vs. Gerald David Looze

Births

Silas Benjamin Dik, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces was born Dec. 29 to Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Dik in Wellington, Colo. His brother is Eli Jacob. 2. His grandparents are Dianne and Dennis VanGuilder of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Ross and Marjiam Winters of Charlevoix.

Carson William Ahbey, weighing 9 pounds, 9.8 ounces was born Jan. 16 to Don Jr. and Jennifer Abbey of Charlevoix at Northern Michigan Hospital. His sibling is Brandon Mason. Grandparents are Don Sr. and Betty Abbey of Lakeview, and Marcia and Joseph Belcher of Charlevoix. Great-grandparents are Ray Whitley Sr. of Charlevoix and Edwin and Leona Zeidler of Charlevoix.

Autumn Rose Brewer weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces was born Jan. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan Brewer and Candance Hildebrand of Rapid City. Her grandparents are Dave and Debbie Piechocki of East Jordan and David and Alice Hildebrand of Manelona.

Tyler Bert weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born Jan. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeremy and Faith DeYoung of Ellsworth. His sibling is Emma. Grandparents are Harold and Donna DeYoung and Gene and Patty Drenth, all of Ellsworth.

Zoe Katherine Pflug weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces was born Jan. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Andrew and Carl Pflug of Boyne City. Her siblings are Alysa, 10, and Ethan, 1. Grandparents are Greg and Kim Hiar of Boyne City, Pat Pflug of Alanson and Kathy Pflug of Lark Lake. Great-grandparents are Wayne Hiar of Petoskey, Kathy Pflug of Omaha and Barb Beasley of Boyne City.

Schurz Communications Inc. buys the Courier

PAPER SOLD

Continued from page 1

The company purchased the Charlevoix Courier in 1964 from a group of business owners and began its Wednesday publication day on March 10, 1965.

Kirk Schaller, who was retail ad manager when his father, Albert, passed away, started the Super Shopper, and in 1987, as president and publisher, began PhoneGuide Community Telephone Directory.

Kirk Schaller died Feb. 25, 2001.

The sale of the Schaller media empire nears completion but the family's involvement will continue. Schaller-DeWitt, will remain publisher of the PhoneGuide. Kirk's son, Patrick Schaller will retain his post as PhoneGuide sales manager

County commission meeting canceled

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has canceled its regular monthly meeting.

The meeting that was scheduled to take place Wednesday, Jan. 25 has been canceled.

The commissioners' next meeting will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the commissioner's room located at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

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The cornerstone of the company is the South Bend Tribune, a daily newspaper in South Bend, Ind. It boasts a daily circulation of 72,688 and a Sunday circulation of 100,144. This was the first piece in the Schurz puzzle founded in 1872 by Alfred B. Miller and Elmer Crockett. Family members have held editor and publisher positions at the newspaper for five generations.

Geographically, Schurz Communications Inc. has a presence in Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, Missouri, Georgia and Virginia.

Northern Michigan Review publications will be the company's only existing Michigan venture.

Courier publisher and Petoskey News-Review editor and publisher, Ken Winter, who has worked with Northern Michigan Review publications for 34 years, including

a two-year stint as Courier editor from 1974-1976, said he is uncertain whether he plans to continue in this capacity at this time. He said he will stay on board at least until sale of the company is final in late February or early March.

"I'm using this transition as a time to decide what I personally want to do in my career for the next 10 years," he said. "I just know I've had a good run here and want to have fun in whatever I do. We have a talented staff, as well as a wonderful community to live and work in."

Winter added that the change in ownership will not impact Courier subscribers.

The future may hold changes for the publications of Northern Michigan Review, Inc.

But, Schaller-DeWitt said, "Changes are a good thing. I look forward to drawing on their resources which will allow us to continue to grow."

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It's time to talk business in Charlevoix



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

"See you in the spring," or "For rent," are two signs appearing a lot in downtown Charlevoix.

In the 30 years I've lived here I have yet to see so many stores vacate the downtown district. Mind you I'm not a business owner but let me share this laywoman's view.

Tenants in downtown buildings have bills to pay just like the rest of us. Heat and electricity are climbing and there is insurance and taxes to pay too. It's inevitable that they may have their rent raised and then pass it on to us the consumer-lack of sales and high rent can leave an empty building. It saddens my heart to see so many

vacant stores.

As my friends and family who do not live in Charlevoix read this paper, I just want to give you the heads up that our town doesn't look quite the same. Upon your return visit there may be many new stores or worse yet empty buildings. Being the eternal optimist, I am hopeful that future business owners will take a long hard look at what this town could value from. I also hope that they take advantage of such wonderful programs like Service Corp of Retired Executives that may guide and assist them to succeed.

On another thought, are there fewer chamber members? If so, why is that? Does one person own many buildings for tax purposes? I remember when I first moved here there were archways within the buildings connecting some of the downtown stores. When the walls went up did this create a territorial situation? I give kudos to businesses that can stick it out during the winter months. It's nice to have a few things for the locals.

Scovies Gourmet Deli and Bake Shop has hung in there as one of the new kids on the block. It's nice to know they have some dinner hours and provide a warm atmosphere with great home cooked meals. Kilwin's of Charlevoix will have winter hours so we can still shop for Valentine's Day. The Coffee Shop and Woolly Bugger have given me the little caffeine boost I need just around 3 p.m. My husband and I enjoy the ability to walk down the street and work out at the Harbor Health and Fitness Center. It's a hopping place seven days a week. Candy did her homework on this one.

I love to cook and Shop of the Gulls made a smart addition to their already savvy store by adding a classy kitchen store with cooking utensils for home entertainers like me. I love that I can walk to Central Drug Store and pick up needed medications and gift cards.

With Jim adding coffee to the Bridge Street Book Store, it's even

more inviting to read, relax and pick out great books. I am happy we didn't lose our movie theater, Cinema III and that Bill made the smart choice to keep it downtown. If this is beginning to sound like an ad for Charlevoix, well so be it.

We were all up in arms about Wal-Mart but it seems we are still affected anyway. I know it would have been much worse with a big box store but this town is getting down to slim pickings. I may just have to resign myself that Charlevoix is strictly a summer resort. I'm reminded of that when our girls attended Michigan State University and were asked where they came from, replied, "Charlevoix." Many students, responded, "You mean you can live there year-round? Is there even a school?" they questioned.

With the winter months presenting a much quieter town I am forever grateful that so many wonderful people support the new library. By exceeding their campaign goal, it

gave me hope that there are people still interested in living here. Each day as I watch them improve and expand the building, I feel proud to say I live here. It will be a state-of-the-art building educationally and architecturally. I envision people from other states visiting our library just to see how magnificent it is.

It's my ray of hope that Charlevoix will return to the bustling little town in can be. I'm not moving any time soon, and not planning on being the last one out and turning off the lights. If anything, I want our town and planners to wake up and smell the coffee. Join me at around 3 p.m., we'll meet downtown for coffee and conversation. Solutions to problems are like crying babies — you need to get them moving. Let's keep Charlevoix beautiful and marketable.

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Traversing the windy roads of tax season



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

Filing day may be a few months off, but most of us will receive our W-2s soon. Some of us will jump for joy and some of us will curse the Internal Revenue Service's existence.

And, while I'll concede taxes used to build schools, roads and bridges are a necessary discomfort, I find it intolerable and shameful when the government robs its citizenry to mask its own failures.

Mark Twain said, "The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin."

Perhaps Mr. Twain was speaking to Michigan, which levies taxes for motor vehicle weight, gasoline, general sales, liquor, horse race wagering, tobacco and income to name a few.

Then your local government levies operating, infrastructure, refuse, public school and sinking fund, home-stead, transit, recycling, library and recreational authority taxes among others.

Had enough? More than 10 states have additional taxes on illegal drugs. Those who purchase goods or services from nude or partially nude performers in Utah pay an extra tax and until a few years ago, Michigan imposed an "intangibles tax." Yes, I said intangibles.

Michigan won't tax you for the dirt on your final resting place, but the state will collect taxes on the casket, vault, monument and flowers.

The federal excise tax we pay for phone service each month (approximately \$5.5 billion in 2000) was cre-

ated to fund the Spanish-American War.

Which reminds me, I need to call Congress and let them know the war is over. Spain's no longer a threat fellas and ladies.

And what do we get for all this taxation?

Well, we get schools, roads, lots of politicians and enough pork projects to make me rethink going kosher.

Once the \$315 million bridges to nowhere in Alaska are built and thousands are spent to study the effects of bovine flatulence, there is still a surplus in the billions. But what becomes of it?

Last year, an article in Capitalism Magazine purported some members of the armed services used tax funded credit cards meant for work related items to pay for concert tickets, cruise packages, gambling, strip clubs and prostitutes to the tune of over \$293,000 in 18 months.

In addition, the article stated

15 percent of 300 Department of Agriculture employee credit card expenditures investigated revealed \$5.8 million in inappropriate expenditures in just six months.

Once again, taxpayers were defrauded by federal employees.

Then there is the \$100 million in unused plane tickets and the \$20 billion a year in overpayments to program recipients by the federal government.

Meanwhile, \$25 billion of your money is still unaccounted for from 2003. Searches conducted under Oval Office couch cushions were fruitless.

And let's not forget about that \$8.8 billion still missing in action in the democratic republic of Iraq.

If reports surface of camels wandering the Syrian desert with gold plated hooves and diamond encrusted humps, we'll know Osama got hold of the cash.

Oh, and in a case of one small

step for man and one giant bill for the American worker, NASA plans to return to the moon. Yeah, public schools are going bankrupt, but we can come up with \$100 billion for an intergalactic joyride just to show some third world country we're still number one.

Does Congress really think Joe-six-pack gives a rats south side about the effects of zero gravity on the nervous system of an eggplant?

Then again, who's accountable? The government? Who is this government? That's just it, no one knows who exactly is wasting this money. I'm afraid as long as government officials have the anonymity to continue unaccounted spending frenzies, tax day will continue to be every day.

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Letters to the editor

Let the lights shine

Editor:
Most people love the lights we place in the trees along Bridge Street at Christmas.

So, why not leave them up all year-round? I understand the electric bill might be \$17,000, however, this is probably based on leaving the lights lit 24 hours per day as we do now. With timers installed we would only need the trees lighted for an average of six hours per evening, resulting in 75 percent power reduction. If the revised estimate for lighting the trees is only \$4,250, then let's leave them trees lit up.

Richard Georgi
Charlevoix

Congratulations Doan

Editor:
We want to take this method of thanking the City Council of Charlevoix who took a sensible step in choosing Gerard Doan for the new chief of police in Charlevoix.

We are pleased you stood together on this issue and voted the wishes of your constituents.

We wish Gerard great success in his new job.

Howard and Rosemary Horton
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Attend commission meetings

Editor:
On Jan. 11 I was one of the people in attendance at the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' meeting. I came out of that meeting very disappointed. You see, at the December meeting board member, Shirley Roloff asked who wrote the resolution to hire outside civil counsel as she knew nothing about it.

After much shoulder shrugging, the county clerk squeaked out that she did

it. At the January meeting, Shirley revealed that actually Mary Beth Kur had written it. What a low blow. We question (Charlevoix County Clerk) Jane's (Brannon) authority to hire outside help. We either have a clerk who fancies herself as commissioner or commissioners that have given the clerk free rein.

Several times the commissioners were asked who authorized it. We never got an answer, just more shoulder shrugging. They wonder why we get upset, but I don't know what they expect when who did what is not answered or the answer changes from one month to the next. Trust must be earned. Trust is a precious thing and is hard to regain when it is lost.

I want to commend Ben Gohs for his writing of this article (Kur drafts resolution to hire outside civil counsel, page 9 Jan. 18 edition of the Courier). He was accurate and fair. He's always pleasant and respectful. I am sure he took some heat for it, but he must have strong shoulders or he wouldn't be in the business. I think the Courier is lucky to have him.

I would also like to commend Shirley Roloff. She works hard, insists on honesty and keeping county business open and communicated to the public. She's a woman of integrity and realizes she made a commitment to do the best for the people of her district and the county and she will do no less than her best. Residents of District 6 should be very proud to have elected her.

We too wish we could put the Kur-Jarema thing behind us, but when it keeps rearing its ugly head at the county commissioners' meetings we find it hard to do so. Yes, I am the mother-in-law of John Jarema but I have been a resident and taxpayer of Charlevoix County most of my

life and I expect honesty, commitment and integrity from all of the commissioners.

I strongly encourage residents of all of the districts to attend the commissioners' meetings. The newspaper can't report everything and the minutes do not reflect the whole story. If just five or six people from each district would attend it would be great. Come and see your commissioner at work. It's very interesting.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix

Right to life

Editor:
This past Sunday was the 33rd Anniversary of one of the saddest days in America — 33 years ago, the Supreme Court gave its decision to legalize abortion in America.

Since then, more than 45 million innocent children have been killed in the name of choice. That means more babies have been killed than people have died in wars, since World War I to today.

The radicals on the left will have you believe that it is all about a woman's choice concerning her body. But what about the father of this "choice"? What's even more important, what about the voice of the child who can not speak or defend themselves? Who speaks for the children? It is so much more than a choice.

Do you know that the woman in the case has since changed her mind and wants the Roe vs. Wade verdict overturned?

Speaking of choice, it's not really a choice, it's a baby. It's the start of life.

Perhaps the real choice should have been made in keeping your pants on. That's right. Go ahead and laugh, but you know it's true. Kids know how babies are

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all for without life, no other rights mean a damn.

Do I dare say this? But you know I will, be thankful we have a president who has the courage to speak up against such evils. Be thankful for a majority in Congress who have a conscience. Be thankful for a majority in the Michigan Legislature who have a conscience. Be thankful for two new Supreme Court Justices, Roberts and Alito.

Take a moment tonight and say a prayer for the lives lost. Be thankful that you are here today.

Anthony Stackpole
Sault Ste. Marie

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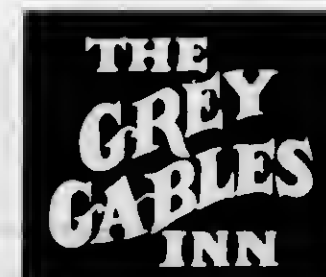
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Retirement



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Jan Dohm (left) and Bob Drebenstedt (right) chat during Dohm's retirement party at the Charlevoix County building Friday, Jan. 20. Dohm, who spent the majority of her 26 years with the county as chief deputy of the county's Register of Deeds, plans to pursue some hobbies as well as spend more time with her family.

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See-North to offer series of teaching courses in February

SEE-North, northern Michigan's regional mathematics, science and environmental education center, is offering professional development for Kindergarten through eighth grade teachers in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

The classes are designed to help instructors teach and assess in ways that reflect the new Grade Level Content Expectations in mathematics.

Three Mathematics - Grade Level Assessments and Content Expectations workshops will be offered, each consisting of three concurrent sessions for specific grades. The workshops will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at East Jordan Elementary School. The first will take place Feb. 1 for Kindergarten, third and sixth grade teachers. The second will take place Feb. 8 for first, fourth and seventh grade teachers. And the third will take place Feb. 15 for second, fifth and eighth grade teachers.

Each teacher will receive two sets of materials that are being disseminated statewide. One set will be reviewed in the morning and the other will be presented in the afternoon. Each workshop will provide time for teachers to interact with colleagues to discuss age-appropriate materials and

classroom strategies.

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is co-sponsoring these sessions with SEE-North and will cover the costs of substitute teachers for participants from its constituent school districts.

SEE-North's Michigan Mathematics and Science Center grant will cover all other costs. There is no registration fee. Workshop leaders are experienced teachers who are also members of SEE-North's Michigan Mathematics Leadership Team. The leaders are Bill Allen of Boyne Falls; Kay Wasilewski of Charlevoix; and Gwen Catt and Greg Frey of Gaylord.

For more information about Mathematics - Grade Level Assessments and Content Expectations workshops, contact SEE-North at (231) 348-9700 or visit seenorthern.org. To register, contact the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District at (231) 547-9947.

Historical Society's Valentine party to take place Feb. 7

The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting its 8th Annual Valentine Party at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Depot.

Admission ticket is one Valentine destined for a shut-in. Dessert will be provided. Guests are invited to bring readings of romantic poetry and prose.

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Engagement

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Sarah Warner and Jason Roy of Chicago, Ill. have announced their engagement and plans for a June 17 wedding.

Sarah is the daughter of Doug Warner of Charlevoix and Marty Jo Caputo of Pine Island, Fla. Jason is the son of Robert Roy III, of Las Vegas, Nev. and Deborah Rowntree of Chicago, Ill.

Judge Richard Pajtas will wed the couple who will exchange marriage vows at 2:30 p.m. June 17 at the bride's family farm, H & D Farms, with 300 guests attending. The bride will be given in marriage by her father, Doug Warner.

The maid of honor will be Katie Chanda.

The groom's best man will be Aaron Temple.

A reception will follow at the family farm.

The couple is planning a wedding cruise around the Mediterranean Sea.

They plan to make their home in Chicago, Ill.

Sarah is project manager for Equity Office Properties and Jason is vice-president of Kernel Seasons.

Cooking series with area chefs offered at arts center

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is offering the third annual Culinary Arts Series.

Local chefs from award-winning restaurants will teach a cooking series from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Classes begin on Tuesday, Feb. 7 and run through the end of April.

Students will explore cooking techniques, learn trade secrets, participate in hands-on learning and enjoy gourmet dishes.

Each class is hooked on an individual basis with a limit of 12 students per class. Students are encouraged to bring a French knife, paring knife, apron and two hand towels.

The class schedule is Feb. 7, Pellston Market; Feb. 14, Galley Gourmet Valentine's Chocolate

Extravaganza; Feb. 21, Bay Harbor Yacht Club and Esperance; Feb. 28, Bay Harbor Yacht Club and Esperance; March 7, City Park Grill; March 14, Galley Gourmet; March 21, Chandler's; and March 28, Julieanne Tomatoes.

April classes will be announced at a later date.

The fee for the class is \$40 per class for Crooked Tree Arts Center members and \$50 per class for non-members.

The class will meet in the Boh Forman Kitchen of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

The arts center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey.

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Obituaries

Jeffrey Judy: May 20, 1954 - Jan. 14, 2006



Jeffrey Judy

Jeffrey Lee Judy, 51, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Jan. 14, at his home in Charlevoix. Jeff was born May 20, 1954, in Whittier, Calif., the son of Forrest and Ruby (Williams) Judy.

He spent most of his life in LaQuinta, Calif., before moving to northern Michigan in the 1980s.

Jeff was a stone and concrete mason by trade.

He also played the guitar and was a professional musician.

He was a kind, loving husband and stepfather.

Jeff is survived by his former wife, Linda Wood Judy of Petoskey; stepsons, Jeffrey and Jeremy Kimble; and mother-in-law, Nancy Wood of Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix House, 206 Antrim St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

John Moran Sr.: Oct. 11, 1927 - Jan. 16, 2006

John D. Moran, Sr., 78, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Jan. 16, at his home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian Burial took place on Thursday, Jan. 19, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Fr. Jerry Hunko officiated and interment followed in St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

John was born Oct. 11, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Edward and Margaret (Botamer) Moran. He graduated from John Adams High School in 1944, then attended college. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. On Feb. 2, 1948, he married the former Jeanette Lucas in Cleveland, Ohio.

John owned and operated J&J

Foods grocery where he was a meat cutter, then partnered with his son at J.D. Construction in Cleveland, Ohio. He later worked for Conrail railroad as a clerk where he retired in 1989.

John and Jeanette moved to Charlevoix 10 years ago. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, and he enjoyed boating and fishing with his family.

John is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jeanette; sons, John D. "Jack" (Karen) Moran of Charlevoix, Thomas O. (Deborah) Moran of Cleveland, Ohio; daughters, Patricia A. "Patsy" (Richard) Kacvinsky of Atlanta, Ga., Paulette A. (Dennis) Kozlowski of St. Augustine, Fla., Jill

A. (Raymond) Purgert of Cleveland, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, William (Delores) Moran of Cleveland, Ohio, Timothy (Janice) Moran of Goodyear, Ariz.; sister, Sister Margaret Edward of Africa; brother-in-law, Charles Newton of Warren; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Moran and Helen Moran both of Cleveland, Ohio.

John's grandson, John D. Moran, III, preceded him in death, as did his brothers, Edward, Harold, and James, and sister, Rita.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Hospice, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Accident delays MDOT traffic light upgrades

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Traffic will continue to be reduced to one lane of traffic coming from the north into downtown Charlevoix as work on the traffic light at the north side of the bridge continues.

The Michigan Department of Transportation initially reduced traffic to one lane of travel in November to facilitate a project aimed at modernizing the lights on the north and south sides of the bridge.

According to Rise Rasch, the Traverse City transportation service manager for the Michigan Department of Transportation, this is part of a larger \$450,000 project devoted to traffic signal upgrades in the Traverse City authority's six-county coverage area.

The project contractor, Windemuller Electric, completed work on the south side but was thrown off schedule on Nov. 30 when a dump truck exceeding legal height requirements tore down the north side light.

A temporary light has been put in place.

"The temporary situation is acceptable until the contractor is able to get back in," Rasch said.

Rasch explained that the accident changed the project's scope requiring



File photo

The driver of a Great Lakes Excavating 1986 dump truck was cited by the City of Charlevoix Police Department for violating the city's height requirements after he took out this traffic light on the north side of the bridge Nov. 30. A temporary light has since been put in its place but the accident delayed upgrades to the bridge traffic lights being undertaken by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

new materials to be ordered and a new design developed.

She said aside from the wait on materials, Charlevoix will also have to be patient while the traffic light project is worked back into the construction schedule.

"This is not the typical time of year to do something more elaborate," she said. The new project includes resetting pole foundations, Rasch said weather and materials will play a role in the project timeline. And at this time a concrete construction schedule has not been established.

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Pastor: Rev. Hankins 547-6430

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care 10:30 a.m.
Church Office 547-6322

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205 Clinton Street
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Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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Development rights ordinance considered

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission was recently asked to review a proposed ordinance which would, among other things, help Charlevoix County maintain its "historic, rural character."

If the Charlevoix County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance is adopted, said county planner, Larry Sullivan, some of the benefits would be a reduction of road congestion in certain areas, maintenance of quality hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities, incentives for young farmers and a decrease in urban sprawl.

Sullivan emphasized that this would be a voluntary program.

"We're only attempting to make this program available should they (eligible landowners) care to utilize it," he said. "This is not something that's going to be forced on anyone."

He added, "We're probably about 15 percent of the way to getting the program established. We're waiting to hear back from the (county) prosecutor (John Jarema) and then we'll change anything they deem appropriate."

Sullivan said, following the prosecutor's legal opinion on the draft of the proposed ordinance, the planning commission will

likely schedule a public hearing, take comments from citizens and send the findings to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

According to Sullivan, the gist of the ordinance is that qualified landowners will have the opportunity to sell the development rights to their farmland or open space.

In exchange for a percentage of what the land is worth, the landowner contractually agrees not to use the land for other purposes such as commercial or residential development.

If passed, Sullivan said, "We would see it as providing the farming community with a vehicle or tool to ensure farming continues in Charlevoix County well into the future."

He added, "Farmers don't generally have 401k or retirement plans. Their retirement plan is their land. Should a person have to sell all their property to enjoy the fruits of their labor a little bit? With this they could maybe have some enjoyment in their later years."

Charlevoix County's draft of the proposed ordinance is similar to some of the open space preserva-

tion ordinances adopted in neighboring counties.

"Ours is similar to Antrim's. We have made some changes however," he said. "Antrim (County) made theirs available to go to referendum and we did not do that."

Sullivan said, "We took basically a model ordinance developed under the auspices of and in conjunction with a few groups like the Michigan Farm Bureau and fine-tuned it to fit Charlevoix County — I'm not a big believer in reinventing the wheel."

The Charlevoix County Land Preservation Board will be created as part of this draft ordinance with the mission of developing a plan with a numerical scoring system of how to select eligible farmland, among other things.

Sullivan said Charlevoix's land preservation board will be different in that the county commissioner's seated on the board will be able to vote and there is the possibility that someone outside the county could be on the board since some people with a substantial interest in Charlevoix may not live within the county limits.

Under certain circumstances landowners could purchase the development rights on their property back from Charlevoix County, but the price would be assessed as a development, not farmland.

Another option for landowners who participate in this program and later decide they would like to develop the property is to exchange the restricted piece of property for another, unrestricted, piece of land of similar value.

Sullivan said, because there are so many individuals working at the state and local level who deal with land surveying and the like, he does not see much, if any, cost for developing the land preservation board and the work they do.

And, he said there are enough grants and funds from the state and federal government for the use of protecting farmland and open spaces that Charlevoix County most likely won't be saddled with the cost of purchasing the development rights.

The draft of the proposed ordinance states, "Charlevoix County is experiencing substantial residential development and due to the presence of increasingly urbanized areas, attractive landscapes and excellent public schools, Charlevoix County will continue to be an attractive place for residential and other development in the future."

As a result, the ordinance states county representatives wish to see, "Long-term protection of farmland and open space under the pressure of increasing development."

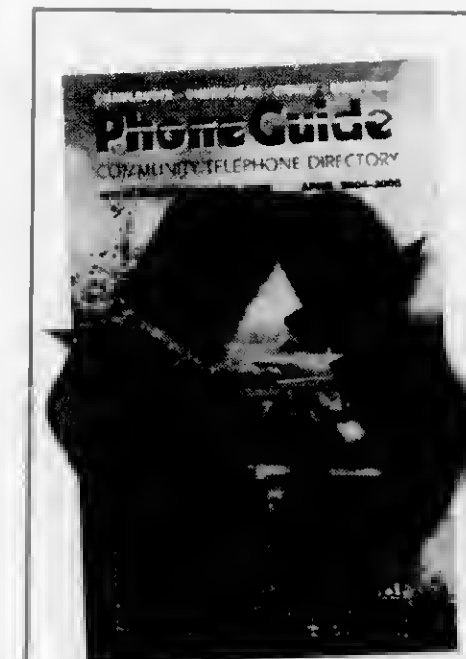
Humane Society to host hula fund-raiser

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

The highlight of this event will be the hot sounds of Mojo and the Boggieman. Tickets are \$30 per person and will include hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 1 and can be purchased at the humane society located at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City.

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Youth Advisory Committee awards grants

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee recommended awards totaling over \$22,000 to benefit young people.

Financial support for a variety of enrichment opportunities were also funded including the purchase of jerseys for two youth hockey teams; support for a stringed instruments program; and assistance with a science education program on energy for elementary students and their teachers.

There were 11 non-profit organizations receiving Youth Advisory Committee moneys for 12 programs within this funding cycle.

The organizations, the successful projects and amount of the grant awards are as follows:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters — \$2,000 to support a self-esteem building, educational program for teen females.

- Boyne Area Hockey Association — \$1,300 to purchase jerseys for two youth

hockey teams.

- Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills — \$2,500 for replacement of downhill ski equipment and training for at-risk youth to become certified in ski binding installation.

- Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation — \$2,000 toward expansion of the FIT Kids program to improve the health status of kids, including eighth graders.

- Charlevoix Children's House — \$1,750 for up to three partial scholarships for preschool children.

- Charlevoix Little League — \$1,900 for replacement of a wide variety of baseball equipment needs.

- Crooked Tree Arts Center — \$500 to support the Boyne City Elementary School stringed instruments program with the purchase of music stands.

- Jordan River Arts Council — \$4,000 to support the "Robo Recycled and Kinetic Art" program for elementary, middle and high school students.

- Northern Community

Mediation — \$280 to purchase a DVD called "Shoplifting is Stealing" for the Victim Offenders Reconciliation Program.

- Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan — \$600 towards the "Out of the Locker Room" program for teen males.

- Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan — \$1,900 towards the Merit program, a reproductive health information and decision making program for middle school teens.

- Raven Hill Discovery Center — \$3,750 toward program costs for elementary school students and their teachers to explore various forms of energy.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee has now distributed more than \$503,000 to programs benefiting young people since the group started awarding grants in 1994. Money for grant making comes from a special endowment called the Charlevoix County Youth Fund held by the community foundation. The fund was spearheaded with financial

support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and has assets of more than \$1 million.

Members of the Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee are Brittany Crandall, Maevie Green and Brenna Green from Beaver Island; Cory Mills, Zachera Wollenberg and Tyler Urman from Boyne City; Terra Wasylewski, Darryl Kowalski and Hunter Brisson from Boyne Falls; Zita Anderson, Dustin Dibble and

Matt Teuscher from Charlevoix; Paul Schneider, Sierra Roberts and Courtney Jackson from East Jordan.

The next deadline for submitting a grant request to the foundation for youth related projects is April 3, 2006.

For more information about grant making opportunities, or the community foundation, call (231) 536-2440.

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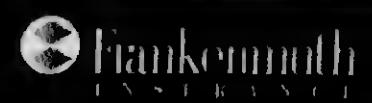


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Knights of Columbus free throw champs



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Trophy winners from the free-throw competition are (from left) Sarah Potter, Megan Peters, Ericka Faust, Collin McDonough, Keegan LaBlance, Lynzie Gotshall, Beau Boss, Shane Sutherland and Charlie Hamilton. Missing from photo is Kari Steenwyk.



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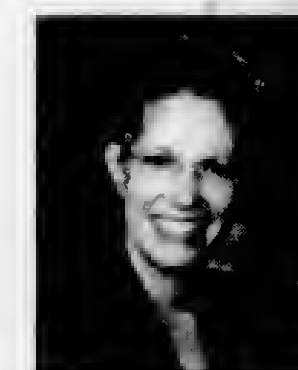
Collin McDonough, 14, competes for the third year at the annual free throw competition.



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(Left) Kari Steenwyk, holds the trophy she earned for sinking the most free throws in the girls 10-year-old division. At the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship Jan. 21 at Charlevoix Middle School. Over 20 area students competed. Winners will compete in Cheboygan.

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Filing deadline Feb. 7 for school board election

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Two seats are up for grabs during this year's school board elections and those wishing to run have until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 to file.

The seats of school board president, Dennis Halverson and school board member Ardeth Wieland will both expire June 30. The election is May 2. Halverson said he plans to run, while Wieland said she does not.

"I've always enjoyed the educational environment," Halverson said. "This gave me the opportunity to give something back to the community. And I don't think there's any more important effort than trying to ensure a productive and valuable educational experience for our kids here in Charlevoix."

Halverson, who has served on the board for approximately six years, said he has enjoyed watching Charlevoix Public School graduates go on to become productive members of the community.

"I think you can look back and hopefully say that their educational experience in Charlevoix at least formed the foundation for that to happen," he said.

Halverson said one of the reasons

he will run again is because there are still things he wishes to accomplish.

"I'd like to be able to work through this budget crisis we're experiencing and still be able to retain our current programs and the level of education we've been able to establish and expect here," he said.

Halverson said anyone considering campaigning for a position on the school board should have dedication and the ability to compromise.

And, he said, "Take the time to be able to learn the issues and the implications for the different decisions the board may make. That hugely speaks to the future budgets we're going to have to work with."

"I don't believe the cutting to maintain the district solvency is over. So as a result of that, unless something changes, I believe some tough decisions are coming to the board in the near future which I think will have huge implications in this community," he added.

Halverson said Wieland will be missed as a board member.

"She brought a wealth of historic knowledge which was beneficial in many of the board's deliberations," he said. "She brought some background and experience as to why things are the way they are today

and that was extremely valuable to the board on many occasions."

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, said serving on the school board is a great way of serving the community.

"If they (citizens) are concerned about the state of public education in Charlevoix, this is a way to serve the community," he said. "Some people

join service organizations to serve the community and some people run for public office."

According to the Michigan Secretary of State office, local school board candidates seeking office at the May 2 election must file an affidavit of identity and a nominating petition at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office. Or, payment of a \$100 non-refundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office.

Wieland, who sat on the board for nearly 32 years, said she won't run again due to health concerns, but she is anxious that people are aware the school board seats are up for election.

"We need some new faces there who are interested in educational changes and will spend some time helping our school systems maintain the quality that has been there for many years," she said. "The educa-

tion that our children receive determines not only their future, but the future of everyone else in our community and our country."

Wieland said she will miss working with such dedicated people over the years.

"There was a close working relationship that made us a school family," she said. "The fact that is that there was a close working relationship among the teachers, support staff and administration. That's what has made our school system a leader."



Dennis Halverson



Ardeth Wieland

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Gearing up for baseball season



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(Above) Oakland University coach Dylan Putnam addresses campers at Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp. He was assisted by Charlevoix High School baseball coaches including Allen Telgenhof, Brian Certa, Kirk Heckendorn, Joe Niswander and Neil Friske. In attendance were 24 campers, mostly from Charlevoix but some came from East Jordan, Central Lake, Ellsworth and Traverse City.



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(Left) Baseball players Shannon Gillespie and Logan Niswander attended Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp on Jan. 15 at Charlevoix High School.

Local health department receives accreditation

The Michigan Department of Community Health has awarded the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Certification of Accreditation, recognizing outstanding achievement.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"The purpose of the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program is to assure and enhance the quality of local public health in Michigan," said James Butler, public health administrator for the Michigan Department of Community Health. "I am delighted to recognize the Northwest Community Health Agency's recent achievement of Accreditation with Commendation. This noteworthy milestone represents the health department's ongoing dedication and commitment to assuring community wellness via strong public health programming."

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency met or exceeded standards in all areas reviewed through the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program. These 19 areas are: Health assessment; policy development; quality improvement; health promotion; health protection; administration; creating and maintaining a competent work force; food service sanitation; general communicable disease control; hearing;

immunization; on-site sewage treatment management; sexually transmitted diseases; vision; HIV/AIDS maternal support services/infant support services; family planning; breast and cervical cancer control; and WIC administration.

"The health department's home health and hospice services are also fully accredited, through the Community Health Accreditation Program."

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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Synopsis
Monday, January 16, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

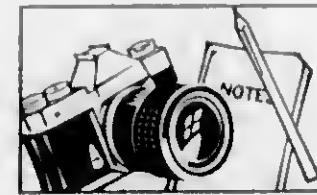
- Motion passed amending Resolution 2006-01-01 to include the City Manager and Street Superintendent as designated parties and to approve the January 3, 2006 minutes as amended.
- Motion passed accepting the grant agreement from Charlevoix County Community Foundation for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark to support construction of the Skatepark.
- Council directed the City Manager to proceed with advertisements for an Airport Consultant (must be done to continue to apply for grants).
- Motion passed to appoint Gerard Doan as Police Chief.
- Motion passed regarding the Police Chief compensation package.

Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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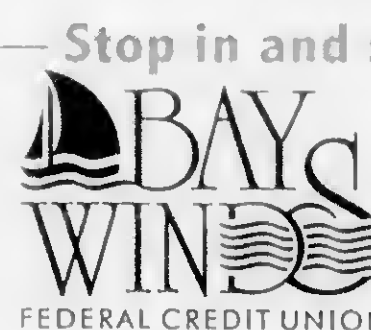
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Tips for keeping babies healthy and safe

It's time for keeping New Year's resolutions, and a public health nurse from the local health department hopes new moms and dads will consider a resolution or two to keep their babies healthy and safe during 2006.

"We're encouraging parents, and parents-to-be, to practice these 'Healthy Dozen' tips from the U.S. Surgeon General," said Suzette Daly, family health supervisor for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Oshtemo counties.

Eat healthy, it's good for you and your baby. Every woman of child-bearing age should consume at least 400 micrograms of folic acid each day. Folic acid can prevent neural

tube defects and congenital malformations.

Don't drink alcohol when you are pregnant or might become pregnant. Alcohol can affect an unborn baby even before a woman knows that she is pregnant, and the problems caused by prenatal alcohol exposure are lifelong and preventable.

Get prenatal care early. Immediate and consistent prenatal care can prevent pre-term delivery and improve pregnancy and childbirth.

Don't smoke and don't allow anyone else to smoke around your baby. Smoking during pregnancy can lead to a low birth weight baby and can reduce your baby's lung function.

Breast feed your baby. Breast feeding for at least the first six months of life has significant health ben-

efits. Mother's milk has just the right amount of fat, sugar, water and protein that is needed for a baby's growth and development and it has antibodies to help protect infants from bacteria and viruses and to fight infections.

Place your baby "back to sleep." A baby should sleep on a firm mattress, on his/her back with no fluffy pillows or stuffed animals. Following these simple steps can lower the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

Always use a car safety seat. Be sure your baby rides in an age/weight

appropriate child safety seat, correctly installed, on every trip.

Never leave your baby unattended. To prevent unintentional injuries, never leave baby alone on a changing table, bed or in a bath, pool, high chair or stroller.

Safety-proof your house. To prevent accidental poisoning, move all medication and cleaning products to high shelves. To prevent burns, set your hot water heater to 120 degrees and never leave cups of hot water or handles to pots on the stove where baby might reach for it. To prevent choking, be sure that toys do not have

small parts and never allow infants to play with balloons or plastic bags.

Never, ever shake your baby. Shaking a baby, even a little, may lead to severe brain damage and death.

Fully immunize your baby. Immunizations have prevented death and disease for millions of children throughout the United States and the world.

Learn infant first aid and CPR. For more information about how you can keep your child healthy, contact Daly at (231) 547-6523 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

Annual snowmobile ride-in canceled due to conditions

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club's annual ride-in which was scheduled to take place this Saturday, Jan. 28 has been canceled due to weather conditions.

Formed over 10 years ago, the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club is a means

for snowmobile enthusiasts to get-together.

For more information about the club, to apply for membership or to check dates of the rescheduled ride-in visit the club's Website at www.chxsnwmobile.com. Or call (231) 547-9660.

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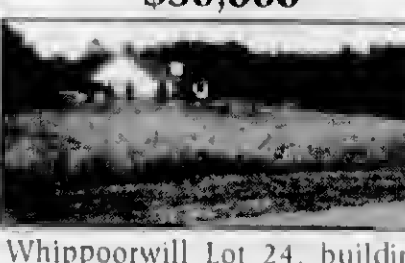
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CHS Winterfest events to begin Jan. 30

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Even the recent warm spells aren't enough to melt the spirit of the 2006 Charlevoix High School Winterfest court as they prepare for the annual cool weather cotillion.

According to Charlevoix High School activity/student coordinator, Gail Cherry, Winterfest, which will begin the week of Jan. 30, has long been a way of keeping the kids occupied during the long winter months as well as giving them a break after a period of tough testing.

"It's a good alternative activity in the middle of winter," Cherry said. "It's right after exams, which is a good time for the students to have some fun."

She added, "Sometimes they do snow sculptures. They'll do dress up days and the theme for this year is cities of the U.S."

The king and queen of Winterfest will be crowned during half-time at the basketball game on Friday, Feb. 3 at Charlevoix High School.

"And, there'll be a Winterfest dance on Feb. 4 at the elementary school," Cherry said.

The dance lasts from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

During the week of Winterfest the kids will engage in some wacky events such as Monday hat day, Tuesday college sweatshirt day, Wednesday white T-shirt day, Thursday tie day and Friday the kids will show their Rayder spirit with maroon and white day.

This year's Winterfest court consists of Chantelle Dionne, Michael DiMartino, Jillian Wilhelm, Shannon Gillespie, Madison Ramsey, Jeff Golovich, Stevie Murray, Chuck Mason, Caitlin Cole and Josh Saur.

Dionne is the daughter of Kelly and Jerry Bingham and Steve Dionne. Over the school years, Dionne has enjoyed participating in team sports such as volleyball and track. Dionne works at Catch-a-Tan. After graduation, she plans on attending Chicago State University and majoring in business.

Michael DiMartino, son of Fred and Donna DiMartino, is a four-year veteran of Rayder soccer and the Charlevoix Indoor Soccer league as well as three years playing basketball and track. DiMartino, who co-founded the 2006 Charlevoix High School Chess Club is a member of the Senior Gentlemen's Club. He plans to attend Michigan State University.

Jillian Wilhelm, daughter of Thomas and Christine Wilhelm, is a member of the National Honor Society, a veteran of jazz, marching and concert bands, and an active member of the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church.

Upon graduation, Wilhelm plans to study nursing and business administration at North Central Michigan College.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The 2006 Winterfest Court of Charlevoix High School are (front row, from left) Jillian Wilhelm, Chantelle Dionne, Madison Ramsey, Caitlin Cole and Stevie Murray. (Back row, from left) Shannon Gillespie, Jeff Golovich, Michael DiMartino, Josh Saur and Chuck Mason. Winners will be crowned at half-time of the Rayder basketball game Feb. 3.

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Winterfest king and queen to be crowned Friday, Feb. 3

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Shaunon Gillespie, son of Danny and Tammie Gillespie, was a varsity wrestler for three years. In addition, Gillespie played football, soccer and baseball. He also competed in the Charlevoix Indoor Soccer League.

Gillespie is a member of the Senior Gentlemen's Club and the play-by-play announcer for the chess club. He also plans to study nursing at North Central Michigan College following graduation.

Madison Ramsey, daughter of Keith and Mary Ramsey, played four years of basketball and three years of soccer. She is a member of the Rayder Power Pos. After graduation, Ramsey plans to study business at Grand Valley State University.

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society planning session Feb. 2

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, Feb. 2, in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, located at 201 E. Main Street, in Boyne City.

A special planning session will begin at 5:30 p.m. On the agenda for discussion will be the society's plans for participation in the Boyne City Sesquicentennial events and the soci-

University.

Jeff Golovich, son of Scott and Karen Golovich, played four years of both football and wrestling. Golovich also competed in track. Golovich is yet undecided as to his course of study.

Stevie Murray, daughter of John and Debi Murray, is a member of the National Honor Society and active in the Rayder Power Pos. She played for four years in both soccer and basketball. Murray plans to study art design at Grand Valley State University.

Chuck Mason, son of Hugh and Betsy Mason, is a member of the National Honor Society and served on student council as class co-president for four years. Mason represents the Rayders on the cross-country and tennis teams and is also on the Petoskey Harbor Lacrosse League.

city's fund-raising projects. Ideas and suggestions from members and the general public are welcome.

The society's regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m. There will be an open forum to discuss how to break down the brick walls in genealogical research.

All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Jo at (231) 582-9602 or Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Mason is the student representative to the Charlevoix school board and a senator for the United States Senate Youth Program.

Mason has yet to decide on a college or career of study, but has the selection narrowed to Kalamazoo College, Penn State or Notre Dame.

Caitlin Cole, daughter of Shane and Chris Cole, played basketball and track for four years each as well as serving four years on student council and supporting the Rayder Power Pos. Cole plans to study business at Central Michigan University.

Josh Saur, son of Gary Saur and Jim and Deb MacKenzie, played tennis, football and has experience on the cheerleading team.

Saur belongs to the Gentlemen's Club and the Exotic Animal Hunting Club. He plans to study medicine at either Michigan State University or Cocoa Beach Community College.

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Business turnover prompts community response

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Business factors

An exodus of retail ventures located along the three Bridge Street blocks stretching from the bridge to Antrim Street have some searching for answers to Charlevoix's retail woes.

"It doesn't look good," said Richard Georgi, a Charlevoix resident who owns several buildings in downtown Charlevoix and is one-third owner of Vacation Properties Network.

In 2005 and into this early part of 2006 numerous new and established businesses have left Charlevoix.

Established names that are gone, or on their way out, include Bahnhof Sport, Cotton Harbor Wear, Trademark, Interior Motives, New World Cafe and The Appletree.

Newer businesses that shut down shop here include Winslow Jones Portraiture, Momentum which is consolidating with The Troll, Bridge Street Clothing Outlet which may reopen in the spring, and Brittany's of Charlevoix.

As Brittany's of Charlevoix owners Terry and Jim Gerou packed up their inventory early this month, which included home decor and gift items, the two said they are disappointed.

"We didn't want to come in, make money, and leave. We can't make it. There wasn't enough people," Terry Gerou said. "We scouted the area for three years and wanted to come into this community and stay open year-round."

After only eight months in business in Charlevoix the Gerous called it quits in spite of having four months remaining on their lease at a building located at the north corner of Park Avenue and Bridge Street.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Jim Gerou and his wife Terry spent the early part of January packing up inventory from their store Brittany's of Charlevoix. This is one of many businesses that closed its doors in 2005 and the early part of 2006 in downtown Charlevoix.

They said it cost more to stay open than if they were to close and pay the rent.

"I can't steal from Peter to pay Paul. It doesn't work in business," Jim Gerou said. "But you aren't producing enough traffic to pay that kind of rent."

The couple own and operate two other stores in the Upper Peninsula, where they live, that are open seasonally, from May to October. They said those two stores produce more sales annually than Brittany's recorded in its eight-month stint here.

"You need people in a small town like this to back up their local busi-

nesses. We all need each other to survive, one hand feeds the other," Terry Gerou said. "People come through and ask you to support this or that, but they don't support the local businesses."

Aside from the Gerous' claims that local support just isn't here for retailers, they also said rent was a factor in their decision.

"Rent is atrocious in this town," she said.

Jim Gerou said with employee and building costs the two had to make \$12,000 a month just to break even. And they were only bringing in about a quarter of that.

This was a one time experience for the Gerous who said things would need to change dramatically in Charlevoix for them to open another business here.

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline

Merta, said, she too has heard through the years that part of Charlevoix's retail turnover equation is high rent.

While the easy target in the rent complaint is the landlords, Georgi, a landlord, said it's not that simple.

"I don't think landlords are more greedy than anyone else. We are looking for a return on our capitol," Georgi said.

Georgi agrees that rents pay a role in turnover downtown but said pressures like high taxes make rent breaks impossible.

"You have to apply a reasonable rent calculation to a property or you're just fooling yourself," he said. "The bottom line is the tenant gets clobbered with this huge tax."

Aside from high rents, Georgi said revenue is constrained by the short buying season controlled by tourism. Typical busy months are from late June to early September with an extra kick coming in October during the Apple Festival.

"There's only so much retail business in town. It's difficult for quality tenants to make money," he said. "Volume isn't so fantastic."

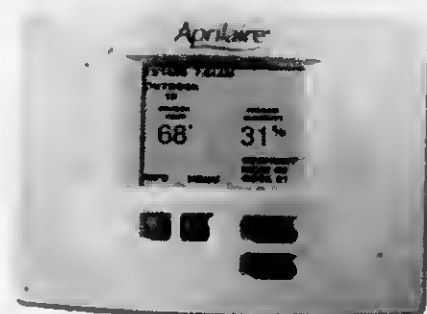
Solutions

Merta said it is also up to business owners just starting out to try and weather the storm. She said some businesses pack up and leave too soon.

"You have to give a business three to five years to work," she said.

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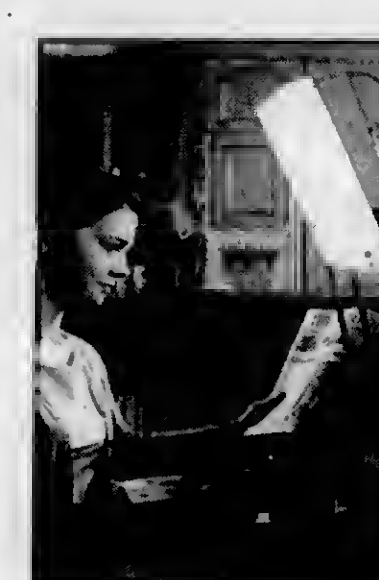
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Area experts propose solutions to business challenges

BUSINESS

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Merta and chairman of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority Hugh Mason said they feel this winter is typical in terms of retail turnover.

Projects the chamber has undertaken in conjunction with the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau to increase off-season shopping include the addition of a snowmobile route into East Park, promotion of Mt. McSaubia as a family recreation destination, lighting of cross country trails at Mt. McSaubia, the June Taste of Charlevoix event and pursuing a local Women's Winter Tour cross country skiing and snow shoeing event.

She said Charlevoix could see an economic boost from new legislation requiring Michigan schools to begin after Labor Day, the new library project and the marina and East Park renovation.

Georgi said it would be beneficial to focus on attracting tenants.

"We are doing nothing to seek out the right tenants," he said. "We can't develop a town with a better quality of life if we can't look outside the box and imagine ourselves as a second homeowner or

a tourist and ask, what could cause us to come to Charlevoix."

According to Merta, residents and visitors will soon welcome a new bakery in the former New World Cafe building. Service requests that aren't currently available in downtown Charlevoix which the chamber frequently fields include a bike rental and repair shop as well as jewelry, quilting, music and children's clothing stores.

An opportunity for Charlevoix that Georgi said Petoskey has taken advantage of is hiring a recruiter.

"I'm concerned that our retail appeal has diminished. Someone at the chamber, DDA or even the city level should be assigned to look at this whole thing," Georgi said. "What is missing in Charlevoix is ambience and a concerted effort to find good tenants. As a landlord I recognize that I want to fill the space but I not only want to fill the space, I want to fill them with interesting tenants."

Becky Goodman, is the downtown director for the City of Petoskey, employed by the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce through a contract with the Petoskey Downtown Management Board.

Goodman likened this board to the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

She said the bulk of her job is

recruiting tenants for vacant retail sites in Petoskey. She said the package she uses in this process doesn't include economic incentives like tax abatements but does include demographic information about Petoskey as well as guides, events and a personal letter expressing the city's interest in the business locating a site in Petoskey.

"My goal is to maintain a vital downtown and to strengthen Petoskey's economic core," Goodman said.

In recent meetings Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority member John Yarech has supported a position like Goodman's being started in Charlevoix.

Merta said she is hoping a blueprint study that the Charlevoix

Downtown Development Authority may pursue will help shed further light on the problem.

The state's Blueprint Program is an off-shoot of the popular Cool Cities initiative.

"It's more of a marketing program that looks at a mix of factors including business improvement, the longevity of businesses and bringing businesses in," city planner Gerry Harsch said.

Under the Blueprint Program, the consulting firm HycuPalma does a week-long market study of the downtown, including visits from the state preservation group and the housing authority. From the results of the study, goals are established and an action plan is developed to meet those goals. About 11 of these programs

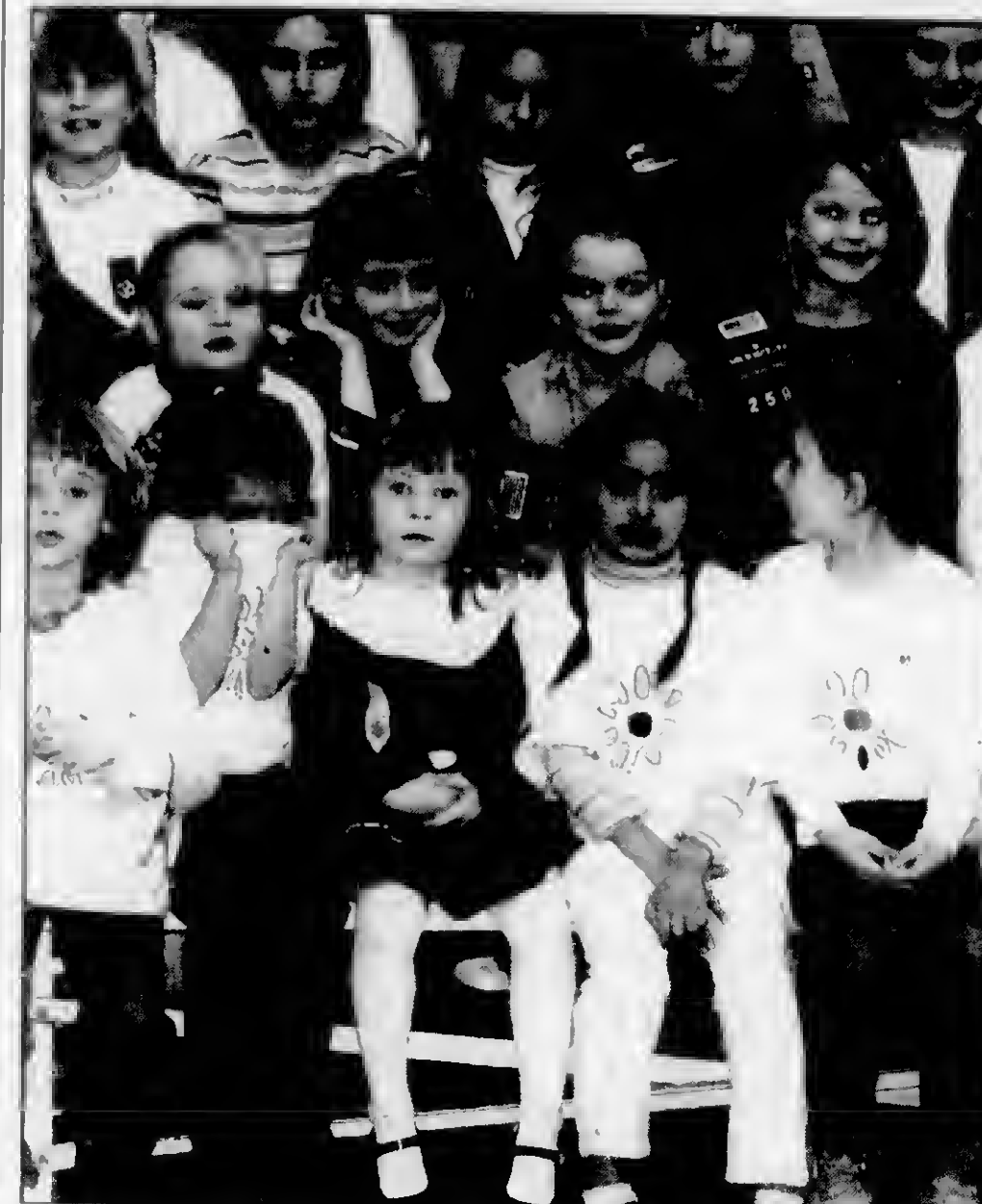
are done throughout the year in Michigan.

Funding for the Blueprint Program depends on the community's population but is generally a match with the development corporation footing the bill for half and the community paying the other half.

Charlevoix city manager Mike Wiesner told the authority that the program cost is about \$30,000 and if an application the city plans to submit in March of 2006 is denied, funds will have to come from elsewhere but the model of the program should still be pursued.

The Blueprint Program is steered by The Michigan Economic Development Corporation which has its headquarters in Lansing.

Scout's honor



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Area Girl Scouts came together Jan. 19 in a ceremony to celebrate being Girl Scouts. Girls who are new to scouting invested themselves in the program by taking the Girl Scout Promise for the first time in front of their fellow scouts. Girls and adults who are returning members also recite the Promise to rededicate themselves to scouting.

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Spencer currently holds the position of professor of

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Eye Health of Charlevoix relocates



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Optometrists Bob and Kim Molter, owners of Eye Health of Charlevoix recently relocated their office to a larger facility to better serve their clients. Above they are shown in one of two examination rooms at the new location.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Doctors Bob and Kim Molter who own and operate Eye Health of Charlevoix have moved their Charlevoix office to better serve customers.

"We have a growing practice," optometrist, Kim Molter, said.

Her husband, Bob Molter, who is also an optometrist, added, "We wish to thank all of our patients for supporting our office and making this expansion necessary. Kim and I are very happy to be part of our hometown business landscape, and look forward to serving the community for many years to come."

The eye care specialists shifted locations from their former office suite at 103 West Hurlbut to 109 West Hurlbut, the former Kusina's Farm Bureau Insurance Agency office.

Farm Bureau moved next-door to 107 West Hurlbut.

Moving Eye Health of Charlevoix necessitated a renovation at the new office headed up by contractors with Builders North. The renovations started in early December and were complete by Dec. 19.

The Molters' Charlevoix practice now has double the space they had before.

Kim said the extra space has provided more room for contact lens training.

The local office will continue to provide services that include comprehensive, diabetic and medical exams as well as foreign body and red eye treatments and contact and bifocal lens services.

They carry a complete line of eyeglass frames including designer brands like Calvin Klein and Fendi.

The couple moved to Charlevoix in 1996 and opened Eye Health of Kalkaska where they worked for three years before opening their Charlevoix office in 1999.

The Kalkaska office, which is primarily Bob's responsibility, is their largest followed by Charlevoix and Beaver Island. The island location is based out of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center. Bob, a licensed pilot, flies the team over quarterly to meet the eye care needs of their island clients.

The local office includes three employees, with Kim Molter at the helm and support staff members Andrea Hoose, a patient technician and optician, and office manager Julie Waterman. Additional employees may be brought on board this summer.

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The innovative banking prod-

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The Beaver Island chamber accepts award nominations

The Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce is taking award nominations for its 5th annual Citizen of the Year Banquet to take place on Saturday, April 22 at the Shamrock.

The award(s) for 2005 will honor an individual, couple or community organization that has made a significant contribution to making Beaver Island a better place to live, work or visit. Last year, Phil and Lil Gregg were honored with the award.

Each year nominations are solicited from the community. Anyone can submit a nomination, including those that are not chamber members.

A nominating form can be downloaded at www.beaverisland.org, picked up at the office

on Main Street next-door to the ferry dock or requested by mail at Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 5, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

The nine person Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors reviews all the nominations received prior to the deadline and selects the winner(s). This year's deadline is Monday, April 3. The winners are kept secret until the awards banquet. The award is a Beaver Island framed photograph and plaque.

For information about the nomination process contact the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505 or chamber@biip.net.

For banquet information contact the Shamrock at (231) 448-2278.



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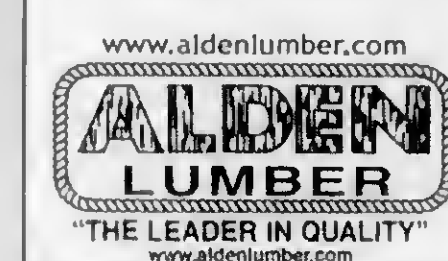
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SPORTS

Rayder volleyball to host Charlevoix Invitational

By SCOTT RICHARDS
Sports writer

The Elk Rapids girls' high school volleyball team came to town Jan. 19 and handed the lady Rayders their first conference loss this season.

Charlevoix lost the first match by a close score of 23-25. Then, the Rayders launched a strong comeback in the second match, winning 25-16.

However, they could not sustain the winning effort and lost the next two 21-25 and 22-25.

"They came to play," Charlevoix volleyball coach Liz Grunch, said. "They deserved to win."

The totals for the Elk Rapids game were Ashlie Bradley, Murphy Gillespie and Bethany Pearson with six kills each.

Zita Anderson added 30 assists in the losing effort.

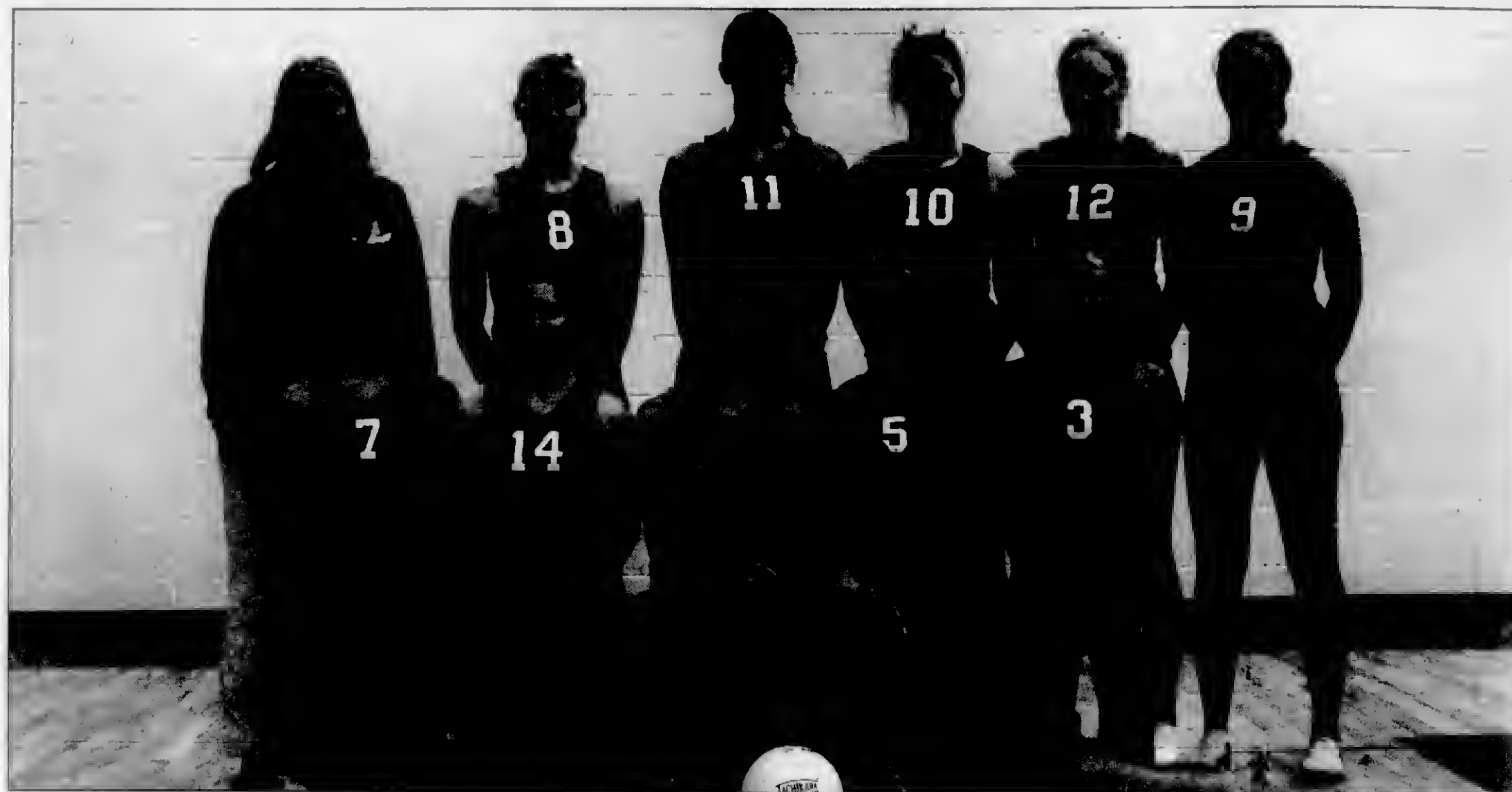
Sasha Spenceley had seven digs and Bradley had six.

Pearson and senior, Sally Haselschwardt contributed four blocks each.

The lady Rayders have one more conference game, this Thursday, Jan. 26 when they host East Jordan before the big Charlevoix Invitational this Saturday, Jan. 28.

The 16 schools that will play in the upcoming invitational include several ranked teams with Kingsley ranked number one in Class C, Suttons Bay with a honorable mention, also in Class C, Pellston and Harbor Light Christian will also be there and they are both ranked in Class D.

The Charlevoix Invitational will begin at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 28 with eight teams competing at Charlevoix High School and eight at Charlevoix Middle School.



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The Charlevoix Invitational will begin at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 28 with eight teams competing at Charlevoix High School and eight at Charlevoix Middle School. The invitational is hosted by the Charlevoix girls' volleyball team. Team members pictured above are (front, from left) Emily Heffling and Zita Anderson. (Middle) Teresa Potter, Jessica Stewart, Robyn Petzak, Janay Drost and Sasha Spenceley. (Back, from left) Coach Liz Grunch, Sally Haselschwardt, Bethany Pearson, Murphy Gillespie, Jourdan Holeccheck and Ashlie Bradley.



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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made by Charles E. and Linda A. Willette of 05845 S. Ranney Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 to Alden State Bank of 200 Alden St., Bellaire, MI 49615 dated November 21, 2002, and re-

corded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan on December 23, 2002 in Liber 506 of Mortgages, on page 844 thru 848 on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight and 25/100 (\$21,648.25) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Building, 301 State Street in the City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on February 10, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.5 percent interest, legal costs, Attorney's fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows; to-wit:

Township of South Arm, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan,

Commencing at a rail road spike at the West 1/4 corner of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along West line of said (centerline of Ranney Road) Section South 00 degrees 26'23" West 264.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89 degrees 44'25" East 330.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 00 degrees 26'23" West 66.84 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 89 degrees 44'38" East 98.72 feet to a T-iron stake on the West eighth line of said section; thence along said line South 00 degrees 29'20" West 321.47 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44'38" West 1317.14 feet to the West line of said section; thence along the West line of said Section North 00 degrees 26'23" East 388.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West. The period of redemption will be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: December 28, 2005
Mortgagee: Alden State Bank
by: Leon W. Sluyter, Vice President
Alden State Bank
PO Box 717
Elk Rapids, MI 49629
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**MORTGAGE SALE**

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by RODNEY C. ROBINSON and ANN L. ROBINSON, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking corporation, having its principal office at 78 S. Main, Rockford, Michigan, 49341, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded May 4, 2000 in Liber 387 of Mortgages, Page 617. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 59/100 (\$431,139.59) dollars including interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building, 301 State Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Charlevoix, City of Charlevoix, Michigan, on February 24, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (MCLA 600.3240(8), MSA 27A.3240(8)) the redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows; to wit:

East 658.85 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 33°20'41" West 216.72 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 01°42'00" East 85.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence on a bearing of East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 33 North, Range 7 West. 66 foot wide private easement for access and utilities; Commencing at a T-iron stake at the West 1/4 corner of Section 17, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section on a bearing of East 963.48 feet to a point in the centerline of Ferry Road, being the point of beginning of this description; thence along 1/4 line and along said centerline of a bearing of East 66.03 feet; thence South 01°42'00" West 33.01 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of said road; thence continuing South 01°42'00" West 451.99 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, thence South 33°20'41" East 216.72 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 00°56'16" West 117.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 33°20'41" West 334.37 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 01°42'00" East 470.87 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South line of said road; thence continuing North 01°42'00" East 33.01 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 33 North, Range 7 West. P.P. # 006-117-020-30-00

which is vacant land on Ferry Road, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

NPB Mortgage, LLC
770 Kenmore, SE
Suite 201
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

DATED: January 6, 2006

Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
161 Ottawa Avenue, NW
Suite 205-C
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315

L(01/11, 01/18, 01/25, 02/01)

Parcels "A" and "B" of "Castle Shores" Land located in the Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, all being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West, described as follows:

Parcel A: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence North 46 degrees 01'58" West 973.34 feet to a point on the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66, said point being on the East line of the former Julia J. Taylor property as recited in trustee's deed recorded in Liber 262, Page 701, Charlevoix County Records, thence North 59 degrees 11'01" West along the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66 334.87 feet to the East line of the Paul W. Klingenberg property as recorded in Liber 249, page 942; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West along said line 480.16 feet; thence East 30.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 100.00 feet; thence East 30.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 138.00 feet; thence East 68.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 328.72 feet; thence West 128.58 feet to the East line of said Klingenberg property; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West along said property 1123.39 feet to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence North 89 degrees 50'31" East along said shore 71.80 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 430.32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50'31" East 64.30 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 1189.28 feet; thence on a curve to the left 70.47 feet (radius of said curve is 417.03 feet, long chord bears South 4 degrees 51'45" East 70.39 feet); thence West 112.02 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West.

Parcel B: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence North 46 degrees 01'58" West 973.34 feet to a point on the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66, said point being on the East line of the former Julia J. Taylor property as recited in trustee's deed recorded in Liber 262, page 701, Charlevoix County Records; thence North 59 degrees 11'01" West along the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66, 167.43 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 59 degrees 11'01" West along said right of way of 167.44 feet to the East line of the Paul W. Klingenberg property as recorded in Liber 249, page 942; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West along said line 1046.92 feet; thence East 128.58 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 328.72 feet; thence West 68.58 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 138.00 feet; thence West 30.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 100.00 feet; thence East 112.02 feet; thence on a curve to the right 70.47 feet (radius of said curve is 417.03 feet, long chord bears North 4 degrees 51'45" West 70.39 feet); thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 1189.21 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50'31" West 64.30 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 430.32 feet; to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence North 89 degrees 50'31" East along said shore 71.80 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 1619.57 feet; thence on a curve to the left 75.22 feet (radius of said curve is 409.53 feet, long chord bears South 5 degrees 16'50"

East 75.12 feet); thence South 10 degrees 32'33" East 171.37 feet; thence on a curve to the right 202.70 feet (radius of said curve is 539.33 feet, long chord bears South 0 degrees 13'28" West 201.51 feet); thence South 10 degrees 58'11" West 194.86 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A ROAD AND UTILITY LINES EASEMENT 30 FEET IN WIDTH, THE CENTER LINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, MARION TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 01' 58" WEST 973.34 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGHWAY M-66, SAID POINT BEING ON THE EAST LINE OF THE FORMER JULIA J. TAYLOR PROPERTY AS RECITED IN TRUSTEE'S DEED RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 262, PAGE 701, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 11' 01" WEST ALONG THE NORTHEASTLY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-66, 167.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTER LINE THE FOLLOWING COURSES: NORTH 10 DEGREES 58' 11" EAST 194.86 FEET ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT 202.70 FEET (RADIUS IS 539.33 FEET, LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 0 DEGREES 13' 28" EAST 201.51 FEET); NORTH 10 DEGREES 32' 33" WEST 171.37 FEET ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT 75.22 FEET (RADIUS IS 409.53 FEET, LONG CHORD BEARS NORTH 5 DEGREES 16' 50" WEST); NORTH 0 DEGREES 01' 07" WEST 496.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

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tion"), with respect to the real property described below. A Notice of Lien (the "Lien") was thus filed by the Association on November 17, 2005 in the Charlevoix County Records at Liber 717, Page 057, pursuant to the terms of the Master Deed of the Edgewater Inn Condominium, which is recorded in Liber 306, Pages 540 through 570 of the Charlevoix County Records, as amended. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due upon the Lien the amount of \$6,904.81, together with accrued interest, collection costs, late fees and attorney fees. The Association is additionally owed upon the Lien, pursuant to the Master Deed and statute, all unpaid installments for the 2006 annual assessments and any advances paid by the Association to protect its Lien. No proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Lien, or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the provisions of said Master Deed and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on

Friday, March 3, 2006 at 11:00 A.M., and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Lien. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and more specifically described as follows:

Unit 57, The Edgewater Inn Condominium, according to the Consolidating Master Deed as recorded in Liber 306, Pages 540 through 570, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and amendments thereto, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 34; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendment(s) thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of the sale.
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Area events

First Aid class

A Basic First Aid course is being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in classroom B.

The cost for the Basic First Aid class is \$30.

The class is taught by a certified instructor through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

Yacht club off-season event

The Charlevoix Yacht Club will host an off-season series of free events open to the public during January and February.

At 7 p.m. Jan. 27 George Peet, Sr., the father of current Volvo Ocean Race Around the World participant George Peet, Jr., will show pictures and share stories from his trip to Spain with his son, who is a trimmer aboard the Dutch entry ABN AMRO TWO.

For more information visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Preservation society

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will host a membership meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 in the meeting room at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan. The program will be "Pictures from the Past," presented by society president, Carol Goodenough.

This program will be the kick-off of the society's county pictures collection. Goodenough will be sharing some of the older pictures that have already been preserved. Attendees are encouraged to bring along favorite pictures to share.

The group's goal is to collect photos of people, places and events that help tell the story of Charlevoix County.

The public is invited to the society's programs.

For more information contact Carol Goodenough at (231) 582-7042 or charlevoixchps@yahoo.com.

Family night

Music and movement will be celebrated at a fun activities program beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Charlevoix Elementary School for families with children ages birth to five.

Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher Jodi Thompson will be working with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District staff in an interactive music and movement event for parents and children. Older siblings are welcome to attend with their family. A light dinner will be provided from 5:30 to 6 p.m., with activities following. For more information call (231) 547-6217.

Fireman's Ball

The seventh annual Fireman's Ball will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50 and can be purchased at the fire department or through the president of the Firefighters Association, Winfield Scott. For ticket information, call Scott at (231) 547-2821.

Grief and loss support

Three Grief and Loss Support Groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Grief support groups create a safe and confidential atmosphere for all participants with educational and support materials provided to help guide participants. A Charlevoix group will meet at Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State St. This group will meet for six weeks from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Thursday, Feb. 16. A Petoskey group will meet at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church located at 1020 E. Mitchell St. and will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, Feb. 21. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. These services are free of charge to residents of Charlevoix and Emmet counties. To register or for more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or register on-line at www.hospiceitb.org.

Vertical Express for MS

The 21st annual Vertical Express for MS fund-raising ski event benefiting the Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis and its Michigan CAN DO Multiple Sclerosis wellness program will take place Feb. 24 at Boyne Mountain in Boyne City. Participants from across the state will ski to raise money and for a chance to win the grand prize all-expense-paid trip to Vail, Colo. Teams and sponsors need to sign-up as soon as possible for the event. Raise funds for former Olympic ski medalist Jimmie Heuga's Center for MS and the Michigan life-changing wellness programs. The event is open to skiers and riders of all ages and abilities. For more information or to register log on to www.verticalexpress.org or call Lisa Lamont at (248) 229-1993.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the library. They will be held Jan. 25 and March 8 and 15.

The interview process and correspondence guidelines will be covered during the first class. How to use the U.S. and Michigan census records will be the topic of the second class. In March, the first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

The fee for the four classes is \$14 for Friends of the Library members and \$20 for non-members. The fee can be paid upon registration at the library located off Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month.

and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is \$12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is \$40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated. A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix.

Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Community Food Pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

Health department offers lead poisoning test

Lead poisoning is often thought to be a problem of the past, but it is still the leading environmental health risk to children.

Lead poisoning is usually caused by months or years of exposure to small amounts of lead in the home,

work or daycare environment. It can also happen very quickly with exposure to high concentrations. The most common source of lead exposure for children is lead-based paint/dust and soil that are contaminated by it, especially in older

homes and buildings.

Many homes in northern Michigan, built before 1978, contain lead-based paint. The older the home, the more likely that windows, cupboards, doors, porches and outdoor surfaces contain lead-based paints. Lead dust can come from repairing areas with lead paint, opening and closing windows and through normal wear and tear of painted areas. Lead dust settles to the floor, gets on children's hands and toys, and enters their bodies when they put their hands or toys into their mouths.

Lead poisoning does not always produce symptoms, but it can be easily detected by a simple finger-stick blood test, available through the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Has your child ever lived in a home where the plumbing had lead pipes or copper pipes with lead solder joints?

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Agency, recommends parents review the following questions when deciding if their child should be tested for blood lead testing:

Has your child ever lived in or regularly visited a house built before 1950 with peeling or chipping paint? This may include daycare, preschool, baby-sitter or relatives.

Has your child ever lived in or regularly visited a house built before 1978 with renovation or remodeling within the past six months?

Has your child ever had a brother or sister, house mate, or playmate with lead poisoning?

Has your child ever lived near a busy street or highway?

Has your child ever eaten or drank from painted ceramic or imported dishes/glasses?

Has your child ever used any home remedies that may have contained lead?

Has your child ever lived in a home where the plumbing had lead pipes or copper pipes with lead solder joints?

Parents who answer "yes" or "don't know" to any of these questions should schedule an appointment with their child's health care provider or call the health department to schedule a blood lead test for their child. Lead-poisoned children may seem healthy or may have learning and behavior problems, tiredness, headaches, hearing problems, weight loss, hyperactivity and/or irritability.

Treatment for lead poisoning includes removing the source of lead exposure and eating a balanced diet, because adequate nutrition helps prevent absorption of lead. Often this treatment approach is enough to lower lead levels in the body. If blood lead levels are extremely high, medication that removes lead from the body can be prescribed.

For information about blood lead testing, call the local health department office at (231) 547-6523.

Patricia Fralick, director of family health services for Northwest Michigan Community Health

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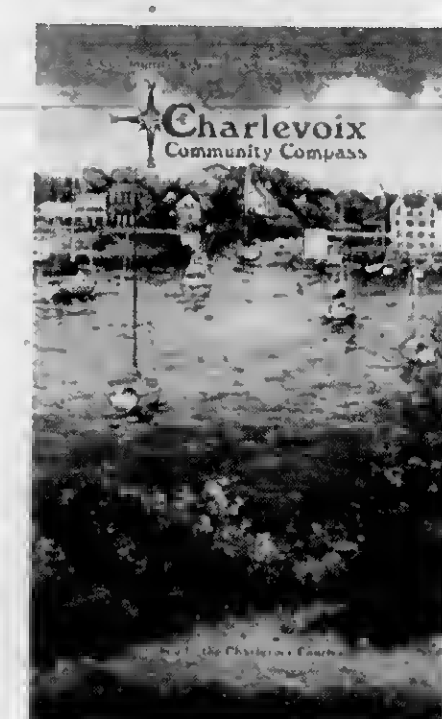
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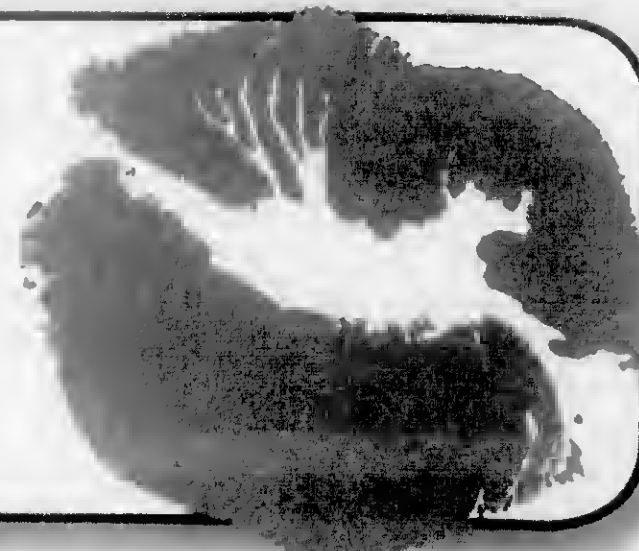
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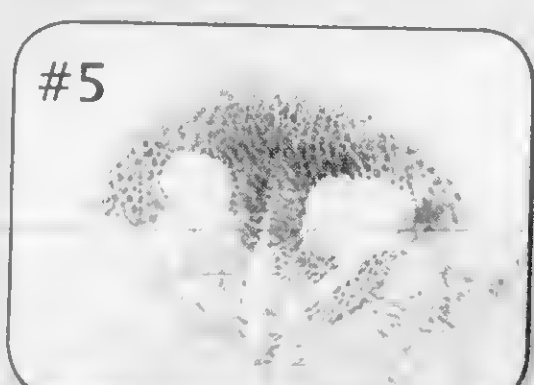
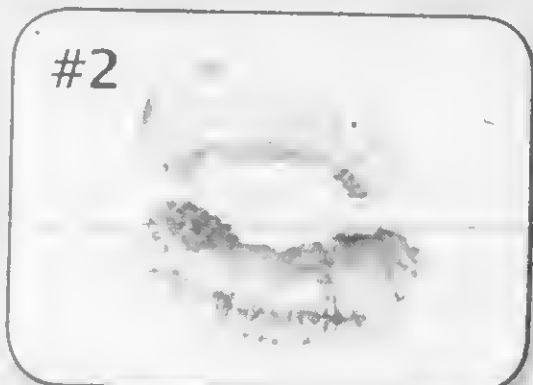
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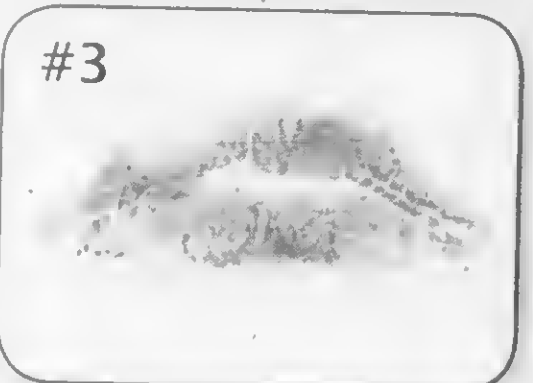
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County costs up from 2004

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The end of the year budget-to-expense summary for Charlevoix County shows how the county portion of your tax money was spent.

As of Dec. 31, 2005, the county spent \$10,975,178.33 of the \$11,080,927 budgeted for the year. Spending is up \$909,769.13 from 2004.

According to Charlevoix County Chief Deputy Clerk, Cherie Browe, expenses such as capital outlay which increased from \$115,853.06 in 2004 to \$307,910.12 in 2005 is due to a need for costly items such as cabinets and computer systems.

"If an item costs more than \$500 it has to be put under capital outlay," Browe said. "If it's under \$500, then it is considered an ordinary operating expense."

Browe said the smaller ticket items would still go through the audit committee for authorization of payment, but wouldn't have to be built into the budget as a capital expense.

Browe said, not including the commissioners' \$200 per month pay, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' salaries for 2005 are as follows: fourth district commissioner and chairman of the board, Vic Patrick, \$8,825; sixth district commissioner, Shirley Roloff, \$8,725; fifth-district commissioner Dennis

Jason \$950; third district commissioner, Ronald Reinhardt, \$5,300; second district commissioner, W. Randolph Frykberg, \$6,300 and first district commissioner, Josh Barnes, \$2,125.

Though there were increases in spending from 2004 to 2005, all increases are within the budgeted amounts.

Some of the jumps in spending were in capital outlay, board of commissioners, veterans affairs and emergency services.

Board of commissioners expenditures increased from \$156,257.78 in 2004 to \$331,323.64. According to County Clerk, Jane Brannon the increase was due to attorney fees as-

sociated with lawsuits with which the county was entangled.

Salaries for appointed and elected officials in Charlevoix County for 2005 are as follows: Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas, \$45,724; District Court Judge Richard May, \$19,661; Probate Court Judge Frederick Mulhauser, \$139,919; Friend of the Court George Ebenhoeh, \$52,509; Equalization Director Tom Wolf 48,932; Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema \$63,000; Register of Deeds Charlene M. Novotny, \$43,013; County Treasurer Marilyn Cousineau \$42,697; Maintenance 37,314; Sheriff George T. Lasater, \$53,423; Drain Commissioner Marc

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Catholic Schools Week



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

St. Mary School physical education teacher, Marie Volovsek, leads pre kindergarten students in an exercise on cooperation in celebration of Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30. St. Mary's theme this year is character, compassion and values. See page 9.

City electric bills to reflect a 5 percent rate increase

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

With energy users across the state singing the natural gas bill blues, those in the City of Charlevoix will have an additional verse to vocalize when electric bills arrive this month.

City of Charlevoix electric customers will see a 5 percent increase on their February bill, due in part to an accounting mix up.

In a memo from city treasurer Rick Brandi to city manager Mike Wiesner, Brandi explains that the power cost adjustment the city has applied to its electric user billing since October of 2005 was applied to the dollars billed, rather than kilowatt hours used, as was intended by the formula.

This means there is money due and part of that will be made up with an increase this month.

"The power cost adjustment is designed to recover charges for purchasing power when it exceeds the base amount established in the rates and rebate customers if the cost of power supply is below the base amount," said Mark Beauchamp, the city's consultant with the firm Utility Financial Solutions.

Brandi said the average user is billed for 500 kilowatt hours a month which equates to a hike of \$1.90 a month beginning in February.

However, larger commercial facilities, like the schools, will take a big hit with increases between 9 and 10.6 percent.

This new adjustment calculation will remain the same this month and in March but will be recalculated for April through September of 2006 based on the city's costs from October through March of 2006.

Bills reflecting these changes should be in the hands of city electric customers soon. The billing cycle began Feb. 1.

Aside from the misapplication of the power cost adjustment, other factors also play a role in the rate changes.

Brandi explained that the city owns portions of two coal fired electric plants in Lansing and Traverse City as well as a natural gas fueled plant in Kalkaska. Fuel costs related to producing power at the Kalkaska facility, which only runs during high demand periods, increased with natural gas prices.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County:

Mark Allen Delaff, 41, Petoskey. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 45 days in jail, to serve 45 days in jail.

Myron Randall McIntire, 20, Boyne City. Trespassing. Serve 30 days in jail.

William Robert Behling, 53, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve five days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Christopher Ezra Crowell, 30, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve eight days in jail, to serve six days in jail with credit for three days; \$200 in fines and costs.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 19, East Jordan. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 10 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve six days in jail; \$315 in fines and costs.

AshleyCherieWise, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol-third or subsequent offense; and minor in possession of tobacco. Serve 15 days of community service work; serve six month probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$300 in fines and costs.

Christopher Richard Delmoite, 40, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed-second or subsequent offense. Serve 20 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 17 days in jail; \$500 in fines

and costs.

Michael Sean Roth, 18, Jenison. Retail fraud-second degree. Serve 13 days in jail, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Loren Frances Kondrat, 49, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

Curt Allen Derenzy, 21, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated; and malicious destruction of property over \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 159 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; to write a letter of apology and attend Impact weekend; \$2,390 in fines and costs.

Steven Paul Goy, 44, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Paul Edward Smoot, 40, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Sarah Lee Groh, 28, Boyne City. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve six days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

David William Russell, 33, East Jordan. Sex offender fail to comply with reporting. Serve 12 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Richard William Tainter, 66, Boyne City. Trespass cutting or removing property. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:
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Kelly's Antiques Inc.; Don Kelly's Furniture, 06176 Old 31-South, Charlevoix, by Donald B. Kelly

Marriages
The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joseph Ryan Helsley, 25 and

Melissa Suzanne Tomlinson, 22, both of Boyne City
Jeffrey Jay Ferguson, 43 and Laurie Lynn Maurer, 27, both of East Jordan

Births

Austen Matthew Dietel weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born Jan. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Matthew and Angelica Dietel of Charlevoix. His sibling is Claire Louise Dietel.

Allie Elizabeth Pott weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born Jan. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Amy Pott of Charlevoix. Her sibling is Rachel Grace. Her grandparents are Carl and RoseAnn of Atwood and Paul and Sharron Parrish of Charlevoix.

Rockwell William Campbell weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born Jan. 26 at Otsego Memorial Hospital to Kevin and Tina Campbell. His grandparents are Karen and Gabe Campbell of Charlevoix and Krista Maria, also of Charlevoix.

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Rate hikes on the horizon for city electric customers

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Rick Brandi

At the same time, the Lansing plant had disruptions in coal delivery forcing the city to buy power from another source on the open market for more money.

"Prices are up for the power that we are buying but prices are up for everyone buying," city engineer, Don Swem, said.

The federal government through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has also played a role. The commission has allowed transmission companies to temporarily increase charges to recover potential costs of restructuring the electric market. These charges, called Seams Elimination Charge Adjustments are expected to be discontinued this year.

City electric customers can expect further changes in the future as Charlevoix contemplates a major restructuring.

In the fall of 2005 the City of Charlevoix removed itself from the Michigan Public Power Association, a power pool, which is in the process of reorganizing.

Swem explained that restructuring of the electric industry under the Midwest Independent System Operator model has changed how Charlevoix buys and transports power and the power pool, which was set up in 1991, doesn't fit those changes.

Another factor in Michigan is the lack of new energy sources. And Swem said no new plants are being planned.

The city agreed to pull out of the pool in five years, or by 2011, if a new agreement can not be reached.

Swem said the city is currently in negotiations with all the members of the pool to come to a new agreement. He added that this may result in a revamped pool.

However, the city also has another fryer on the burner. The city has joined a committee of 22 cities looking at options for the future. Swem said this could include building a new plant or starting a new power pool.

County budget summary reflects allocation of funds

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Seelye, \$1; Planning Director Larry Sullivan \$45,888; GIS Coordinator Chris Blough \$44,158; Veteran's Affairs Director Bob Drebenstedt, \$22,640; county clerk Jane Brannon \$47,495; and fiscal officer Jane Brannon \$10,400.

Veterans affairs spending was up from \$33,800 in 2004 to \$41,248.95 in 2005 due to an increase in the number of burials it had to pay for.

"Every county across America has to spend money on deceased vets," Drebenstedt said. "We're in a real big bell curve where we've got 2000 World War II vets dying daily in America."

Drebenstedt said the county is responsible for \$300 for each deceased veteran.

"Ten people is \$3,000 and this is vacation land or retirement land and we have a whole lot of World War II vets who were hometown boys or who moved in here," he said.

Another reason for increase expenditures is the increase in the

number of people applying for veterans affairs hospital care.

"The baby boomers are coming up on retirement and they in turn are asking for more health care or losing their health care from their job and come in wanting to go to the veterans affairs hospital and this is an expense on us since we assist vets in traveling to the Ann Arbor or Saginaw hospitals," he said. "The trend that will keep going is this wave of baby boomer retirees."

Drebenstedt said deaths and retirement both are into his 2005 budget and they will again in 2006.

Some decreases in spending included the crime victims fund which was reduced from \$1,192.44 in 2004, elections were down to \$14,853.11 in 2005 from \$46,519.74 in 2004. Postage was down to \$44,609.08 in 2005 from \$63,174.59 in 2004. Secondary

road patrol was down to \$36,999.13 in 2005 from \$42,554.66 2004. And the mapping project is down to \$2,938.28 in 2005 from \$10,267 in 2004.

Jack Messer, director of the office of emergency management, said emergency services spending, money used for disaster preparedness, was up from \$63,415.33 in 2004 to \$286,832.24 in 2005 due to nearly \$200,000 in grants from the federal government.

But, Messer said, that number will drop significantly in 2006.

"Homeland security emphasis this year is mainly on urban areas (populations of 60,000 and up)," he said.

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State of the State addresses Charlevoix?



Julie Witthoef
'Just a thought'

It was nice to escape budget crunch talk but discussion was anything but cheery at the Jan. 27 legislative luncheon at the Michigan Press Association 2006 Winter Convention in Grand Rapids.

Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm who has spent two years forecasting service cuts as the state tries to balance its budget was the featured speaker.

I attended the convention and listened as Gov. Granholm offered highlights from her Jan. 25 State of the State address, "Working Our Plan, Securing Our Future." This was her last State of the State before her term ends.

Granholm, who took office in January 2003 riding on promises of privacy in health care, has a much tougher nut to crack now, the ever eroding confidence Michiganders have in the economy.

A key factor in her discussion was providing training for Michigan's unemployed, educating children and keeping

those educated students in the state.

This includes a proposal for \$2 billion in new spending on emerging economic sectors including alternative energy, life sciences like pharmaceuticals, advanced manufacturing like research and development and homeland security and defense support.

Granholm voiced support for the Michigan State Board of Education which approved the Michigan Merit Curriculum, increasing core curriculum requirements for students in Michigan schools in the areas of science, math, social science and foreign language.

"We are in a global economy. We have to send a message that we get it. A foreign language requirement is a necessity in a global economy," she said.

This mandate is scheduled to go before the Michigan legislature for final approval before March 1.

In an effort to increase the pursuit of higher education by high school graduates Granholm also endorsed the increase of the Merit Scholarship from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

In the past this scholarship has been awarded to students who score well on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP), standardized test.

Granholm said under the new model every student will be awarded a scholarship regardless of MEAP scores in an attempt

to break down the cost barrier to higher education.

She said efforts the state makes to bring employment opportunities to Michigan are futile without a skilled work force.

I support the governor's efforts to improve the state's economy but question the blanket curriculum she advocated.

In Charlevoix, many students go into the building trades or attend art schools out of high school. By requiring more of a focus in science and math, Charlevoix schools may have to cut building trade or fine arts classes.

Her efforts to keep students in the state should also be a local concern. Many students who graduate from Charlevoix High School go on to college and make their homes in cities and states outside of Charlevoix.

As Charlevoix begins its journey into the state's Blueprint Program to try and solve the local economic problems, I hope to see recommendations as to how we can grow our local economy to accommodate our own children.

While Granholm is a heavy hitting speaker, I hope her plans for growing Michigan's economy don't take the same, "What's good for one is good for all," approach as the state's curriculum plan.

Charlevoix is a unique community with unique needs. We thrive on tourism, let's enhance it further, promoting off-season offerings. Or maybe the state could make some changes so we could see a greater return on fuel taxes. In my opinion, the current formula does not adequately account for tourist traffic.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

At the Jan. 27 legislative luncheon at the Michigan Press Association 2006 Winter Convention in Grand Rapids Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm highlighted key objectives from her Jan. 25 State of the State address.

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While manufacturing in northern Michigan is challenged by hefty shipping costs, research and development may flourish here.

"We will continue to invest in the 21st century economy by going anywhere and

doing anything to create jobs," Granholm said.

I hope this anywhere and anything includes northern Michigan. While southern Michigan was once the epicenter of the automotive industry, that legacy is fading and a new stronghold needs to be discovered.

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Disease draws man to trees for a cure



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

The proliferation of new diseases and disorders with catchy acronyms and available medications has troubled me for some time. But now I have found a new disorder that I approve of heartily.

Treatment and even a cure are readily available and cost nothing. The new dis-

order is NDD or Nature Deficit Disorder. I am not making this up. Psychologists are beginning to believe that our societal loss of direct contact with nature produces harmful symptoms. Proper exposure to the natural world not only alleviates or eliminates NDD, there is growing evidence that the same exposure may reduce problems with ADD or Attention Deficit Disorder. Two disorders cured or alleviated with no medication at all.

Some years ago, when I was teaching ecology to college students in Iowa we would visit an area of native prairie, essentially unaltered since the glaciers left about 12,000 years ago. About 200 acres of this prairie harbored more than 250 different kinds of plants, somewhere in

the neighborhood of 80 different kinds of spiders, and literally thousands of different insects. By late summer the vegetation was tall enough to pretty well hide a person sitting on the ground.

My first request of students when we arrived at the prairie was to tell them to separate themselves by 100 feet or so, sit down on the ground and stay there, watching the plants and creatures around them for 10 minutes. For most of them, this intimate contact with a small part of the natural world was a unique experience. They knew a great deal about the biological world, but they knew it had been in electronic and literary contact with nature. Getting close to nature was usually not a part of their education. I

did not realize at the time that they were mostly suffering from NDD, and that the experience would aid their mental health.

The entire history of human beings over the past few millions of years has been of the enormous complexity and variety of nature, experienced daily. There is some suggestion from psychologists that our brain and thinking processes develop best with the direct experience of nature as a background. It's not necessary to abandon modern life or to visit exotic locales. The richness, natural complexity and variety exists in any wood lot and even in an abandoned vacant lot.

It seems that both children and adults

grow and function best when unstructured contact with the natural world is a part of daily routine. Building tree forts, climbing trees, playing in the dirt or mud, fishing, hunting and solitary nature walks can be seen as both physically and mentally healthful.

Total detachment from real nature in favor of electronic contact can be viewed as a diagnosable disorder that needs treatment. Avoid NDD, save your children from its bad effects. Go sit in the woods and look around. We will be healthier and happier if we do.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

'Thank you' supporters
Editor:

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for the outpouring of support that I received during the interview process for the City of Charlevoix Chief of Police position, and subsequently when I received this prestigious appointment.

To have the support of the community, council and the department illustrated to me the importance and impact that I made in "community policing" during the last 20 years of service with the department.

This is truly a great community in which we live, and I will strive to do my best to continue to keep Charlevoix safe and make you proud of your commitment to my appointment.

Gerard P. Doan
Chief of Police
City of Charlevoix

Business in Charlevoix
Editor:

This past week's edition of the Courier featured Gayle Gennett's article on business in Charlevoix and Julie Witthoef's piece on business turnovers in Charlevoix.

This topic seems to surface every couple of years. I dare say that in reality this has always been a topic of conversation in this town since we have always been a resort community. In Gayle's article she muses about whether we are becoming a resort community, while the truth has been that we have al-

ways been such. This, in part, is the problem with both articles.

Let's go back a couple of years in our collective memory. Remember the topic of a convention center for the downtown area? This convention center was to be the salvation to the downtown. It would bring group's into the community who might never have considered Charlevoix as a destination in the winter. Remember the "consultants" who were retained, at no small expense, and the new buzz words which entered our lexicon: words like "the shoulder season."

Now, the truth of the matter is that with Richard and Linda Mueller putting their money where their mouth was, we have a wonderful piece of history that is serving our needs, or could serve our needs better, as this long needed convention center. What has happened to the notion of the convention center and using the Castle for this purpose?

Let's now fast forward in time to the Wal-Mart controversy. We had to keep Wal-Mart out of town since it would ruin our downtown. We kept Wal-Mart out and look what we have — not very much. We kept Wal-Mart out and in turn we kept people out of town. Or perhaps better said, those same people now drive through town headed to Petoskey's Wal-Mart.

Let me borrow from a military analogy. While the military needs "boots on the ground," we need

"feet on the street." Any business person knows that you need foot traffic in order to generate potential sales. In last week's article Terry Gerou, operator of Brittany's of Charlevoix, was critical of the locals for not supporting the local business. That misses the point. Since we are a resort community you cannot expect the locals to keep the downtown alive. As a local I don't need most of the shops downtown. They are, with some exceptions, not part of my daily consciousness. Yes, I haunt the coffee shops, the bookstore, Subway, and have a dinner downtown, but as to the rest I rarely have occasion to visit, much less utilize.

This now brings us to Julie's article and some of the comments raised by Mr. Richard Georgi.

Here is the problem with Mr. Georgi's logic. When commercial real estate is over priced, yet purchased by landlords at these inflated prices, two things happen. A new tax basis is established and the landlord now has to charge more in rent to recapture and make a profit on his real estate investment. It appears that most, if not all landlords in downtown Charlevoix operate under a triple net basis, and thus pass the taxes back to the tenant. While it is wonderful that a landlord, such as Mr. Georgi, is fortunate enough to be able to purchase the property at their over inflated price, it is not so wonderful

for their prospective tenants. Mr. Georgi would suggest the problem is not that simple and that what we need is a better class of tenant. I hope none of Mr. Georgi's current tenants are offended by his suggestion. And what exactly does a better class of tenant bring to our little community? More T-shirt shops; more art shops? Mr. Georgi suggests that these better tenants would bring those folks down state to Charlevoix's commercial doors.

I think all this jaw flapping misses the point. There has to be a realization somewhere along the line that we are a resort community and we really have an eight-week prime selling season. If you can't make it in those eight weeks than truly you are going to have a number of businesses close their doors.

In a way we are really no different than Mackinac Island, leaving the water issue aside. We are a destination for thousands of folks during the summer. We have never been a winter destination. If we want more of the down state folks, we have to concentrate, and sell, the benefits of winter. Having more interesting shops as Mr. Georgi suggests, is fuzzy logic, the down

state folks already have their more interesting shops in Birmingham and the Somerset collection in Troy.

Finally, part of this dialog goes back to the kind of town and the kind of future we want for Charlevoix. We have always been somewhat schizophrenic, as a community, as to what we want. Clearly there is no consensus, and I dare say that when this generation of civic leaders are dead and gone this debate will continue on without a clear focus.

Bill DuPont
Charlevoix

Americanism month

Editor:
February is Americanism month.

Be mindful that the freedom we celebrate today is because of the sacrifices made by Americans for over 200 years. We know of these sacrifices because someone had the foresight to record them. As you read our history, you will recognize significant events of our country that have helped shape our country today, such as the various wars and conflicts, and the attack

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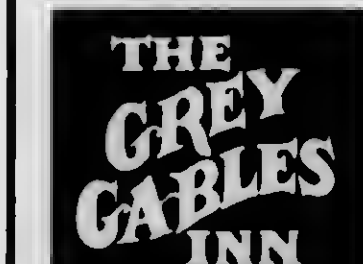
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on the World Trade Center to name a few.

I am fortunate to interview many World War II veterans, to the present serviceperson and talk about how it was when they joined the service. One thing is said by all of them, they were Americans and proud of it. They came from all nationalities and all walks of life, the melting pot of the world, and yet Americans.

"Americans cherish the greatness of our homeland, but many do not realize how extensive and profound are the transformations that are now taking place in our nation's basic moral values, public discourse and political philosophy," states Jimmy Carter in the book, *Our Endangered Values*.

This is why I would like to state the American's Creed to you.

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It is the objective of this Office of Veterans Affairs to translate Americanism precepts, principles and ideals in an understanding and practical manner to groups and individuals, including young America, all month long.

Robert Drebenstedt
Director
Charlevoix County Veteran Affairs

State of the State response

Editor:
I watched Governor Jennifer Granholm's State of the State last Wednesday night, as well as the Republican "answers" following her really admirable performance. She is a great communicator, but what sticks in my mind's eye is the choreographed Republican "answers" during her speech.

They and the Democrats on the

other side of the aisle gave standing ovations for the wife and children of the Captain in the National Guard still in Iraq and other special guests, and applauded all her carefully identified references to bipartisan accomplishments. Neither side of the aisle needs to be told how to respond to war heroes or to praise.

The Michigan State University camera, however, caught the Republican block time after time sitting on their collective hands. Understandably, they didn't cheer the Detroit Mayor. I could even forgive them not applauding the governor's plea for reversing their legislation on stem cell research if every single one of them believes in throwing away fetuses that could be used to save lives. To a man and

woman, they sat on their hands. But their hands must have twitched when Governor Granholm asked them to increase the minimum wage for the first time in nine years or be overridden by voters putting it on the ballot themselves and voting it in with only Democrats to help.

Patricia W. Fox
Bellaire

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Engagement

Ramsey — Clark



Courtesy photo

Susan F. Ramsey and Eric J. Clark of East Jordan are announcing their engagement.

The couple is planning an Aug. 19 wedding at Elm Pointe.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Marge Ramsey of Charlevoix. Susan is a 1998 graduate of Charlevoix High School. She attended Traverse City Beauty College where she now teaches. Susan also works at Birdie's Beauty Shop in Charlevoix.

The groom-to-be is the son of Jim Clark and the late Betty Clark of East Jordan. He is a 1998 graduate

of East Jordan High School. He is currently employed at East Jordan Iron Works.

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The tournament will take place at the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Hall.

An entry donation of \$100 is required. The top prize is \$2,000.

The final 10 will get their entry donation back and the final five players will receive cash winnings. Fifth place will take home \$200. Fourth place will take home \$300. Third place will take home \$400 and second place will take home \$500.

Sign-in will take place from 6:30 to 7 p.m. that night. Games

begin at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, beer and soft drinks are included in the entry donation.

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Obituary

George H. Bascom: Aug. 6, 1911 - Jan. 23, 2006

George H. Bascom, 94, of Albion, passed away on Monday Jan. 23 at Arbor Manor Care Center.

He was born Aug. 6, 1911 in Albion to Shubael Alonzo and Esther Melissa (Carris) Bascom. He married Shirley Osum who preceded him in death in 1992. George was a foundryman and supervisor at Albion

Malleable Iron Company for over 35 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Albion, a member of the C.C.C. and American Foundrymen's Association. George was a self-educated man who enjoyed reading and gardening. He also raised pigeons.

Survivors include several nieces

and nephews. Preceding him in death were his wife and five sisters and brothers.

A memorial service took place Jan. 28 at First Presbyterian Church in Albion. Pastor John Sterner officiated. Memorial contributions are suggested to First Presbyterian Church in Albion.

Grange delivers dictionaries



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Each year members of the Barnard Grange give dictionaries to the third graders of Charlevoix Middle School. Here Donna Stevens speaks to students about the history of the grange and its many accomplishments prior to awarding nearly 80 dictionaries to the students.

Appeal pending in Eveleigh land dispute with City of Charlevoix

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Attorneys for Charlevoix residents Robert and Mary Eveleigh have appealed a Charlevoix County Circuit Court decision dismissing their claims and granting over \$17,000 in sanctions to defendants in the case.

On Jan. 9 the Eveleigh's former representatives from the Lansing based law firm Grewal and Associates P.C. filed an appeal with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The firm is hoping the appellate court overturns the final judgment made by Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas on Nov. 4, 2005.

In this final judgment Pajtas ruled in favor of the defendants and granted sanctions to them including \$6,563.21 to the City of Charlevoix; \$3,300 to the Sheffer family that owned the Eveleigh property before them; and \$7,257.50 to Northern Michigan Title Company the title company that handled the property split.

In his order Pajtas wrote, "Sanctions are imposed as the court has deemed the plaintiffs' cause of action as unfounded and frivolous."

The Eveleighs sued the aforementioned parties claiming their property was illegally split in the 1980s, thus making it difficult for them to sell it.

The couple considered a property sale about two years ago.

"It's a mess, in essence we don't

have a marketable piece of property," Mary Eveleigh said.

According to court documents, the Eveleighs claim the property they bought on land contract from the Sheffers at 208 East Dixon Avenue was illegally split in 1984 from another section of land owned by the Sheffers.

They claim the city did not take action on this matter when it was discovered and did not enforce its ordinances as a result. They further claim Northern Title did not conduct a thorough title search.

In a memo from city attorney Bryan Graham to city planner Gerry Harsch with regard to this matter he states that the city has no record of the split. But in 1985 the city recorded the division on the city tax roll and separately assessed the parcels.

"The city cannot now take legal action to force the recombination of the parcels to their pre 1984 configuration," Graham stated.

Graham said the Eveleigh property is recognized as a non-conforming lot of record and can be sold as such. He said this designation does not limit use of the property.

"There was absolutely no basis for this lawsuit," Graham said.

But the Eveleighs disagree and feel the city acted unlawfully in designating the property as a non-conforming lot of record.

"We need to go by the law," Mary Eveleigh said.

The Eveleighs claim the city also "invoked its zoning powers by creating spot zoning on the (Eveleigh's) property from R-1 to R-2, thereby depriving (Eveleighs) of their property."

The Eveleighs had visited the Charlevoix City Council on the matter in the fall of 2004. They claimed the previous owners of the property, the Sheffers, split the lot without going through the proper procedures that were in place according to city and state law.

However, after several meetings on the matter with the Eveleighs, city attorney Jim Young informed them and city council that the lot was not illegally split according to laws in the city at that time.

There are different laws dealing with lot splits in place now that would make a split such as theirs illegal now, Young said.

But, at the meeting with council, the Eveleigh's said a local real estate agent told them they could not sell their property because it was split illegally. Young disagreed and ultimately Judge Pajtas did too.

The Eveleighs asked the court to award them \$25,000, plus costs, attorney fees and "further equitable relief as the court deems fair and just" each from the Sheffers, Northern Michigan Title and the City of Charlevoix.

If the appeal is denied the \$17,120, 71 in sanctions Judge Pajtas awarded the defendants will stand.

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Evening Service: P.S. 15 on the M-66	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Sunday Intercession	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
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Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
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St. Mary School celebrates Catholic Schools Week

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The parents, students and staff of St. Mary School in Charlevoix continue to celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week as they have since 1987.

According to St. Mary principal, Janet Troppman, 7,800 Catholic schools nationwide participate in the week-long celebration through the National Catholic Education Association.

"Every year we have a theme," Troppman said. "With this year's theme, we're focusing on character, compassion and values."

She added, "Basically what we're saying here is, Catholic schools offer an education infused with these values and the education resounds with the love of God."

The school honors a different group each day of the celebration which began Sunday, Jan. 29 with the students honoring the parish with a liturgy.

"They were the ushers, greeters, altar servers and the gift bearers," she said. "They were also a part of the choir and banner holders."

Following service there was a bake sale with all proceeds going to the religious retirement fund for retired clergy and nuns.

Monday there were physical activities for the students including free-throw contests and relay races.

Tuesday was denim day with all proceeds going to help a woman and her daughter who came to live in the area shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit the mainland. That day the kids and staff also wore hats for hats off to the nation's leaders and the kids played all-American bingo.

Today, Wednesday, the school honors the community by holding a canned food drive with the proceeds to go to help two local families in need.

Thursday, the students of the school will be honored with pajama day, which Troppman said, is always a favorite among the kids. There will be a scholastic book fair all day Thursday which is open to the public.

"And we have a pancake luncheon that the parishioners, Knights of Columbus, Oleson's and Glen's help us put on and we're having what we call game bonanza. We'll have tables of board games and when you finish a game you move on to another," she said. "We'll also do reading buddies where the older kids read to the younger kids."

Friday the vocations and shut-ins will be honored with cards of encouragement.

"That day is also spirit day. We wear our St. Mary T-shirts. Then, we're creating a paper chain and on every chain the students will write a word of appreciation for everyone who has been called by God for their vocation and then we'll link that all through the school because we're all linked together to do what God has called us to do."

Troppman said the cards to shut-ins are well received.

"People are thankful of them," she said. "They love to get communication from people and especially from children."

Troppman said this week-long celebration is more than just some fun events for her 88 students.

"It's the fact that we give them lifelong values such as the character and compassion," she said. "It's the compassion of our students that they have when they reach out to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters — which we encourage them to do."



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Benjamin Lentz, a 4-year-old student at St. Mary School, helps his teammates by throwing balls of yarn into his opponents goal during Catholic Schools Week Monday, Jan. 30.

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City of Charlevoix Water Supply

January 2006

Here is this year's Annual Quality Water Report.

It is designed to inform you about the quality drinking water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water)

include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Our water comes from Lake Michigan, considered *surface water*. The State has performed an assessment of our source water in 2004. A determination of sensitivity and susceptibility to contamination was made by reviewing our source water geology, water chemistry, and potential contamination sources nearby the lake. The State has determined that our source water has a moderate sensitivity rating along with a moderate susceptibility to contamination. You may obtain a copy of the State report by contacting the City of Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant.

We are pleased to report that your drinking water is safe and meets all State and Federal requirements.

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water we provided to you in the year 2005. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Michigan standards. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jim Caldwell at the *Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant*, (231) 547-3256, or Don Swem at the *Charlevoix Water Department*, (231) 547-3278. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. The City of Charlevoix Water Supply routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State Laws. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 1 thru December 31, 2005**. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

The State of Michigan and Environmental Protection Agency require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

We met all monitoring requirements for the year 2005.

Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System personnel sampled and tested for over 100 contaminants that were NOT detected in our water supply. The following constituents were detected at low but safe levels, well below the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - A pico equals one part per trillion; the measurement of radiation in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

NA: not applicable

ND: not detectable at testing limit

Inorganic Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	SYSTEM WATER	Range of detection	Sample date	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.2	1.2	2005	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.020	0.020	2005	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Turbidity (NTU)	2	TT	0.030	0.010 - 0.030	2005	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Radionuclides							
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	0	15	1.5	ND - 1.5	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium	0	5	1.0	1.0	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Chlorine							
Total Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.390	0.15 to 0.57	2005	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Disinfection Byproducts							
Tribromomethanes (THMs) (ppb)	NA	80	10.0	NA	2005	No	Disinfection Byproducts.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) (ppb)	NA	60	ND	ND	2005	No	Disinfection Byproducts.
Lead/Copper							
Lead (ppb)	0	15	3	ND - 3	2003	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.300	ND - 0.360	2003	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Unregulated Contaminants							
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	8	8	2005	NA	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (ppm)	NA	NA	27	27	2005	NA	Erosion of natural deposits.

*Lead and Copper - Lead and copper testing is on a three (3) year schedule. Test results reported here are from the 2003 year; next round of testing is year 2006.

NOTES: * Turbidity - turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is an indicator of our filtration system.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

We're pleased that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**

Call us if you have any questions.

About our system...

The City of Charlevoix operates a Direct Filtration Water Treatment Facility which uses water from Lake Michigan. With a capacity of 3 million gallons per day, water enters the plant through a submerged intake structure. Storage includes a one million gallon above ground reservoir at the plant, and a 300,000 gallon elevated tank (water tower) on Charlevoix's north side. The City has approximately 32 miles of distribution lines serving approximately 5,000 customers in the City of Charlevoix and areas of adjoining Charlevoix Township, as well as, the influx of summer visitors to the area. Present flow rates vary from around 400,000 gallons per day in the winter to as much as 2.5 million gallons per day in the summer. In service since 1987, it is a modern, efficient facility staffed by licensed, well trained operators. Charlevoix is continually improving its distribution system assuring fresh water and adequate pressure throughout our entire service area. An electrical generator at the Water Plant assures normal operation at full capacity in the event of an electrical power loss to the City. We at the Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap.

Please help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future.

PARENTING

A child's dental health begins in the womb



Jay
Balasz
'Kids'
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Parents want the best for their children. Good dental health will be a lifetime gift that parents can give their children. Teaching children good habits early will ensure them a lifetime of dental health.

During pregnancy a child's teeth begin to form. Mother's can actually begin caring for their children's teeth during pregnancy. A mother's dental health, and overall health care, affects their unborn baby. When a pregnant mother has an infection in her gums or teeth the body fights the infection. Scientists believe this immune response produces byproducts and chemicals that can travel through the blood stream and may cause the onset of labor before the baby has fully developed.

Infants are usually born without teeth. The eruption of the baby teeth usually begins at about 6 months of age. The front incisors typically erupt first. Many par-

ents expect the teeth to continue erupting from the front to the back in perfect order. Parents are also often surprised when at the baby's first birthday a back tooth erupts alone in the middle of a field of pink gum. This again, is normal and nothing to be alarmed about.

Usually at age 2 the baby teeth have all erupted in the mouth. From 2 to age 6, decay is the most common problem to develop. The American Dental Association recommends a first dental appointment at age 2. At this stage parents should be assisting their child with brushing. After brushing, parents should inspect the child's teeth for small holes that would indicate decay. The family dentist should be alerted if any signs of decay are spotted by the parents.

At this young age parents are often alarmed when they hear their child grinding their teeth. This is a common occurrence and can be partially explained by the anatomy of a young mouth. At this stage the young jaw joint is not fully developed and back teeth are essentially flat which allows the child to grind.

Permanent teeth begin erupting at age 6. Again, the front teeth erupt first with the six-year molars not far behind. The child now has a mixture of baby teeth and adult teeth. The next eruption does not start until

the child is approximately 10 years old. This second eruption sequence brings the tooth fairy again and again until age 12 when all of the adult teeth are in. Kids now have all of their adult teeth so they can be free to concentrate on their real job as teenagers—talking back to their parents.

Between the ages of 7 and 9 there are bite considerations where an early phase of orthodontics may be necessary. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends an evaluation at age 7. Early interception of these bite problems can be very important to a child's teenage years and your family dentist may recommend an early evaluation.

Most children will not need orthodontia until all of their adult teeth are in. Crowding teeth, differing jaw sizes, and too much room for the teeth are a few of the reasons braces become necessary as a teenager. When parents make the financial commitment to put braces on their child's teeth they assume that their children's dental health will be all set. While braces are necessary for many children, they are only one part of the dental equation.

Throughout a child's lifetime gum and tooth care are important concerns with lasting ramifications. The mouth doesn't deteriorate by accident. Tooth decay, gum disease and bite problems can still present

problems.

Tooth decay remains a serious problem with teenagers. Most parents understand that sodas such as Coke and Mountain Dew contain large amounts of sugar. They may not realize that one serving of these beverages contains 12 tablespoons of sugar. Another surprising fact is that sports drinks and juices contain nearly as much sugar. Sugar causes tooth decay and once a tooth has a filling in it is forever weakened.

Gum disease tends to develop later in life. Early on, a patient may experience light gum bleeding when they brush or floss. This bleeding is a sign of infection. Bleeding gums, or gingivitis, predictably progresses into periodontal disease. 80 percent of people in their sixties have developed at least beginning gum disease. That is an alarming statistic for people in our country. It's also something that can be changed.

Tooth disease and periodontal disease are completely preventable. Both are caused by bacteria in plaque. The healthy 20 percent of the population share one thing in common — they successfully remove plaque from their teeth on a daily basis. It has been said that good oral health can be achieved by visiting your dentist twice a year. While this is certainly necessary, true oral health is achieved when a person spends a small, devoted amount of time removing bacteria from their teeth each day.

It's hard to get people to floss their teeth, but this is as important as brushing. It we

can get our children to not drink big gulps of soda or sports drinks, and remove the bacteria from their teeth by brushing and flossing, we will have prepared them for a future of superior dental health.

The last serious problem children can develop concerns their bite or occlusion. We now live longer and keep our teeth for a lifetime. Bite problems are occurring more frequently because of this. Common symptoms which can arise from an unbalanced bite are headaches, tooth wear, muscle tenderness, cold sensitivity of the teeth, fractured teeth and jaw-joint dysfunction. If symptoms such as these develop your child should communicate this to your dentist. Tooth wear and joint problems are irreversible and addressing bite issues early can make the treatment easier and more successful.

We all want what is best for our children. Two of the three problems which can develop in the mouth are preventable when plaque is adequately removed each day. Our job as parents is to constantly monitor our children's brushing and flossing.

The last problem, the bite, is solved by good communication with your dentist and choosing the right orthodontist. Your family dentist can be an important resource here. As parents if we can establish good daily hygiene habits, a healthy diet, and a balanced occlusion our children can have a lifetime of great dental health.

Jay Balasz is a doctor of dental surgery with a local practice, located at 707 Bridge Street in Charlevoix. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-2377.

Monthly featured event: Interactive concert



Heather
Sisto

Elementary School.

A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the performance scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. Families with children kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to attend the event presented by Boyne City Elementary School and Stepping Stones to School. There is no charge for the concert or refreshments.

Artist, Heather Collins Sisto, of Michigan Wolf Trap, will lead the presentation of children's stories "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, "The Carrot Seed" by Ruth Krauss,

and the African folk tale "How the Leopard Got Its Spots."

Michigan Wolf Trap is an organization dedicated to early childhood educators and professional artists who offer age-appropriate concerts for children and families throughout northern Michigan. The concerts are designed for families with children from birth through fourth grade.

Sisto's background is in dance and theater. She believes in blending words with movement and music to bring stories to life.

"I allow children to create and build the sounds and textures of a story, which brings excitement and energy," she said.

The performance is designed to introduce children to the theater, and have them become active, involved viewers and listeners. Through fun, children will also learn about story making and music.

For more information, contact Char-Em Intermediate School District Early Education staff at (231) 582-8070.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for February reading and include winners of the 2006 Newbery and Caldecott awards.

The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

2006 Newbery Winner:
Lynne Rae Perkins,
"Criss Cross."

Debbie and Hector both narrate this novel that exquisitely defines

that moment of decision making when ones' path is forever altered. Both are 14, funny and looking for change. The descriptiveness of Perkins' writing continues throughout the novel as her style changes from prose to poetry to haiku to illustrations to question and answer. The freshness keeps us in tune and interested through the tale, which winds around the path of adolescence.

A Newbery honor book:
Jacqueline Woodson,
"Show Ways."

Show Ways tells the story of eight generations of girls taught to sew by their caretakers. Soonie is a slave girl sold without her parents at age 7. She learns to sew her show way to tell her story of bravery living the life of a slave. Each generation passes on to the next the belief that there is a road to a better pace — just follow the show way.

2006 Caldecott Winner:
Norton Juster, "The Hello,
Good-bye Window."

The relationship between grandparents and their grandchild is

magical. The Hello, Good-bye Window is the transformation of that relationship. We are privy to a little girl's hopes and dreams as she watches life through her Nanna and Poppy's picture window. Raschka's illustrations are the perfect match to Juster's song like narrative. The playful watercolors are whimsical and curious. Children, of all ages, will love the way this story takes them back to their special memories of their grandparents.

A Caldecott honor book:
Marjorie Priceman,
"Hot Air: The mostly
true story of the first
hot-air balloon ride."

Hot Air is the mostly true story of the first ever manned hot air balloon flight. Priceman's introductory text gives us just the right amount of information to know what is coming up a wordless ride over land and sea with barnyard pilots. The antics and trouble the duck, rooster and sheep find are cleverly depicted in Priceman's active watercolors. Young children, especially, will love the bright, moving colors.

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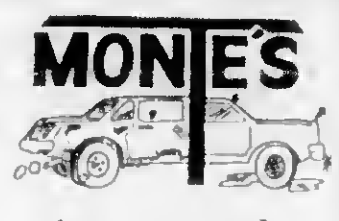
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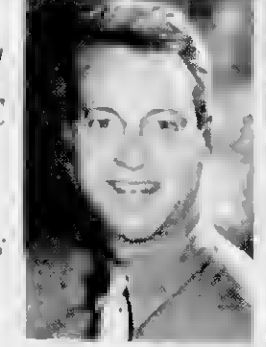
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Ewen launches Charlevoix shopping site



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Scott Ewen, pictured above on the porch of his family's centennial farm in Charlevoix, recently launched four Internet sites from which he plans to sell community-specific goods.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A local man's ventures in cyberspace aim to bring more business to Charlevoix retailers.

Scott Ewen recently launched four Internet sites from which he plans to sell community-specific goods.

At this time, the Charlevoix site, www.charlevoixshopping.com features 2,000 items from SMC, a California based wholesaler and advertisements of local stores. But Ewen is working toward featuring items available specifically at local stores.

Thus far, he has discussed establishing a business relationship with Bullfrog Light Company Candle Factory and others. Through the site Ewen said he is hoping to collect sales and garner 15 percent while the vendor takes the rest and handles shipping. He said ad space is available as well as positions on the site.

Ewen said this is particularly well-suited to those without ex-

isting Web sales sites and those without a physical location for their goods, like artists.

"I have the expertise to get into search engines," he said.

Purchases can be made using PayPal or a credit card.

Ewen's professional career includes a lengthy track record in computer technology, including software and hardware sales and Web development.

Ewen is from the Detroit area and spent most of his life in Ann Arbor. After graduating from Wayne State University in the 1970s he moved to the Petoskey area and worked for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency for four years.

He moved to Charlevoix last winter after his wife Diane's family home, Durance Farm, a centennial farm that has been family owned since the 1880s located off Mercer Boulevard, was flooded with water when pipes burst.

His initial thought was to raise alpacas on the over 20 acres of property the farm includes. He

launched a Web site, www.durancefarm.com from which he planned to offer alpaca goods. But after being turned down in November for a Farm Service Agency grant to purchase the alpacas, plans narrowed to community wares Web sales. He continues to explore other funding sources for the alpaca farm.

Durance Farm has a long history as a you-pick strawberry farm which occurred there from the early 1900s through the 1960s. It became a hardwood tree farm in the 1980s and remains a tree farm. For more information visit www.durancefarm.com.

Other sites he plans to personalize for communities include www.petoskeyshopping.com and www.mackinawshopping.com. He plans to add want ads to the existing sites and an auction site that is currently under development at www.northernmichiganauctions.com.

For more information, e-mail Ewen at sewen@semarketing.org or call him at (231) 330-8914.

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BUSINESS

Tax season tips and warnings for filers

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Hugh Mason

Charlevoix, while he has some clients who wait until autumn to do their taxes, it's never too early to think about filing.

"Obviously it's easier for us — the sooner you do them (taxes) the better. But I have people who wait to do their taxes in May, June and October and it doesn't seem to increase instance of audits," Mason said. "It would be nice to have at least a week in advance, but when we get closer to April 15, we squeeze them in."

Most of Mason's business consists of audits on personal businesses, non profit organizations and corporations, and as a

result, he's familiar with the workings of the IRS tax code.

He suggests being honest and thorough.

"I think keeping good records is the most important thing you can do, because if you end up getting audited and you've taken deductions, the IRS will want to see the documentation," he said.

The IRS Web site suggests retaining most records for three years, while record of purchase or sale of a home, stock transactions, IRA and business or rental property, need to be kept longer. And, you should keep documents which may have an impact on your federal tax return including but not limited to credit card and other receipts, invoices mileage logs and canceled checks.

While it's a good idea to be honest and accurate on returns, the percentage of people audited in the United States is low.

"To be honest, the IRS is not auditing many returns anymore," he said. "A lot of it they can do from 1099s and W2s. It is expensive for the IRS to complete audits and over the last few years, as far as doing individual audits in the field, not very many of them have been done."

They just don't have the manpower."

Some of the new tax law changes in 2005 to be aware of while filing include a new uniform definition of a qualifying child, special rules for car donations, expanded retirement savings incentives and an increase in mileage rates for business use of a vehicle which increased to 40.5 cents per mile from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 2005 and 48.5 cents per mile for Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2005. The rate for 2006 will drop to 44.5 cents per mile. Standard mileage rate when traveling for medical reasons or as part of a deductible was 15 cents per mile until Sept. 1, 2005 when it increased to 22 cents per mile.

The previous four-month extension for filing income tax forms with the federal government has been increased to six months. Taxpayers may request an automatic extension without giving a reason.

According to the IRS, if you have someone do your taxes, it is imperative to find a reputable tax preparer to avoid financial and legal issues. The IRS warns filers to beware of preparers who claim to obtain larger refunds than others, those who guarantee results or who base fees on the amount of your refund.

But, Mason said, "I would say most

tax preparers are proficient in what they do. I think the most important thing is who you feel comfortable with."

As with most accountants, Mason said, tax return fees are charged based on the amount of time needed for completion.

"You may have a tax return that is 20 pages long and you might have return that is two pages long," he said.

In the tax world, Mason said, people are creatures of habit.

"If someone comes to me on March 15 this year, then most likely they'll be back next year on March 15," he said.

For issues with unresolved IRS problems there is an independent tax advocate service within the IRS. Visit www.irs.gov/advocate for more information. Publication 910 offers lists of free tax preparation and advice services as well.

Free tax help is available from the IRS via Web site, telephone, Braille or in person. For the full list of types of free assistance and contact information, visit www.irs.gov.

"The IRS can help many taxpayers prepare their own returns without the assistance of a paid preparer," the IRS Web site states. "Before seeking a paid preparer, taxpayers might consider how

much information is available directly from the IRS through the IRS Web site."

Regardless of who prepares your return, the IRS reminds taxpayers that they are held liable for inconsistencies in their individual returns and tax evasion is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

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SPORTS

Rayder ski teams take third at Jan. 26 conference meet

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

In spite of a warmer than usual January, the boys' and girls' Charlevoix/East Jordan Ski Team competed in the Jan. 26 Lake Michigan Conference meet at Boyne Mountain.

The girls took third place overall with 41 points in the slalom and 38 points in the giant slalom for a total of 79 points.

For the A team, Katherine Rowley placed 1st in the giant slalom with a time of 55.87 seconds. She was followed by Kelsey Poineau in 3rd with 58.47 seconds; Elizabeth Hasseld in 14th with 1 minute and 2.18 seconds; Kristin Dupuis in 20th with 1:07.50 minutes; Hailey Crick in 21st with 1:08.05 minutes and Stephanie Poindexter in 25th with 1:08.71 minutes.

For the A team, Rowley placed 1st in the slalom with a time of 1:16.77 minutes. She was followed by Poineau in 4th with 1:22.59 minutes; Hasseld in 16th with 1:30.43 minutes; Emily Bajko in 20th with 1:36.21 min-

utes; Poindexter in 22nd with 1:39.20 minutes and Dupuis in 23rd with 1:39.27 minutes.

For the B team, Mary Gocha finished 1st in the slalom with a total time of 1:32.18 minutes. She was followed by Crick in 6th with 1:49.45 minutes.

The boy's took third place overall with 42 points in the slalom and 53 points in the giant slalom for a total of 95 points.

For the A team, Mac Brennan took 7th place in the giant slalom with a time of 54.98 seconds. He was followed by Cameron Attee in 10th with 57.35 seconds; Tanner Fisher in 16th with 59.45 seconds; Nic Williams in 20th with 1:00.26 minutes; Michael Cardwell in 22nd with 1:02.17 minutes and

Billy Brodin in 34th.

The slalom A team was led by Attee in 6th with a time of 1:20.29 minutes. He was followed by Brennan in 7th with 1:23.08 minutes; Williams in 14th with 1:31.21 minutes; Brodin in 15th with 1:31.55 minutes; Geoff Baier in 19th with 1:37.87 minutes and Fisher in 34th.

The slalom B team was led by Cardwell in 4th with a time of 1:42.41 minutes. He was followed by Ben Areher in 8th with 1:52.09 minutes; Logan Priess in 10th with 1:58.15 minutes; Jacob Crawford in 12th with 2:18.92 minutes; Joe Hidakarsio in 14th with 2:39.41 minutes and Jason Palmrose in 18th.

Rayder wrestlers take 16th at invitational in Gaylord

The Charlevoix Rayders competed at the Northern Michigan Invitational Jan. 28 in Gaylord.

This invitational has been billed as the largest one-day tournament in Michigan with 27 schools competing.

Charlevoix placed 16th in the team standings, while Jed Daman and Jeff Golovich each took 4th place medals.

Jed Daman won 17-2 by technical decision against a Munising wrestler, fell to a Whittemore-

Prescott wrestler, won by default against a Pinconning wrestler, won by major decision 10-2 against a Roscommon wrestler and fell 5-0 to an Ishpeming wrestler.

Jeff Golovich pinned a Whittemore-Prescott wrestler in 1:45 minutes, fell 15-13 to a Roscommon wrestler, pinned a Cheboygan wrestler in 45 seconds, won 9-2 over a Grayling wrestler and fell 6-4 to a Roscommon wrestler.

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Rayder volleyball take fourth at invitational

By SCOTT RICHARDS
Sports writer

The lady Rayders varsity volleyball team turned up the heat at the Charlevoix Invitational this past Saturday, Jan. 28, placing fourth.

The Invitational included state ranked teams in both class C and D. The Rayders have put up notice that they are a force that can't be ignored.

When coach Liz Grunch was asked if the team figured to make it all the way to the tournament semi-final game she replied, "This team does not surprise me at all, they have tons of potential."

When Charlevoix needed outstanding play from its individuals to keep advancing it did not need to look further than number 11, Bethany Pearson and number 3, Sasha Spenceley. Pearson was named to the all-tournament team that was chosen by the coaches and game officials. Spenceley was

chosen by the Rayders as the team's most valuable player for the tournament.

Spenceley had 21 kills 11 digs 9 blocks for the day and Pearson had five aces, 15 kills, 21 digs and 23 blocks.

Grunch said the whole squad should be commended for its high level of play as noted by the following tournament stats.

Zita Anderson had 73 assists and a flawless 100 percent serving record on the day. Sally Haselschwardt took 15 kills and 11 blocks. Ashlie Bradley had 22 kills and 11 digs. Murphy Gillespie had seven aces, 12 kills and 11 blocks. Emily Heffling had 20 digs. Rohyn Petzak added 19 digs to Charlevoix's great effort.

Coach Grunch was very happy with the tournament results. "This team is believing in themselves," she said.

The Rayders then traveled to Harbor Springs on Monday for a

conference game with Grayling and Harbor Springs. Charlevoix took three straight from Grayling winning 25-9, 25-18 and 25-14.

They then took on Harbor and defeated them in three out of five games with the scores of 19-25, 25-21, 23-25, 25-9 and 25-6.

The lady Rayders are now 6 and 1 in the conference and 15-11-7 overall.



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Charlevoix Invitational standouts, Bethany Pearson (left), who made the all-tournament team and Sasha Spenceley (right), who was named most valuable player, for the tournament boosted Charlevoix's fourth place finish.



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School steering committee talks revenue

By BENJAMIN GOIIS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Public Schools Financial Steering Committee met for the final of four scheduled meetings on Thursday, Jan. 26 to brainstorm and discuss alternative sources of revenue generation.

As in previous meetings, the large group broke into groups of five to explore and cull their ideas and later reported them to the entire group.

Chuck Mason, the speaker chosen for group one said his group spoke of the possibility of starting an endowment fund or starting an alumni association.

Mason said his group also mentioned the Kalamazoo promise, wherein Kalamazoo schools, with financial grants from large businesses in the area, will provide all their public school graduates with up to 100 percent of college "post secondary" tuition.

But, Mason said, "That probably wouldn't happen up here because there aren't enough big businesses."

The amount of tuition awarded to students in Kalamazoo Public Schools depends upon how many years a student attends Kalamazoo. There are some restrictions such

as the student must maintain a designated grade point average and attend a university or community college in Michigan.

Mason also said his group mentioned possibly targeting a reduction in dropout level.

"Instead of dropping out at 16, we could raise the dropout age to 18," he said.

Group one also mentioned the idea that drawing students from around the area could be a plus.

In terms of aggressively advertising Charlevoix Public Schools locally, Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Sturock, said, "We have an agreement among all the superintendents not to advertise or try to take students from the other schools in the area."

Some of the ideas from the other four groups ranged from renting portions of the school buildings when not in use, selling the central office building and possibly increasing the number and diversifying the types of things the building trades students create and sell to increased pre-school enrollment and allowing the culinary arts students to operate school cafeteria as a type of public lunch diner which would be open to anyone.

The idea of encouraging low to moderate income housing in the hopes of enticing families with children to the area was also discussed.

Sturock said many productive and innovative ideas came out of Thursday's meeting.

"This has been fun group to work with," he said. "These guys have come forward with some good ideas and I've been nothing but pleased and appreciative of the work they have been doing."

He added, "I look forward to giving this info to the board."

Sturock said he feels the committee did a good job of looking at the long and shorter issues facing the school system.

The Charlevoix School Board will likely use this information when preparing their 2006-2007 balanced budget which must be adopted by June 31.

"I think we communicated the financial issues facing the school district given that we've been able to gain input on expenditure reductions and prioritized that which is most important, if in fact, we get into having to make

reductions."

Sturock said he feels the community was well represented with this committee which included parents, educators, retirees and parents.

"It's a small but fair representation," he said.

The information from the four meetings will be processed by Sturock, Charlevoix Public Schools business manager, Shawn Biddle and several volunteers from the steering committee so it may be presented to the school board at their Feb. 13 meeting.

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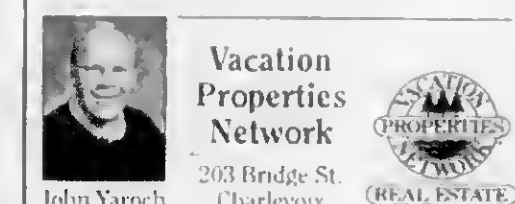
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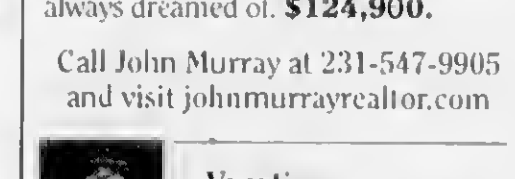
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Area events

Family night

Music and movement will be celebrated at a fun activities program beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Charlevoix Elementary School for families with children ages birth to five.

Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher Jodi Thompson will be working with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District staff in an interactive music and movement event for parents and children. Older siblings are welcome to attend with their family. A light dinner will be provided from 5:30 to 6 p.m., with activities following. For more information call (231) 547-6217.

Yacht club off-season event

The Charlevoix Yacht Club will host an off-season series of free events open to the public during February.

At 7 p.m. on Feb. 3 Steve Rowley from the National Weather Service in Gaylord will present information on reading the weather on the water as well as information about new ways to get real time weather on board electronically.

For more information visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Financial planning

St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix is sponsoring Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a 13-week program designed to empower and teach you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving and more. An orientation will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 in St. Mary.

Charlevoix County Democratic Party to meet

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold their monthly membership meeting at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

A Dutch-treat dinner will start at 6 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker is Doug Waldo who will speak on, "Pensions and Health Care: a UAW Retiree's Perspective."

Doug retired to Charlevoix County after working at General Motors' Sher Body Division in Lansing for 40 years.

For more information contact Bill Overt at (231) 675-3035.

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Child care providers, parents and early childhood professionals are invited to attend two local child care training sessions sponsored by Traverse City-based 4C Training. The following training sessions will meet new licensing requirements. CPR/First Aid/SIDS/Shaken Baby training will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. A Look Into A Child's Mind will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. For more information call Carrie Ball at (231) 941-7767.

Fireman's Ball

The seventh annual Fireman's Ball will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50 and can be purchased at the fire department or through the president of the Firefighters Association, Winfield Scott. For ticket information, call Scott at (231) 547-2821.

Wild game dinner

Valentine's Wild Game Dinner and Dance will take place at St. Mary Parish Center Feb. 11. The event will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing will follow at 8 p.m. with music provided by DJ Tom Pluister. A cash bar and raffles will be available. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary Parish Youth Ministry. For more information contact the parish office at (231) 547-6652.

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Twins and More Open House

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host its second annual Twins and More Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital. Light refreshments will be served.

Twins of all ages welcome. A special support system for moms and dads of multiples will be introduced.

For more information or to register by Feb. 15, call Pam Oshaben (231) 547-8669.

Vertical Express for MS

The 21st annual Vertical Express for MS fund-raising ski event benefiting the Heuga Center for Multiple

Sclerosis and its Michigan CAN DO Multiple Sclerosis wellness program will take place Feb. 24 at Boyne Mountain in Boyne City. Participants from across the state will ski to raise money and for a chance to win the grand prize all-expense-paid trip to Vail, Colo. Teams and sponsors need to sign-up as soon as possible for the event. Raise funds for former Olympic ski medalist Jimmie Heuga's Center for MS and the Michigan life-changing wellness programs. The event is open to skiers and riders of all ages and abilities. For more information or to register log on to www.vertical-express.org or call Lisa Lamont at (248) 229-1993.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. March 8 and 15 in the lower level of the library.

The first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated. A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

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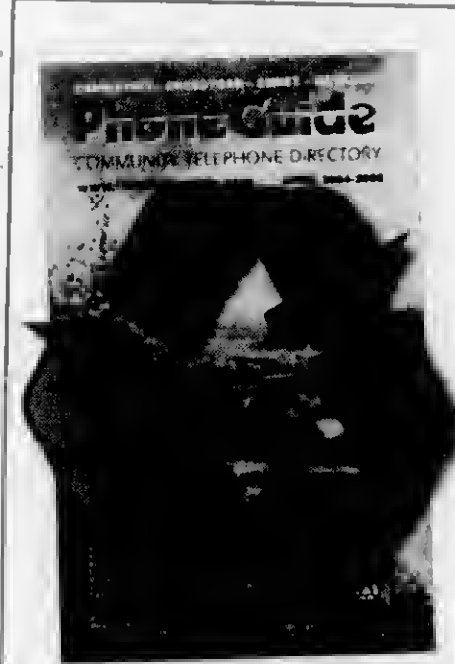
Community Food Pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

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Charlevoix County makes recent headlines in the Chicago Tribune

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Alan Solomon

recent article.

Chicago Tribune travel writer, Alan Solomon, visited the area for the first time in his travels nearly 20 years ago and fell in love with the place. So, when he had the chance to return on assignment, he couldn't resist.

"Basically we were looking for place in the Midwest that offered all the good things that winter in the Midwest in winter can offer," he said. "I've been to Charlevoix a few times for other assignments and I always like how it felt. So, when we were kicking around the idea for a destination, I jumped on Charlevoix as a suggestion."

With nearly four decades as a journalist, Solomon has seen more diverse places — every continent including Antarctica — than most people dream about. He said surprisingly enough, the similarities abound.

"People aren't that different anywhere you go," he said. "You always get back what you give to a situation. And that's as true in Paris or Istanbul or New York as it is in Charlevoix."

Solomon's article entitled, "There's more than one way to beat the winter blues: On thin ice in Charlevoix County," appeared in the Jan. 22 edition of the Chicago Tribune.

Solomon said he had hoped to experiment with some of northern Michigan's trademark outdoor winter activities, but was dismayed with the strange weather patterns.

"As I said in the story, I hoped to find frozen lakes and fabulous snowmobile trails and that sort of thing and unfortunately I came when the weather wasn't all that conducive to doing all the great things that I was hoping to do," he said.

Two of the activities Solomon wanted to try for the first time were ice fishing and snowmobiling.

But, as he stated in his article, "Even if there's no snow and the lakes are unfrozen and the snowmobile trails are mostly mud, there's still plenty of reason to come up here. And something else you can do, snow or not: Drive across the river — any river in Charlevoix County — and into the trees."

Hence the focus of Solomon's story shifted from a story about win-

ter in Charlevoix to a story about, "Winter in Charlevoix County when there isn't enough snow except at Boyne Mountain and the ice is thin or nonexistent except in a glass."

Solomon said it is the scale of the county which appeals to him the most.

"There aren't any big high-rise resorts or hotels, with the exception of Boyne Mountain," he said.

Solomon said, the reassuring thing about Charlevoix is that it is the kind of place generations have enjoyed over the years yet it has changed just enough to accommodate today's tastes.

Solomon said he likes the idea of coming back to Charlevoix with his wife, "and just relaxing and shopping the galleries and enjoying a couple of quiet dinners. The area has an amazing variety of really good restaurants which, to me, makes it perfect for a long weekend or a short week."

A native of Chicago, and in his 12th year as a travel writer for the Tribune, Solomon has won 44 national and regional awards for his writing while working for four major metropolitan newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle, Philadelphia Inquirer, Chicago Sun-Times and nearly 29 years in two tours of duty with the Tribune.

Groundhog Day prompts locals to sound off on signs of spring

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The first observance of Groundhog Day in America was in the late 1800s. Since then as many as 30,000 people have flocked to Punxsutawney, Pa. on Feb. 2 each year.

While Charlevoix doesn't celebrate the day of the woodchuck on any official level, the citizens have their own ways of knowing whether or not spring is near and without the aid of a rodent's shadow.

The Charlevoix Deputy Chief of Police, Scott Hankins, said, "Charlevoix citizens are sure spring is here when the carnival rides begin to appear for the Venetian Festival."

The Director of Veterans Affairs, Boh Drebenstedt, said he and his family always watch the Bill Murray classic movie, Groundhog Day.

He added, "If the groundhog sees it's shadow I predict the long handles (long underwear) will be worn in our household for another 90 days."

According to Roger Knutson, he knows spring is near when the tropical flora in his greenhouse perk up.

"They just hang on by their fingernails through January and some of February

and then they begin making new leaves and popping up," he said. "And, the seed catalogs arrive with all the lovely pictures of what your garden should look like."

City mayor Norman Carlson said two major events signal spring's arrival for him.

"My friendly Ace Hardware owner goes back to shorts, which he seems to wear from March until December," Carlson said. "And the other is the orange panels come off the Dairy Queen and it opens."

Mark Greyerbiehl, the friendly Ace Hardware owner, said he knows spring is eminent when the snow is below the boot line.

"So we can wear shorts and it won't fill in the boots," he said. "My son has worn shorts throughout the whole year and I would wear them all year, but when it starts to snow, my wife says no you have to have pants on."

Greyerbiehl said another sure sign winter is almost over is the ice shanties are half sunk in Round Lake.



Photo by Alan Freed

(Above) Punxsutawney Phil is the mascot for Groundhog Day events in Punxsutawney, Pa.

"I can tell when spring is close by when I see movement of the cement trucks and gravel hauling trucks and construction is going again," he added.

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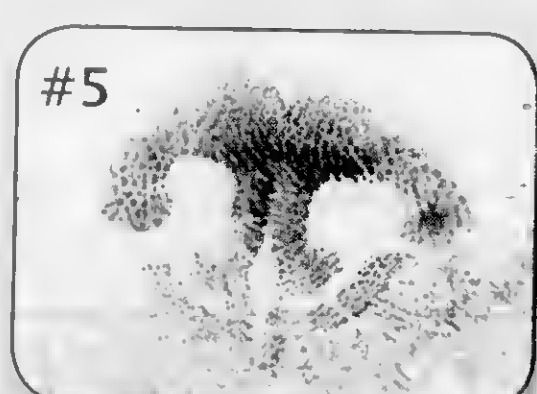
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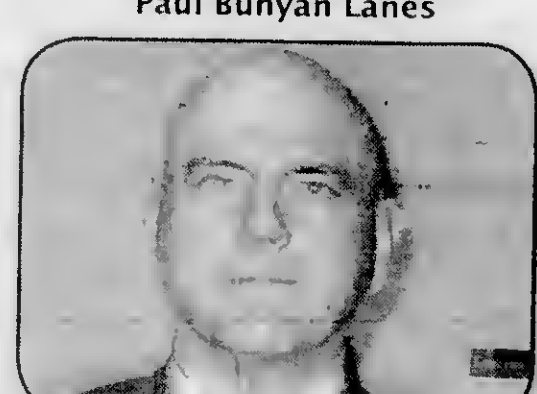
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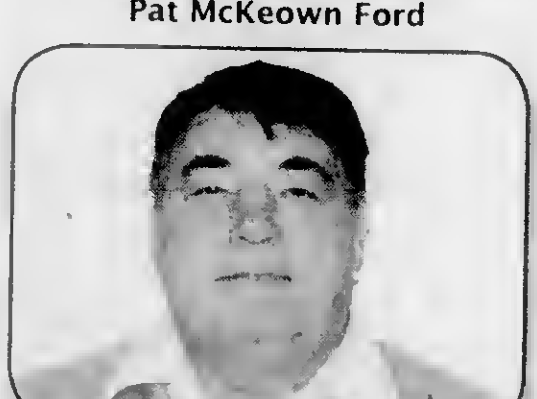
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Law suit seeks \$400,000 from county

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Jacqueline Rozema, one of the former Charlevoix County employees involved in the more than \$1 million whistle blower settlement against Charlevoix County and former county prosecutor Mary Beth Kur last May, has filed suit against the county again.

According to documents filed at the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office, on Monday, Jan. 30, Rozema seeks damages of at least \$400,000 for future health care costs she and her husband may incur after health benefits were cut despite alleged assurances by the county to the contrary.

However, county officials said the

benefits were cut due to Rozema's lack of retired status.

"Mrs. Rozema's health insurance was cut because she has not retired and she's not drawing a pension from the county," said Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon. "Our rider requires that you draw a pension in order to receive health insurance benefits and that's how it is for every employee that's under that class. No one is getting their health insurance paid for them who has left here that is not drawing a pension."

According to Rozema's Traverse City attorney, Grant Parsons, the county hargained to leave Rozema's benefits intact during the first whistle blower lawsuit.

"We filed a new whistle blower retaliation complaint on behalf of Jackie Rozema because the county (Charlevoix), in writing, told her prior to settling the first lawsuit that she was entitled to health retirement benefits, that she was grandfathered in," he said. "And two days after we entered the agreement settlement, which expressly preserved her benefits, they canceled them. It was clearly a vindictive act."

Brannon said, when Rozema quit in April 2004, she and everyone else concerned assumed that Rozema would get her pension and health benefits at a reduced rate and the county's attorney advised them to let Rozema keep her benefits at that time. But, Brannon said, the county later discovered Rozema

was ineligible for her pension due to inadequate number of years in service to the county.

"We've had employees retire and come back and ask for their health benefits at a later date and they couldn't get them," Brannon said. "Mrs. Rozema was well aware of that fact — this is nothing new."

Brannon said the county's retirement policy is 55 years old and 20 years of service.

"I didn't know that she couldn't retire before 55," Brannon said. "I thought it would be a half-percent a month reduction. The retirement office said, 'No, she will have to wait until age 60.'"

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Winterfest royalty



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Jillian Wilhelm is crowned the 2006 Charlevoix High School Winterfest Queen while Winterfest King, Shannon Gillespie looks on. The two were crowned during half-time ceremonies of the varsity basketball game Friday night.

State evaluates Big Rock Point for possible purchase

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

According to officials with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, discussions of the state purchasing Big Rock Point, the former nuclear power generation site in Charlevoix's Hayes Township, have taken place.

"There have been very initial conversations with Consumers Energy regarding Big Rock Point. We are in the infancy stages of an initial evaluation of the property to see if it fits the criteria we establish for the DNR to do its work — conservation, recreation and preservation of wildlife habitat," said Mary Dettloff, the public information officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

She stressed that the state's initial evaluation of the property doesn't mean they plan to move forward.

"We may have to pass after the evaluation," she said.

Tim Petrosky, Big Rock Point public affairs director, would neither confirm nor deny talks with the state but did say Consumers Energy has maintained support for keeping the property in public hands.

"And we are working toward that end." He added that an extensive appraisal has been done to establish the property's value but would not disclose the results citing it as proprietary information.

This initial direction from the state follows in line with a November 2003 vote of the Hayes Township Board supporting

state acquisition of Big Rock Point to create a state park.

"Everything is falling in the favor of public acquisition for that. There are a lot of loose ends here. Nothing is set in stone," Hayes Township supervisor, Tim Boyko, said. "It's gone from liquid to gel right now. You can't stand on it but you can see the surface."

Dettloff said a possible state purchase would be paid for by the Department of Natural Resources' Trust Fund which allocates about \$25 million a year in grant funds.

Trust Fund revenue is garnered through oil and gas generation on state land. She said funds should be up this year as a result of rising fuel prices.

She said the grant request may not come from the state directly but could be submitted by a local conservation organization or conservancy.

An ad hoc committee has been quietly working behind the scenes to set the stage for the eventual push to see this property become a public resource. Its membership includes Boyko, Little Traverse Conservancy executive director Tom Bailey and other interested citizens.

Bailey would not comment as to whether he is working with the state on this project.

He did say that the deadline for grant applications to the Trust Fund is April 1, 2006.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

John Lawrence Mitchell II, 35, Rochester. Open intoxicant motor vehicle passenger. Serve five days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Douglas Thomas Coultes, 22, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 60 days in jail; serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 214 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

Monica Rene Stoops, 27, Charlevoix. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 14 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Scott Richardson Carlston, 44, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Brandon Joseph Murray, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol; and police officer assault/resist/obstruct. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; \$550 in fines and costs.

Matthew Alan Whipp, 23,

Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated-first offense; and possession of marijuana. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 50 days in jail, 42 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,435 in fines and costs.

Duane Earl Shay, 49, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,285 in fines and costs.

Patricia Ann Clark, 41, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Serve eight days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Mark Daniel Strong, 25, Grand Blanc. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 68 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; attend Impact weekend; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

Robert Mark Bellmore, 27, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day,

30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Matthew Edward Okeefe, 26, Boyne City. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$500 in fines and costs.

James Deshawn Thomas, 28, Beaver Island. Impaired driving; and operating while license suspended. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 76 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,280 in fines and costs.

Casey Jean Bradley, 23, Petoskey. Two counts of checks with insufficient funds less than \$100. Serve six days in jail; restitution for all checks is \$69; \$350 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Sheldon Christopher Johnson, 21, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana; and controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; \$930 in fines and costs.

Martin John St. Lawrence, 45, Howell. Breaking and entering-entry without breaking with intent. Serve 18 months probation; \$620 in fines and costs.

Mark Ray Cullen, 22, Wolverine. Attempted larceny-\$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 12 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$6,832.74 in fines and costs.

Arthur Kirk AKA Arthur Kirkeby, 71, Charlevoix. Weapon-firearm-possession by a felon; weapon-pistol-false statement on concealed pistol permit; and habitual offender-fourth offense notice. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 151 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; \$530 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 28, Boyne City. Probation violation-uttering and publishing; and probation violation-attempted home invasion. Defendant shall continue on probation; jail time is held in abeyance.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mariner Enterprises, 00588 Fincoot Road, Boyne City, by Charles Scott Mariner

A & L Cleaning, 2192 Lewis Road, East Jordan, by Amy Lake

Revolution Bike, 2217 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Chester Morris

Cleaning by Shari, 131 West Court St., Boyne City, by Shari Hocquard Truffles, 208 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by James L. Simonsen B & B Escort Car Services, 10400 Second Street, Charlevoix, by Debra L. Bontrager and Vance J. Bontrager

Charlevoix On The E-Bay, 219 Park Ave., Charlevoix, by Denis Erin Arvilla and Lloyd M. Vance Terry's Towing and Wrecker Service, 508 Third St., East Jordan, by Terry D. Miller

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joseph Edward McCleese Jr., 39 and Robin Renee Follette, 42, both of Boyne Falls

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Antonio Perez-Lopez vs. Jamie Ann Perez

Kimberly Nagy vs. Stephan Nagy Kathleen Schmoldt vs. Robert Schmoldt

Birth

Tyler Hayden Phillips weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was born Jan. 30 to James Phillips and Ruhyan Pardee of East Jordan at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His siblings are Kyle Phillips and Haley Phillips.

Big Rock Point purchase considered by the state

BIG ROCK

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Dentloff said an application can be prepared and pulled if the applicant chooses not to move forward.

At 35 years, Big Rock holds the record as the longest running nuclear power station in the country and is one of 19 nuclear plants either decommissioned or in the process of doing so.

The plant officially ceased providing power in 1997 because it was deemed no longer economically viable and efforts have been taken since it's closing to decommission the landmark.

The property includes about 1.5 miles of Lake Michigan frontage and is zoned industrial and agricultural. It is currently owned by Consumers Energy and consists of 560 acres located along U.S. 31.

Petrosky said the hope is the final site survey will occur this year, which should yield about 1.5 miles of lakefront property for a total of 530 acres of Big Rock Point's 560 acres of land to be salable. The other 30 acres will house the dry fuel storage facility which is approximately the size of a basketball court.

This is expected to be dismantled by 2012 pending the opening of Yucca Mountain in Nevada which is expected to happen in 2010. Petrosky said it will take a year to ship the material and another year to dismantle the dry fuel storage facility.

Big Rock was the fifth nuclear power plant in America and the first high-power-density boiling water reactor in the world and cost \$27 million to build. And, Big Rock Point will be one of the first nuclear plants in the United States to decommission back to green field status.



File photo

According to officials with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, discussions of the state purchasing Big Rock Point, the former nuclear power generation site in Charlevoix's Hayes Township, have taken place.

Green field status is a term used by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which basically means that a location which once housed a nuclear plant can have its radioactivity levels lowered to the point that the property can be released for public or private sale.

According to Petrosky, the criteria issued for green field status is that a person may not pick up more than an additional 25 millirem of radiation from the property.

Michiganers annually pickup 100-200 millirem from cosmic rays and other naturally occurring sources. One would need a onetime dose of 50,000 millirem for ill health effects.

When all the work is complete, the Big Rock decommissioning should take less than two decades. By federal law, nuclear power plants have up to 60 years to decommission.

The projected budget was \$366 million with the project at \$325 million last May.

Whistle blower plaintiff files suit with benefit claim

LAW SUIT

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She added, "At the time, I thought the information she got from me was absolutely accurate or I wouldn't have given it to her."

Rozema's lawsuit cites several letters she received from Brannon assuring her she would continue to receive her benefits. However, one of the letters also stated that she would have to retain eligibility to receive said benefits.

In a letter from Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon, to Rozema dated Aug. 25, 2003, Brannon states, "You are probably aware that you are one of the few employees in a grandfathered group who are entitled to receive health insurance from the county upon retirement."

In the letter from Brannon to Rozema, Brannon further states, "You should also be aware that if there is an interruption in service, for example, if you did not work continuously for the county until

retirement, you would not be entitled to receive health insurance benefits upon your retirement. Because health insurance is an important benefit to most individuals, I wanted to make sure you were aware of the necessity to avoid an interruption in service if you wish to receive retiree health insurance benefits."

She added, "Your current leave is not considered an interruption of service, but there would be an interruption of service, for example, if you were employed elsewhere or if your leave continued for longer than the current period."

Parsons said, "Once again, this is a suit for hundreds of thousands of dollars that never needed to be brought."

The initial whistle blower lawsuit lasted seven days, involved 20 witnesses and six hours of deliberation before the jury found Kur's actions as described by Rozema and the other plaintiff to constitute working conditions so intolerable the two women had no choice but to resign.

Rozema was originally awarded \$505,713.65 in damages.

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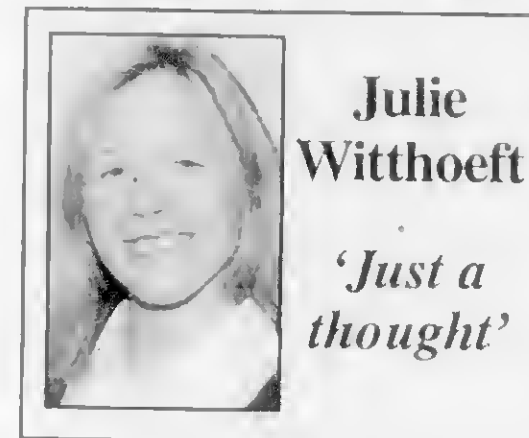
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Local band rocks Detroit's Super Bowl XL



Julie Witthoeft
'Just a thought'

Hundreds of thousands of people flocked to the Motor City this weekend to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers man handle the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL.

As a sports abstainer I had a different reason for being there. My husband Charlie, a professional harmonica player, and the boys of Charlevoix's own Mojo and the Boogiemans played the Sports Illustrated Super Party at the Hilton off Gratiot Avenue in the heart of downtown Detroit.

The two-night gig kicked off on Saturday under a tent outside the renowned Hunter House restaurant. Football and beer lovin' Super Bowl

fanatics packed the joint and shook their money makers to Mojo's originals and covers.

That night, the who's who from Sports Illustrated hunkered down inside the hotel in an apparent attempt to stay warm and store energy for game day.

Leaving the club that night, we pulled down an alley and were pleasantly surprised to see Detroit native Smoke Robinson, 65, and Chaka Khan packing their crew and gear into a shiny black town car.

They took their time but we didn't mind kicking back and watching one of Motown's greats do his thing.

As the sun rose on Sunday, slushy snow no longer fell and the smell of hot dogs filled the city streets. The VIP crowd, including sponsor representatives and long legged silicone stacked models, swaggered through the Super Party tent as testosterone buzzed super jocks looked on.

They were in heaven — it was game day, they were double fisted, and glitzed out women were working the joint.

The crowd of hundreds didn't include

the blue and white jerseys typically seen near Ford Field, the home turf of the Detroit Lions. This weekend, Detroit was Steeler country.

When Mojo took the stage a second time Steelers jerseys, hats and of course those Terrible Towels were everywhere. As the yellow and black buzzed with Mojo fever they swung their towels and cheered.

Mojo wrapped up a high energy infused performance with Muddy Waters' original, "I Got My Mojo Working," just in time for Aretha Franklin to belt out the national anthem.

As the announcers introduced the teams the crowd roared with excitement and we packed up and prepared to head north for an early Monday work day.

During the over four hour sojourn from the city home, we bounced around the AM band listening to scratchy versions of the game on the radio. When the game ended with the Steelers besting the Seahawks 21-10 to win the franchise's fifth Super Bowl ring, we commented on the crazed state of affairs that were likely converging on Detroit — a recipe for yet



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix based blues band Mojo and the Boogiemans play the Sports Illustrated Super Party at the Hilton off Gratiot Avenue in the heart of downtown Detroit Feb. 4 and 5.

another evening of debauchery.

As we pulled into town at around midnight discussions of the fun-filled weekend and the retirement of Steelers standout Jerome Bettis had turned into thank heaven we're home. There's no

party that beats a good night of sleep in your own bed.

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A writer's thoughts on beating the winter blues



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

As I sit bundled up in my favorite cozy chair sipping a glass of Merlot, or hot chocolate, reading my latest good book under a lamp lit with warm, bright bulbs, I am picturing myself sitting on our deck drinking in the morning sun that only spring and early summer can offer.

I've been awakened to a reality check as I turn up the heat and listen to the current weather report on the local news. Call me a dreamer but I am trying to beat the winter blues.

I faithfully take our dog, Austin, for a

walk and if I dress in enough layers and wrap my beautifully handmade scarf across my face and around my neck I can venture forward and say to Austin, "See it's beautiful outside and those flakes are Mother Nature's wonderful creation for us to enjoy." Another reality check — I'm getting colder and I want to shorten this walk, but I do have layered dressing down to a fine art. Ask any woman politely who is over 50 and she'll explain how to do this.

When our kids were younger and my family members began to look at each other as if we were strangers from another planet we would book a room at a hotel for the weekend and take in the use of a pool and pretend for awhile that we were whisked away to someplace warm and inviting. This is how we'd beat the winter blues. As time has passed we've turned to other avenues to remind us and give us hope that the days are getting longer.

We work out at the gym, rent mov-

ies, have candlelit dinners with music, and on occasion cook a meal in the fireplace or on the outdoor grill to spice things up a bit. I think we're in agreement that winters are long and winter sports can be fun but sometimes being warm and having the sun out is such a blessing. Remember the sun? It's that round orb that sits in the sky occasionally and can truly make your day turn around even if you're not having a good one. Nothing beats it, nothing compares, but since we don't live in Colorado or Florida we make the best of it.

Things that help are taking in your vitamin D and St. John's Wort. Dr. Weil, my favorite health specialist, claims that certain herbs are effective for seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a form of depression made worse by the lack of sunlight. Also, there is a theory that not enough fatty acids (Omega 3) in your diet can trigger depression. Your mom was right, you need to eat

your hroccoli and take cod liver oil.

If you thought it was only humans who were hit with this winter blues thing, it may surprise you that our pets are afflicted too. Veterinarians report that our pets need fresh water daily and exercise to go with it to improve their lives as well.

Besides a good diet and exercise, it's also important to socialize. Sometimes we get so comfortable at home we just don't want to venture out. Well force yourself, because once you're out visiting friends or family, you'll forget the lack of sun and enjoy life and be glad that you are spending time with others.

Music in your life is always a good thing too. Playing your favorite music while at work or cleaning the house, making dinner, or repairing that project you put off can lift your spirits. A common phrase is, "Music soothes the savage beast." You're not a savage but these long winter days may bring about

a personality trait in you that you'd rather not discuss.

As I peruse what I've written so far, I would gander that from all the ideas listed, time with friends would be at the top of my list. If I asked you to list three people who won the Academy Awards for the last three years you might be hard pressed to respond. But if I asked you to list three friends you enjoy spending time with, the names would roll off your lips.

People can make a difference in our lives, particularly when the sun is rarely seen in this neck of the woods. Why not take a few minutes to invite them out for a walk, dinner or a just to visit and chat awhile. I assure you it will lift your spirits and who knows, the sun may come out tomorrow.

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Editor:
Our family wishes to express our thanks and deepest gratitude for the moral support given to us in our sorrow these past months.

The outpouring of friendship and love evidenced by the cards, calls, visits, flowers, help, hugs and prayers has been invaluable to each of us. Words cannot thank you enough. May God bless you all.

Rosalyn Goldstick and family
Charlevoix

Shop Petoskey

Editor:
I am writing in response to several letters I have seen complaining about the lack of stores in Charlevoix and most being seasonal. I would urge people to do like I was told to do when we wanted Wal-Mart to come in and bring jobs, year-round services and development to the community. "Just drive to Petoskey to go to Wal-Mart." That is exactly what I do and when I am there I stop at the nice little stores in downtown Petoskey and get my clothes, food, gas, gifts and everything else I need and would have otherwise bought in Charlevoix.

Funny how Petoskey has a Wal-Mart and a thriving downtown business district, isn't it. The township wanted revenue spent elsewhere and now they are getting it. Why doesn't "This Is Our Town" and "Friends of Charlevoix Township" put the money they spent on their campaign to make the rich richer and the poor spending more than is fair into the downtown economy instead of forcing less fortunate and fixed income residents out of town? The markup on merchandise is so much more in Charlevoix than buying in Petoskey or East Jordan is almost a necessity.

Before Charlevoix decided to cater to the wealthy, transient vacationers, the downtown area had two hardware stores, two drug stores with soda fountains, three clothing stores, a furniture store, a jewelry store, three grocery stores, a bakery and two marinas. That was a real small town. Back then, the stores stayed open all year long and the owners knew most of the customers by their first name.

Now, condominiums are littering the landscape and blocking the view of all the lakes. Ask a local that has lived here for more than 30 years what the town looked like back then. I'll bet they'll say, "It was so beautiful back then, no condos drowning out the view and you could see the lake."

I have also heard Charlevoix Township and the City of Charlevoix are looking to increase jobs in the area. Last Nov. 8 you kissed 300 or more good jobs for our citizens good-bye. If condos, \$400,000 houses and even more boat docks choking off the lakes are beautiful and small town, then this place is a knockout.

It's not the small town I remember when I first came here 25 years ago. If you really want to put life back into the town, make it one the average person can afford to live in. Not the high end quasi Club Med, Disney World some would like. I believe I have all the fudge, \$200 knick-knacks and silk-screen tee-shirts I need for now.

Curtis Merrifield
Charlevoix

Successful blood drive

Editor:
The final number of pints of blood collected by the American Red Cross in Charlevoix on Jan. 19 was 108 pints.

I want to thank the donors in Charlevoix for their fantastic support of the sick and injured during the critical shortage of blood products. The units collected at our drive could help at least 320 patients.

I'm grateful to the multitude of persons, organizations and businesses who played key roles leading to the success of our community's blood drive.

Please allow me to thank the groups and businesses who accepted posters and flyers and all my volunteers who made phone calls, worked the blood drive and/or baked for our canteen.

Jennifer Rich, Anna Farrell and Sarah Hagen are members of the National Honor Society at Charlevoix High School. I am

pleased they chose to give the American Red Cross a portion of their service hours. They were able to see the Red Cross in action and get a feel for the importance of volunteerism. They made a difference.

There will be a blood drive at Bethany Lutheran Church from 1 until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 16. The next community blood drive will be from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Reformed Church. I hope all who read this will consider making a difference by taking advantage of these opportunities to donate blood. Besides, the hot fudge sundaes and homemade treats are worth the effort.

Ellen Schuiling
Charlevoix Coordinator
American Red Cross

Northwest Academy night out

Editor:
I thought this might be the right time to let you know that the Friends of Northwest Academy are going to be holding a fund-raising event March 18. It will be a "Special Night Out," featuring the talents of our Jazz Band and others.

The menu for this event will include hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. Full details of the night's events will soon follow.

I would like to also mention that this is Northwest's 10th anniversary as a Public School Academy in Charlevoix. We are currently planning a series of homecoming events for later in the year. We would be happy to hear from any of our alumni or other supporters. Please send any information to my attention at the school at 115 West Hurlbut St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

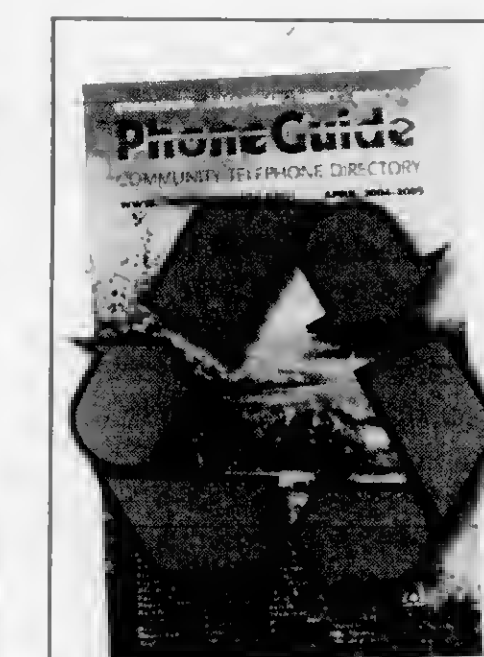
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Editor:
Thank you for your donation to St. Mary's Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction, which ultimately benefits the students and teachers of St. Mary's School.

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Janet Troppman and the Northern Lights Celebration Executive Board
Charlevoix

Building off-season business
Editor:

I would like to thank Bill DuPont for his crystal clear response to the subject articles of

a couple weeks back. As a former retailer of over 10 years with Sweet Sams Java Joint I can attest to his perspective on the subject. The eight weeks from June 15 to Aug. 15 is where a retailer makes it or breaks it for the year.

Sure we stayed open year-round but I can tell you from personal experience that outside the bubble of "eight weeks" sales and expenses were pretty close on the graph, and some years the months of November and April (shoulder months) the expenses outpaced sales.

Charlevoix is a tough town for retailers downtown. The single largest expense of course is rent. As Bill mentioned, the real estate for storefronts in Charlevoix is way over priced. About the same as Petoskey as a matter of fact which draws from the ski areas — amazing that businesses ac-

tually make it in this town. The solution is more revenue through foot traffic.

While we have gone virtual with Sweet Sams at sweetsamsjava.com (so we have no vested interest or conflict thereof) I have some ideas to build more attraction to downtown Charlevoix in the off months. It would require open and creative thinking on the part of the Downtown Development Authority and Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsored events at the Castle, Mount McSaubia, East Park and Michigan Beach, Ferry Beach, the airport, by these two groups and advertised on-line as well as in print and radio to those places where the resorters and visitors live could bring them up when the temperature is not necessarily conducive to tanning.

Soliciting ideas for these events

from your readers, chamber members, the school children and others in a contest fashion could fill up the weekends outside the successful summer and fall weekend specials we have already.

Sometimes to solve a problem you have to turn it upside down for a different perspective.

Sales means revenue and re-

vention. While I don't believe we need a Wal-Mart for foot traffic, I do believe we need attractions like more festivals and events for the months outside the two above.

This approach could be fun and profitable for Charlevoix.

Greg White
Charlevoix

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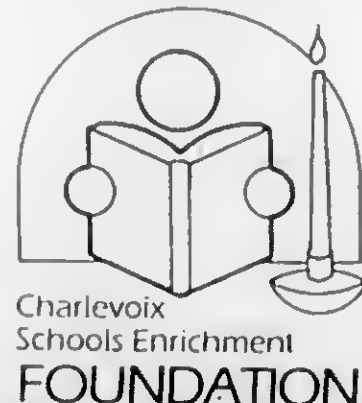
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Street Legends wins big at AutoRama in Grand Rapids

The Charlevoix Street Legends Classic Car Club gave donations to many charities and took home awards from the AutoRama car show in Grand Rapids.

The Street Legends raised money at their annual car show last July, and donated funds to Camp Quality, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Charlevoix Senior Center, Charlevoix Sheriff's Auxiliary, Charlevoix Humane Society, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Camp Daggett, Charlevoix Skate Park, Camp McSaubia, Boulder Park Terrace, and a High School Scholarship Fund.

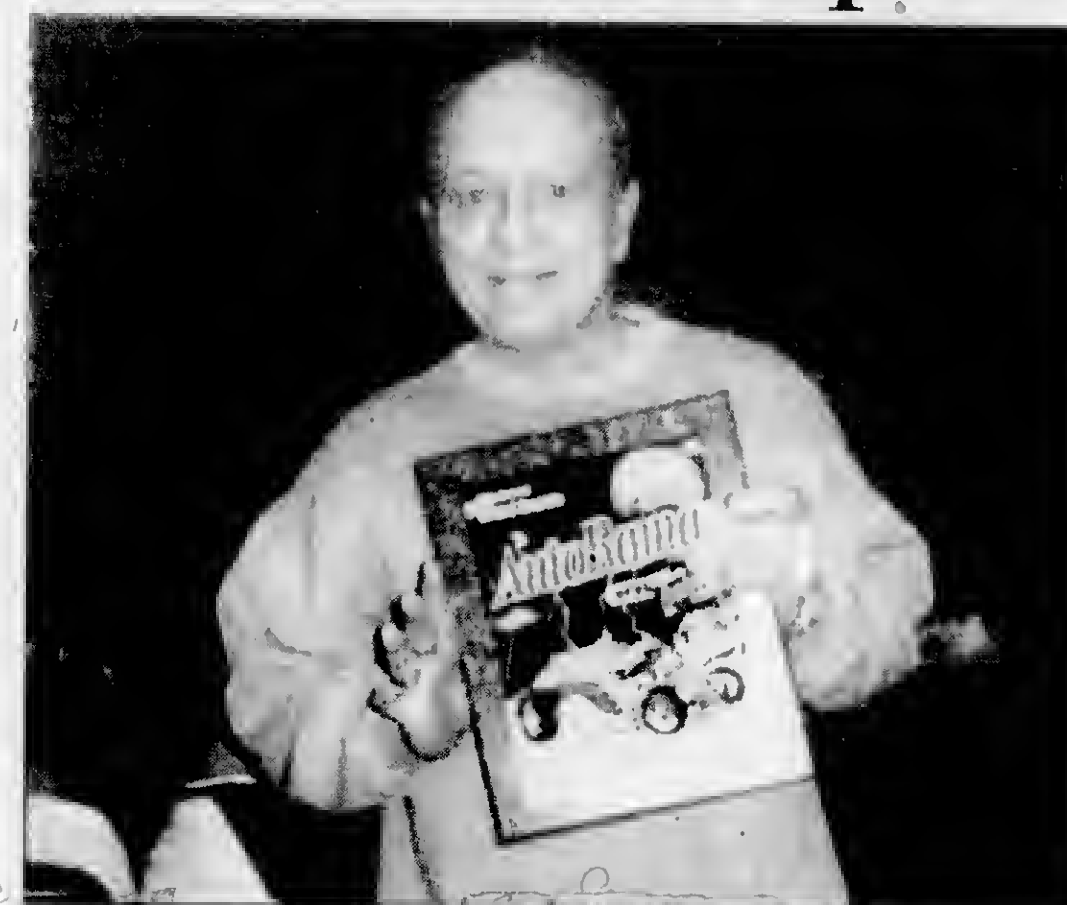
Over the last 13 years they have donated over \$50,000 to a variety of local charities.

At the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids on Jan. 13-15, the Street Legends entered two cars in the AutoRama car show: a 1966 moss port green Corvette owned by Jerry and Joan Balch and a 1932 black cherry Ford Roadster owned by Ron and Judy Zednick.

Balch's Corvette took an outstanding award as well as a street achievement award. Zednick's roadster took a best in class award.

Street Legends members attended the event and the club won outstanding club display award as well.

The Street Legends will continue to raise money for charities



Courtesy photo

Members of Charlevoix Street Legends Club recently attended the AutoRama Car Show in Grand Rapids. (Above) Club member Ron Zednick holds his best in class award for his 1932 black cherry Ford Roadster entry.

at their 14th annual car show on Saturday, July 16, 2006 in downtown Charlevoix.

The Street Legends hold their monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of every month at the Charlevoix Senior Center. All car enthusiasts are welcome. For more information visit www.streetlegends.net.



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Northern Michigan University graduates

Steve S. Pine of Charlevoix recently earned his baccalaureate degree in construction management from Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Davis completes Enlisted Warehouse Basic Course

Marine Corps Pvt. Justin M. Davis, son of Ann L. Peterson of Charlevoix and Chester M. Davis of St. Louis, Mo., recently completed the Marine Corps Enlisted Warehouse Basic Course. During the course with Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools Training Command in Camp Lejeune, N.C., students are provided a comprehensive theoretical and practical background in the performance and administration of duties as a warehouse clerk. Studies include storage and issue procedures, record keeping, inventory of materials, storing gear and running warehouse machinery such as a forklift. Davis is a 1996 graduate of Charlevoix High School and joined the Marine Corps in July 2005.

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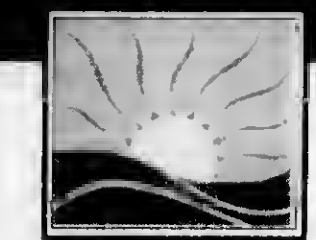


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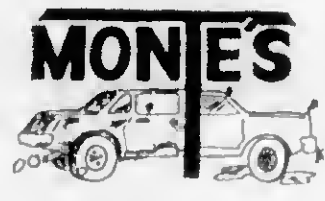
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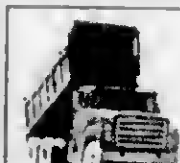
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BUSINESS

The Rainbow Shoppe looks to relocate

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

One of Charlevoix's longest-standing retail stores, The Rainbow Shoppe, is looking for a new home.

The Rainbow Shoppe, has been in business for 22 years in Charlevoix and is a local thrift store operated under the direction of a 20-person board of directors made up of two representatives each from 10 area churches.

Rita Orlowski, a board member and store founder said the board has voted to pursue a move from its current site at #1 Van Pelt Alley in downtown Charlevoix, where it has been in operation for 20 years.

According to Orlowski, the board's decision was made in response to proposed rent increases.

She explained that in May 2005 the board's landlord, Bill Decker of Detroit, approached its members with lease changes to reflect a triple net set-up under which rent would include the lessee's share of insurance, taxes and repairs.

The board opted to decline this agreement.

Decker also offered to sell the board

the building for \$375,000. However, Orlowski said this is out of reach and would be an undesirable move for the group.

Board president Ceil Doan said, "I wouldn't buy it (the existing building). Why should we put all that money into what we've got when we'll still have an old building that needs repair and has no close parking."

The organization currently pays \$2,500 a month to rent the space.

Since deciding to pursue a move, board members have been seeking out vacant property on which to build and buildings a minimum of 10,000 square feet in which to relocate. The existing store is 12,000 square feet.

They would like to find something in the city or stay within a mile of it that meets their size requirements.

"Anything less than 10,000 square feet would defeat our purpose," Orlowski said.

Doan said thus far their search has been fruitless with most costs hitting about the \$500,000 mark.

"I know buildings are costly. We just don't have the money. That's why we're looking for an angel or two," Orlowski said.

She added that the board is hoping someone will donate a new facility or funds to buy an existing building or vacant lot.

"We want to know just where we stand with the community. We've been the compassionate contributors and now, we need compassionate contributors," Orlowski said.

By 2003 the group had given away over \$1 million to non-profit area programs and in 2005 gave \$45,000 to community groups. Those receiving funds in 2005 include BASES Teen Center, Camp Quality, Charlevoix Mt. McSaubia day camp, the Alano Club, Circle of Strength and the Charlevoix Ministerial Association.

On a daily basis the Rainbow Shoppe staff also works with the Family Independence Agency and walk-in clients in need, to provide goods quickly and free-of-charge.

The store started at an Antrim Street location with seven volunteers and now utilizes 172 volunteers and seven full and part-time staff members.

"Most of our volunteers are older men and women. This enables them to get out and do something positive for themselves and the community,"



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Board members for The Rainbow Shoppe (from left) Rita Orlowski, Jackie Gilmore, Ceil Doan and Dave Wassenaar stand outside the store entrance at #1 Van Pelt Alley in downtown Charlevoix, where it has been in operation for 20 years. They are looking to relocate.

Orlowski said.

According to Orlowski an investment in the Rainbow Shoppe is an investment in the community.

The Rainbow Shoppe is open from

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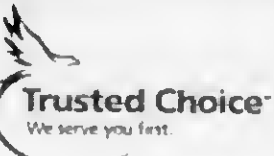
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BUSINESS

Charlevoix Abstract and Title Agency opens

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A new title company has opened its doors to serve property exchange needs in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Abstract and Title Agency which handles commercial and residential title work started in late January.

Dick Joseph, Grant Elowsky and Tim Murphy, the agency's owners, had been considering a Charlevoix title business venture for some time.

Elowsky is the former owner of Metropolitan Title and has honed his skills in comprehensive title searches. Murphy currently owns and operates Bay View Title Company in Petoskey.

Joseph said he brings to the table his strong background in real estate law. "Having a title company is something I've always wanted to do. I think it's a natural extension of my practice," Joseph said.

He said what sets his company apart from other title agencies is its depth of knowledge and affiliation with the firm Young, Graham and Elsenheimer in which Joseph is an attorney. Young, Graham and Elsenheimer is an established law firm with expertise in zoning, real estate issues and access.

Joseph said this allows Charlevoix Abstract and Title Agency to offer its customers free legal advice as well as document drafting, including deeds and condominium documents like master deeds and bylaws.

"Together we think we can provide more than just title work. We can help customers solve a lot of problems and help them close the transaction," Joseph said.

Elowsky purchased the name Charlevoix Abstract from the late Mary Feindt, a former surveyor and title business owner. Her surveying business now operates as Advanced Geomatics.

"Our goal is to live up to that firm's reputation," Joseph said.

Hoping to take a commanding lead in the local title market, Joseph said his company specializes in closings, escrow arrangements, refinancing and 1031 property exchanges. Old Republic is the underwriter for the agency.

Joseph, Elowsky and Murphy hope to open a second location in Bellaire this summer which would operate under the name Bellaire Title Company.

Charlevoix Abstract and Title Agency will employ two to three full-time agents.

The office, located at 203 Mason



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Dick Joseph has joined Grant Elowsky and Tim Murphy in the business venture, Charlevoix Abstract and Title Agency which handles commercial and residential title work. The agency opened its doors in late January.

Street is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment.

For more information call (231) 547-0795. Or e-mail Joseph at rjoseph@frecway.net.

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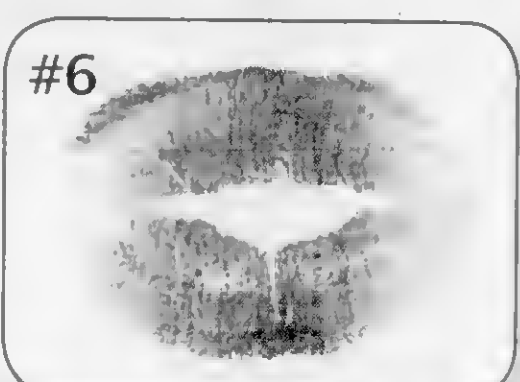
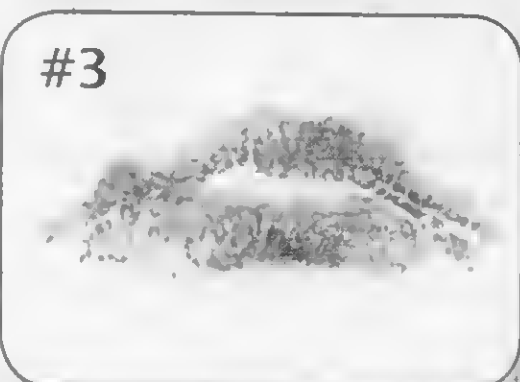
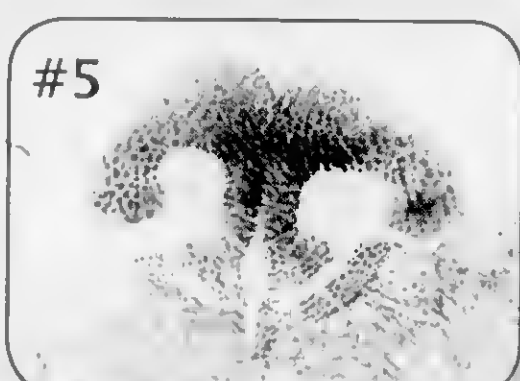
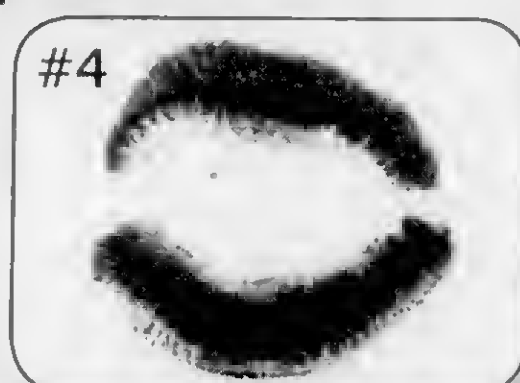


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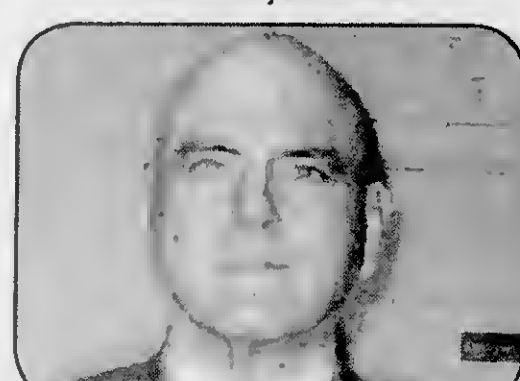
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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Citizens Bank has a new Community President

The Charlevoix Chamber welcomes Christopher Cuffaro, the new President of Citizens Bank in Charlevoix and his wife Laura to our beautiful community. He will be a welcomed addition to Citizens Bank and to the Charlevoix community.

Charlevoix County featured in the "Chicago Tribune"

Alan Solomon, Tribune staff reporter, stopped at the Charlevoix Chamber office on January 5, 2006 to interview Jacquie Merta regarding Charlevoix County in the Winter...What is there to do when there is no snow? She gave him lots of information, brochures, and contacts before he headed out to other parts of the city and county. Alan interviewed many more people and wrote an interesting article, which was printed on Sunday, January 22, featuring Charlevoix County on the front page of Chicago Tribune's Travel Section. As a result, the Chamber office has been receiving lots of phone calls requesting our Visitor's Guide. This article will definitely increase business.

Winter Indoor Sidewalk Sales Days are Feb. 17-20

Charlevoix merchants are celebrating Presidents Day weekend by holding their Indoor Sidewalk Sales. This annual shopping event begins on Friday, February 17 through Monday, February 20. Be sure to visit all the stores that will be offering the best bargains of the winter on great merchandise.

Eye Health is celebrating their new location with a Grand Opening on February 23rd

Doctors Robert and Kimberly Molter of Eye Health of Charlevoix invite you to their Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, February 23 from 6pm to 8pm. Their new location is at 109 W. Huribut Street.

The Women's Winter Tour returns for its 3rd visit to Charlevoix on February 25th

Strap on your boots and join the biggest winter party just for girls! The entire event takes place at Castle Farms and the party goes all day long. Eat drink and be merry! You can ski and snowshoe, and enjoy delicious goodies and hot beverages from Stafford's Weathervane, Scoville's Gourmet, and Whitney's of Charlevoix. Don't miss the classic S'mores pit, brought to you by Glen's Market. The annual Silent Auction features interesting products and services from area businesses and retailers, and 100% of the proceeds go to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Go for the Chocolate, stay for the wine! Make it a girls' weekend. Stick around after skiing for shopping and for Castle Farm's A Winter's Night annual wine festival, which goes from 1:00 until 8:00pm.

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Friske Orchards will host their 3rd Annual Cherry Recipe Contest Feb. 25th

Entries for this contest must be received by February 13th. Six finalists will be named in each category. Final judging will take place Saturday, February 25th at 10:30 am. Registration forms are available by calling 231/599-2604 or at Friske's Farm Market or at the Chamber office.

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Charlevoix County Humane Society Fundraiser is March 5th

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| March 5 | Charlevoix County Humane Society Hawaiian Luau 582-6774 |

The next Retail meeting is Feb. 23, 2006 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant at 8:45 am.

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is at Grey Gables on March 3 at 7:30 am.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

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Four file to run for Charlevoix school board

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

As of noon, Tuesday, Feb. 7, four men have filed to run for the two open spots on the Charlevoix Public School Board.

The candidates include current board president, Dennis Halverson and locals Jeff Stevens, Tom Barnes and John McLean Jr.



Jeff Stevens

Stevens, a lifelong citizen of Charlevoix, is a volunteer fireman of 21 years and an EMT specialist. He works for the local Department of Natural Resources Fisheries.

Stevens is married and has two school-age children.

"I have a real vested interest in the school system," he said. "The steering committee is what spurred my interest. The more information I got, the more interested I became. And, as the seat came available, I decided to give it a try."

Stevens said the financial steering committee devised dozens of great

ideas to help the school district tackle its budget woes. And, if elected, his first accomplishment would be to attempt to keep all school staff by implementing some of those ideas.

"Our academic core is the most important thing," he said. "I think we should do anything we can to not lose a teacher or staff member, because they all have a part."

He added, "I just want what's best for the kids."

Stevens said, if elected, he would also like to get the board to work with the city and township governments to try to bring working families into the Charlevoix area.

"Working families have kids and both the community and school could benefit from that," he said.

Aside from coaching numerous sports including the ski team, soccer and softball, Stevens and his wife are devoted to the sports boosters and the enrichment foundation.

Stevens thanked outgoing board member Ardeith Wieland for her many years of service to the board and community.

McLean, also on the fire department, has two children in school.

In his five years in Charlevoix, McLean said he has grown to revere the area.



John McLean Jr.

of committees at the elementary and middle schools."

He added, "I think I've got a good

"I'm a huge advocate for the children," he said. "I think I am super involved with the school system to begin with. I've been doing volunteer work for the last five years on a ton

pulse on what's going on with the kids and staff."

McLean said, while he doesn't have an agenda, he does hope to provide some insight and new ideas.

Obviously the budget crisis is one of the biggest issues facing Charlevoix schools, he said.

"Another issue that is pressing seems to be teachers and their medical benefits," he said.

McLean, who plans to retire as the chief officer in charge at the Charlevoix Lifeboat Station late this June, has 23 years in the U.S. Coast Guard in which time he has undertaken numerous leadership roles.

"I can't even count how many committees and boards I've been on," he said. "My military background and upbringing has taught me a lot about solid leadership and mentoring and just making some really solid and informed decisions."

He added, "I chose to retire here in Charlevoix this year because this is such a great community — it's a great place to raise my kids."

Candidate Barnes has a bachelor of science degree in plastic engineering.

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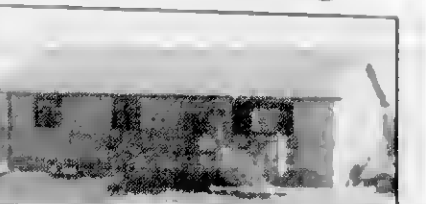
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Family night



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(Above) Toddlers in the Charlevoix area attended the Stepping Stones to School family music night Feb. 2 at Charlevoix Elementary School. Evan Beane was delighted to shake musical eggs. (Below) While Riley Dittmar showed his musical potential with a few toots on a horn.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Four run for two open seats at the May 2 school board election

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neering technology from Ferris State University and has worked for 20 years at Lexalite in sales, sales management and product development.



Tom Barnes

He is past commodore of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, treasurer for the Lake Charlevoix Mariners and treasurer for the C&O Club Association.

"These positions have helped me to understand finances in not-for-profit environments and to practice team-building," he said.

Barnes' wife is Pamela Drury-Barnes and he has two school-age children.

"I have participated on the steering committee which was organized to provide input on community priorities in education," he said. "During these meetings, I gained insight to the substantial changes necessary to balance the school budget."

He added, "I am concerned that the present rate of spending unchecked will eliminate the budget surplus and put our school at risk of financial crisis."

Barnes said he is financially conservative and it pains him to see the once substantial surplus eliminated in such a short amount of time.

Barnes said Charlevoix is blessed with a talented and enthusiastic group of educators.

"I want to see this maintained as best as possible for the remainder of my children's school time and for future generations," he said. "I believe our school system needs to be operated as any other business — with a vision for the future and sound fiscal management."

According to Barnes, if elected, he will focus on a responsible business plan and the maintenance of Charlevoix's academic core.

"It may be necessary to cut some otherwise worthwhile programs in order to remain solvent," he said.

"And I will support doing so. Just as in business, I believe every position must be reviewed based on its value and should be filled with the best

qualified individual available."

He added, "There are no sacred cows and nobody gets preferential treatment."



Dennis Halverson

Barnes also said he expects the community to step up and do its part to solve the current situation.

"Paying our taxes isn't enough. We need volunteer help, donations, cooperation and support,"

he said. "We have a wealth of untapped talent in our area. We need to tap it."

The school board election in which these four candidates will face off for two seats, will take place on Tuesday, May 2.



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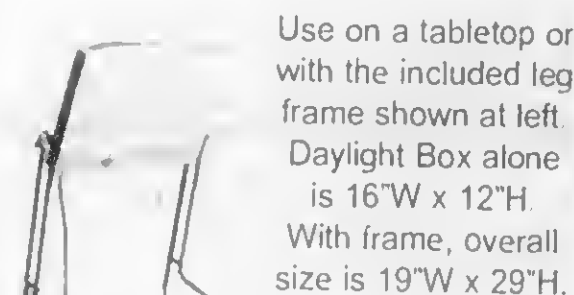
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County commission candidate forum

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Heading into the upcoming Feb. 28 election, the three First District Charlevoix County Commission candidates sound off on what they feel are the most important issues facing Charlevoix.

Unaffiliated candidate Connie Saltonstall, Green party candidate Ellis Boal and Republican candidate John Haggard plan to attend a forum at 3 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the Charlevoix Public Library to discuss their platforms.

Haggard said, though the idea of serving his community is constantly on his mind, he decided to run when Valerie Snyder originally vacated her seat on the county board.

"As a former county commissioner, I have always had an interest in county government," he said. "I feel my background in business and some connections in Lansing I have built up over the years would be very helpful to Charlevoix County."

Haggard said some of his major concerns include the state of the economy and at least one of the main roads in the area.

"In the district I would like to represent, we have a couple of manufacturing facilities that are unfortunately vacant. I

would like to get involved with the city and township (Charlevoix) to somehow see if we can get somebody to come in and take over those facilities to start hiring and putting some jobs in the community," he said.

"Another issue that I'm very concerned about is the major artery of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road."

Haggard said he understands the road commission is doing all they can, but the highway is still in need of serious work.

"If elected, I would like to be able to work with the road commission and other appropriate agencies to do whatever possible to get Boyne City Road upgraded," he said. "And then, I want to basically work with all the department heads and the existing commissioners to put my experience and knowledge anywhere they need it."

Haggard has a degree in business and works for Haggard's Inc. which operates Haggard's Plumbing & Heating which currently employs nearly 30 people.

Haggard said people should vote for him because, as a native and year-round resident of Charlevoix, he knows this area's needs.

"Very seldom do I go away for the winter," he said. "I believe being in business and being an employer trying to work to meet the payroll are the greatest assets I have to fill the position on the county commission."

He added, "I'd like to remind people that I'm there to fill the position and do, to the best of my ability, what is going

to be required to represent the people that not only vote for me but live in the district."

Candidate Boal said his program is about the economy, protecting the water and other natural resources in the area as well as regulating smoking in common areas at work sites.

"I will take a stand on important issues and turn down the political volume," he said. "I got the candidates to agree to use no lawn signs because they (signs) are ugly. Who wants to see

them? I'd rather campaign on the issues than a lawn sign which only puts a name in your memory."

Boal said one of his best attributes is his high level of community involvement.

"My activity with This Is Our Town stopped Wal-Mart from coming to our township and I was thrilled to see 61 percent of the voters vote for Wal-Mart not to come back," he said. "I've done my part to bring business to the area by putting Charlevoix on page one of the Wall Street Journal at the end of December."

Boal is a self-employed lawyer specializing in labor law.

"I've represented working people all

my life, written frequent guest commentaries for the (Petoskey) News-Review, worked for peace and I am the chairperson for the Charlevoix County Green Party," he said. "My family has had roots in this area for almost a century—in six years it will be a 100 years."

Boal said he believes people can make a difference and voters who support his values should vote for him.

"One thing I want to do with this campaign is energize the electorate. I want more people to become involved, that's how I've always worked," he said. "I've been in antiwar demonstrations, I have been involved with marching with the nurses at NMH (Northern Michigan Hospital) and I think it's important that people work not only as individuals but with like-minded individuals."

He added, "No matter how good a person is as an individual, you're not going to be as effective unless you work in groups and that's how I want my campaign to be."

diacy to be seen. And that would be the way I would work if I were elected."

According to Boal, he is constantly in the public arena visiting with officials or people about one issue or another.

"If elected, I would move to bring the smoking ordinance back before the commission," he said.

Boal said he is also working on a plan to possibly stimulate the economy without damaging the environment. And, Boal said, he believes in leaving a paper trail.

"I think it's important if the commission makes a decision one way or the other to be able to justify and explain it to people," he said. "You'll be able to know why I voted after major decisions with a memo."

For more information on candidate Boal, visit his Web site at <http://ellis-boal.org>.

Candidate Saltonstall feels a responsibility to see **COUNTY**, page 20



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Commission candidates debate at Feb. 12 forum

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bility to give back to the community.

"I'm a problem solver and I'm interested in working on county issues," she said.

Saltonstall said, she too, feels some of the big issues facing Charlevoix County include the loss of jobs and the condition of certain roads.

"I hope to work with the county and the townships to create more jobs by creating a marketing plan and recruiting clean businesses," she said. "I hope to work with planning and balanced growth to protect our environment and our resources."

She added, she hopes to talk directly to companies who have the potential to relocate their business to this county and create new jobs and more tax revenue.

"I think we can all work together on that, because even if a business isn't located in the City of Charlevoix, it would

still create new consumers," she said.

Saltonstall said she knows health care is almost a cliché when it comes to candidates and their platforms, but it is a concern for her.

"The health department actually has created a program where people who don't have insurance can get basic health care," she said.

Saltonstall said she hopes to support this program so people without insurance can get to the doctor instead of waiting until their condition worsens.

"I'm prepared to spend the time that's necessary," she said. "And I believe that you have to ask questions and create a structure to solve problems — and that takes time and research and talking to

people."

She added, "I'm good at that." Saltonstall has experience on the Charlevoix Public School Board. She is a mediator with Northern Community Mediation, is on the Hospice of Northwest Michigan board and is a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

"I'm a professional volunteer," she said. "I've also put a lot of time in on the building committee on the new Charlevoix library and I work in the garden club on community gardens."

Saltonstall said she would turn citizen's concerns into solutions by getting their input and working to implement a plan.

The upcoming candidate forum will be moderated by Mona Bergeon with the help of Charlevoix High School senior government students under the direction of their teacher, Anne Marie Conway.

For further information on the forum call the library at (231) 547-2651.



Connie Saltonstall

Obituaries

Larry Straw: July 17, 1951 - Jan. 26, 2006

Larry A. Straw died on Jan. 26.

Larry was born July 17, 1951. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1969. He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force, returning home following the deaths of his father Robert D. Straw in 1971 and younger brother Michael D. Straw in 1972.

He graduated top in his class as a mining engineer from Michigan Tech University. He married and accepted a position with an international mining corporation in Gouverneur, N.Y. where he went on to become vice-president.

Mark Baldwin: Nov. 13, 1985 - Feb. 2, 2006

Mark David Baldwin, 20, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Feb. 2.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place at noon on Monday, Feb. 6, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix with Fr. Jerry Hunko officiating.

Mark was born Nov. 13, 1985, in Lancaster, Pa., the son of David A. and Lynn C. (Hyldburg) Baldwin. He grew up in Elizabethtown, Pa., before moving with his family to Charlevoix eight years ago.

Mark was active in the First

Larry also served many years on both the local hospital and bank board of trustees in Gouverneur, N.Y. In the most recent years he had moved on to a corporation in Winchester, Va. while still holding his position with the bank in New York.

Larry is survived by one son, Robert D. Straw of Winchester, Va.; two daughters, Katie, a freshman at Oswego University and Keri, still at home with her mother in Gouverneur, N.Y. He is also survived by his mother Betty Straw of Charlevoix; brother Don (Carol) Straw

of Dafter; sisters Jean (Bill) Habel of Charlevoix and Betsy (Mike) Bennett of Newberry. He also has four nephews, two nieces, two great-nieces and one great-nephew. Special friends Terry and Virginia Corlon and their two sons, Sean and Brian of Philadelphia, Pa.

Memorial services will take place Feb. 11 in Gouverneur, N.Y. and locally at 1 p.m. on Feb. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bay Shore. A luncheon will be served immediately following.

Please join our family in a celebration of Larry's life.

Congregational Church youth group, and was involved in community activities. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2004, where he played football for four years. Mark attended Michigan State University and North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. As a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 11, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2004.

Mark also worked for LaCroft Condominiums, the Grey Gables, and the Acom Café in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his parents David A.

and Lynn C. Baldwin; brother, Eric D. Baldwin; and sister, Jolynn C. Baldwin all of Charlevoix; paternal grandparents, Arthur J. and Eileen E. Baldwin of Lake City, Pa.; maternal grandparents, Joseph A. and Phyllis J. Hyldburg of Tucson, Ariz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark David Baldwin Memorial Fund, c/o Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State Street, Charlevoix, 49720.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

Erick Torres: June 24, 1920 - Feb. 2, 2006

Erick Torres, 85, of Suncove, Ga., died on Thursday, Feb. 2, at Peachtree Christian Hospice in Duluth, Ga.

Erick was born June 24, 1920, in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, to Carmelo and Marie (Ramirez) Torres. They moved to New York City, N.Y. in May 1929.

He entered Queens College where he met Helen Usefon in 1938. They married in 1942, and Helen went to

work for Doubleday publishing and Erick joined the US Navy, serving until October 1945.

Erick was fluent in both French and Spanish, and he worked for 19 years in the Wall Street Office of Societe Generale, the second largest commercial bank of France. He then became vice-president of United Virginia Bank International in Richmond, Va. He was

asked to join the international division of Crocker Bank, returning to work on Wall Street, where he retired in 1982.

Helen preceded him in death on Oct. 4, 2003. Erick moved to an independent living facility in suburban Atlanta where he lived until a brief illness.

They are survived by two children, Richard (Carol) Torres of Charlevoix. See OBITUARIES, page 21

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Car accident claims the life of Mark Baldwin

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a one-vehicle crash in Hayes Township that claimed the life of Mark D. Baldwin, a 20-year-old Charlevoix man.

The crash took place at approximately 3:15 a.m. Feb. 2 on Quarterline Road, an eighth of a mile east of Burgess Road.

The crash was reported to 911 dispatchers at 3:56 a.m. by the passenger in the vehicle, Justin P. Mosley, 20, of Boyne City, who called family members to report being involved in an accident on Maple Grove Road.

A second call from a neighbor placed the crash on Quarterline Road after the Mosley walked to that residence for help.

Baldwin was ejected and died at the scene.

The initial investigation revealed that Baldwin was driving a 1995 Dodge Neon eastbound on Quarterline Road.

After traveling through a stop signed intersection at high speed, the vehicle became air horn while descending a hill and crashed into trees on the north side of the road causing severe damage to the driver's side of the vehicle.

Charlevoix City Ambulance transported Mosley to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Charlevoix County Road Commission assisted in tree removal. The crash remains under investigation.

Garden Club hosts arborist at monthly meeting Feb. 14

Charlevoix Area Garden Club hosts world renowned arborist, David Milarch, founder of the Champion Tree Project at it's monthly meeting to take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Community Reformed Church.

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and Christine Palmer of Buford, Ga.;

Virginia Olsen: June 24, 1926 - Feb. 3, 2006

Virginia Y. Olsen born June 24, 1926 passed away at her home on Feb. 3.

The youngest daughter of Earl A. and Irene H. Young, she is survived by her daughter, Gretchen L. Olsen (Steve Barney) of Petoskey; her sons, Darcy C. Olsen, Albuquerque, N.M.; Joseph A.J. Olsen (Sherry) of Bartlett, Ill.; her grandson, Andrew J.B. Olsen; and her sister, Marguerite Currie of Traverse City.

Virginia (Johnny) was a keen business person who began a number of shops in the area including the Shop

and three grandchildren, Christine (Ian) Reineck of Toledo, Ohio, Jessica Palmer of Buford, Ga., and William Palmer of Marietta, Ga.

Erick and Helen have been cremated

and will be buried in the spring at Flushing Cemetery in New York City. Arrangements are being coordinated by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

of the Gulls in Charlevoix which she opened in 1954 and later the Mole Hole and Bristly Thistle in Petoskey. She was also a creative person who took after her father building unique homes in both Charlevoix and Petoskey.

She loved and supported the arts. She was a founding member and headed the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair for 19 years. She served on the Crooked Tree Arts Council including the Michigan Governors Art Train Committee. Virginia adored all forms of plant and animal life.

She was particularly fond of her English garden and her beloved Irish Wolfhounds, especially her last, the inscible Corr.

The family wishes to thank those who were her friends over the years, especially those who lovingly took care of her during her final days.

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SPORTS

Rayder basketball team wins Winterfest game

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

After a relatively slow start this season, the Charlevoix Rayders are on a roll with seven straight wins in high school basketball.

In an eight-day span, the Rayders posted impressive wins over Grayling, 81-74, Benzie Central, 85-80 and Harbor Springs, 87-75.

The victory over Grayling Feb. 3 knocked the Vikings out of a first place tie with Traverse City St. Francis and moved the Rayders to within one game of second place and two games of the league lead.

On Friday night, the Rayders, who are 9-4 overall and 6-3 in the Lake Michigan Conference, will host St. Francis, 11-2 overall and 7-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. St. Francis is ranked ninth in Class C by the Associated Press.

"It's a big week for us," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "We've really been coming together as a team lately. We're so much more balanced now. In the first six games of the season, we relied pretty much on (Matt) Kautz and (Mitch) Crandall."

Earlier in the season Grayling had man-handled Charlevoix, winning by 11, after a 40-15 half-time lead. This time, though, on the Rayders' home court, it was a different story.

In a run and gun contest with both teams utilizing full court pressure de-

Little League registration to begin on Feb. 27

Registration for boys and girls Charlevoix Little League for the upcoming 2006 season will take place later this month and in early March.

Children ages 7 to 14 are eligible to register.

Registration will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 27 and March 7 and 9 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School.

The cost is \$45 per child. Family discounts available.

The registration cutoff date is March 16. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed for late registrants. If a player is new to the league, please bring a copy of their birth certificate.

The Little League International Board of Directors has adopted a change in the league age determination date, which will be implemented with the 2006 season. The date that will be used to determine which division your child will play in is the child's age as of April 30, 2006.

For more information call Todd Klingner at (231) 547-1366.

fense, Charlevoix's Dustin Dibble was the story early on. The sophomore scored the Rayders' first eight points of the game and a total of 10 in the first quarter.

Grayling's quickness was too much for Charlevoix early, however, and the Vikings led by as many as seven in the quarter and held a 21-16 advantage at the first buzzer. There was a silver lining for the Rayders as Grayling's junior twin towers, 6'8" Jim Boylan and 6'10" Mike Boylan each ended the quarter on the bench as they

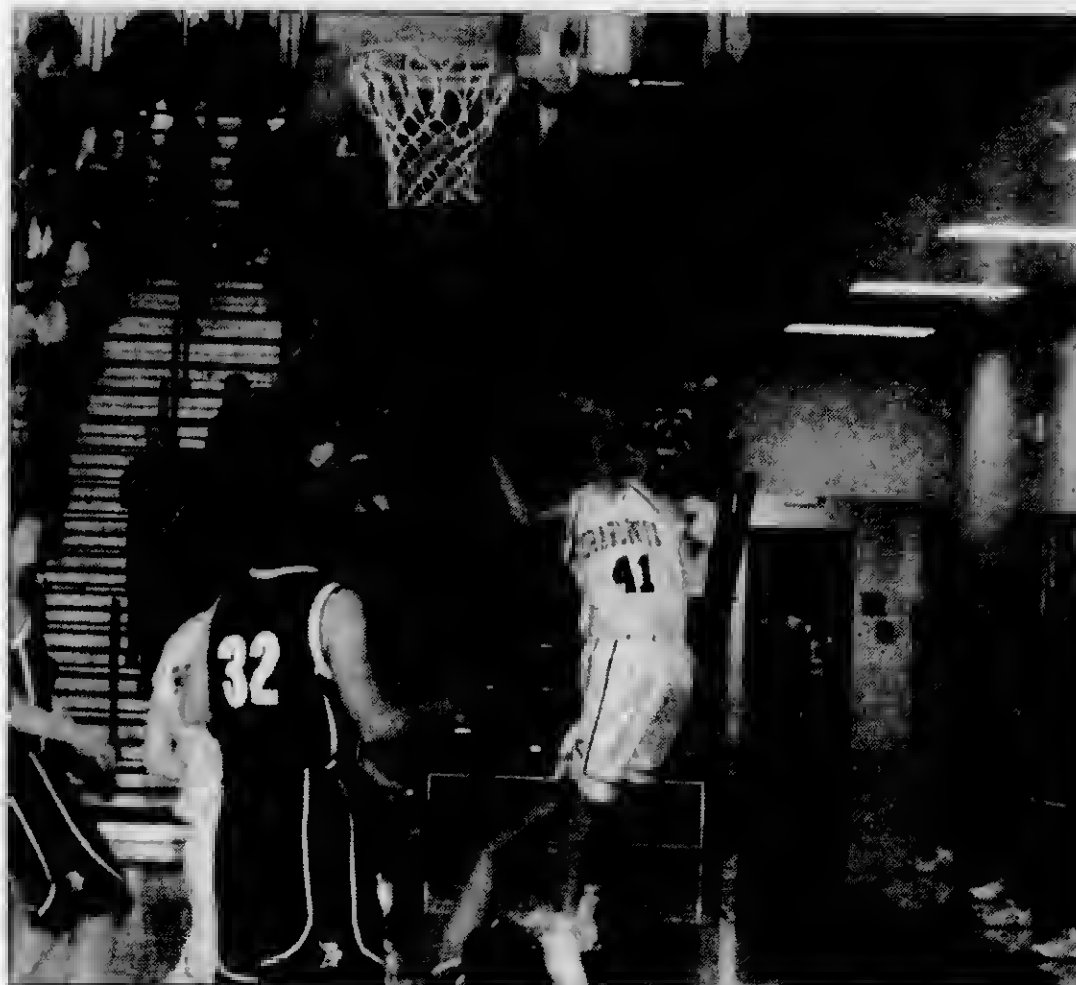


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The Rayders beat Grayling 81-74 at the Feb. 3 Charlevoix High School Winterfest game. (Above) Trevor Mays attempts a challenging shot.

each picked up two fouls midway through the quarter.

"One of the real keys to the game was Dustin Dibble driving and taking it to their big guys early on," Haske said. "As a result they sat a lot and when they did play, they were more tentative."

Charlevoix chipped away at the Grayling advantage early in the second quarter. Finally the home crowd erupted with 1:39 minutes left in the half as a Mike DiMartino free throw put the Rayders

ahead, 31-30. Seconds later, an Austin Wilhelm bucket gave Charlevoix a 33-31 advantage. The Vikings never led again in the game.

Wilhelm keyed a Rayder flurry at the end of the half as he scored six points in the last 70 seconds before intermission. In the spurt, Charlevoix outscored Grayling, 10-2 to leave the court with a 41-33 half-time lead.

The Rayders shot 71.5 percent on 10 of 14 shooting in the pivotal second period.

Defense was the order of the day for Charlevoix in the third quarter as after Grayling scored the first four points of the quarter to slice the lead to 41-37, the

Vikings scored only one more field goal in the stanza.

Free throws allowed Grayling to play the Rayders even in the third period, leaving the score, 54-46 headed into the final quarter.

Kautz drained a three to start the fourth quarter, putting Charlevoix up 57-46. Grayling later cut the lead to seven at 70-63 but a Viking foul was followed by a technical foul. The Rayders then took advantage, scoring four straight points for a 74-63 lead with three-and-a-half minutes remaining.

After four straight Viking points, See BASKETBALL, page 23

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SPORTS

Rayder basketball team on seven game winning streak

BASKETBALL

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Wilhelm scored on a free throw and a jumper in the face of one of the twin towers to push the lead back to 10 with 2:30 minutes to go. Grayling was no closer than seven the rest of the way.

Crandall and Dibble each finished with 21 points. Crandall grabbed 13 rebounds

and Dibble had 11.

Wilhelm scored 13 points. Kautz had 12 points and six steals. DiMartino finished with 10 points as five Rayders finished in double figures. Ty Haske handed out five assists.

"Other than a little lull at the beginning of the third quarter, we played well," Haske said. "Our defense did a pretty good job on them."

The Rayders followed similar formulas in their road wins over Benzie Central and

Boyne Area Hockey fall in semi-final play to Alpena

The Boyne Area Hockey Northstar Group Midgets had a busy week qualifying for district play and falling in the semi-final match-up to Alpena.

On Jan. 30, they played the other Boyne Midget team and lost 2-6. Russell Williams scored shorthanded and Scott Sutliff hit on a power play. John Miller gave the assist on both goals.

On Feb. 1, they beat against Boyne #1, 4-2.

For the Northstar Group, Evan Keller hit the net on a power play, and Gabe Korthase scored 13 seconds later to put them on top.

Boyne #1 evened it up, but Russell Williams capitalized on a power play and Chad Newson put the caper on the 4-2 win. Assists came from Will Brown, Williams, Britt King, Nick Dunwoody and Keller. This victory gave them the best of 2 of 3 games to earn the trip to the district tournament.

Previously, the first game was a tie, and the second went to the Northstar Group.

At the district playoffs, they took three straight decisive victories before falling in the semi-finals.

Their first draw was Tawas, and they took the game 9-2. Dunwoody scored a hat trick, Miller and Williams two goals each, Korthase and Keller contributed one apiece. Miller gave three assists, Williams, Keegan David and Josh Aown each had two and Keller and Duane Augler had one each.

The Northstar Group beat Traverse City in the next contest 7-1. Dunwoody scored four goals and Miller, Korthase and Williams each scored one. Brown earned a play maker with three assists. Williams had two assists and Miller, Keller, David and Dunwoody contributed one each.

The team took Sault Ste. Marie 11-1. Miller scored four goals, Dunwoody scored three and Brown, Ben Castiglione, David and Aown each had one. Williams gave five assists. Brown and Dunwoody each gave two and Miller and David had one each.

In the semi-final game, they fell to Alpena 1-5. Williams scored with a Brown assist.

Nick Ferree is the Northstar Group goalie, and was between the pipes in all the aforementioned games.

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, February 16th, 2006, 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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Rayder wrestlers take third at conference championship

The Charlevoix Rayders walked away with a third place finish at the Lake Michigan Wrestling Conference Championships in spite of having the most open weight brackets of all the competing teams.

Team standings were Grayling in first place, Kalkaska in second, Charlevoix in third, Traverse City St. Francis in fourth and Elk Rapids in fifth.

Highlighting the day was freshman Matt Golovich who tied Charlevoix High School's record as a freshman with the most wins. Golovich's record stands at 27-10. He also recorded the fastest pin of the day in 43 seconds.

Corey Golovich was named Wrestler of the Week for his strong second place win.

First place medals were awarded

to Matt Golovich, Jed Daman and Jeff Golovich. Second place medals were awarded to Woody Nitchman and Corey Gotshall. Third place medals were awarded to Spencer Hankins, Nick Gotshall and Joey Left.

Honorable mention for fourth place wins went to Zeke Daman and Nic Mailloux.

Charlevoix faces Grayling and Elk Rapids at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 at Charlevoix High School.

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Paul Bunyan Lanes

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New baseball coaches lead Rayder teams

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Allen
Telgenhof

You will spot two familiar faces in the dugout this spring as Allen Telgenhof takes over as the Charlevoix High School varsity baseball coach and Brian Certa assumes the junior varsity coaching position.

Telgenhof has coached T-ball, softball, little league, AAU baseball and has been varsity assistant coach for a year and coached junior varsity for the previous two years.

"I've been a fan of baseball since I was a kid...for as long as I remember," he said. "I like working with the kids and I love baseball."

Telgenhof said he looks forward to continuing working with the kids every day and teaching them the game because sports can offer kids so many things.

Despite the cold weather, training is already underway.

"We've already been doing a lot of stuff. We had a clinic last weekend and there are other clinics coming up in the next month," he said. "Practice starts March 14 with our first game is on April 10."

Telgenhof said he is excited about the upcoming season.

"As far as being on the field goes, like all coaches, I guess I hope to develop a winning program where year after year, we're competing for championships," he said. "As far as working with the kids, I hope to be a positive influence with them in their daily lives."

He added, "My dad was a varsity basketball coach so coaching has always been a part of my family."

Telgenhof said the most exciting thing about baseball for him was when he saw two games at the 1984 World Series in Detroit.

And, he said, with a trip the baseball team will take this spring, he hopes to instill some of that excitement in the kids he coaches.

"We're taking the kids to Notre Dame for a day while on a four or

five day trip," he said. "We're also going to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. We'll see a couple college baseball games in both Notre Dame and Vanderbilt, as well as touring both of those schools and we'll get some baseball practice in while we're down there also."

Telgenhof said high school is such an important time in the life students and he wants to be there to help guide these young athletes through these vital years.

As the new junior varsity coach, Certa, who teaches construction technology at Charlevoix High School

coached a total of 26 years in football and baseball is also no stranger to the baseball diamond or the kids.

"I've always enjoyed coaching," he said. "I feel sports (are) just as valuable as being in the classroom," he said. "You learn how to persevere and deal with adversity."

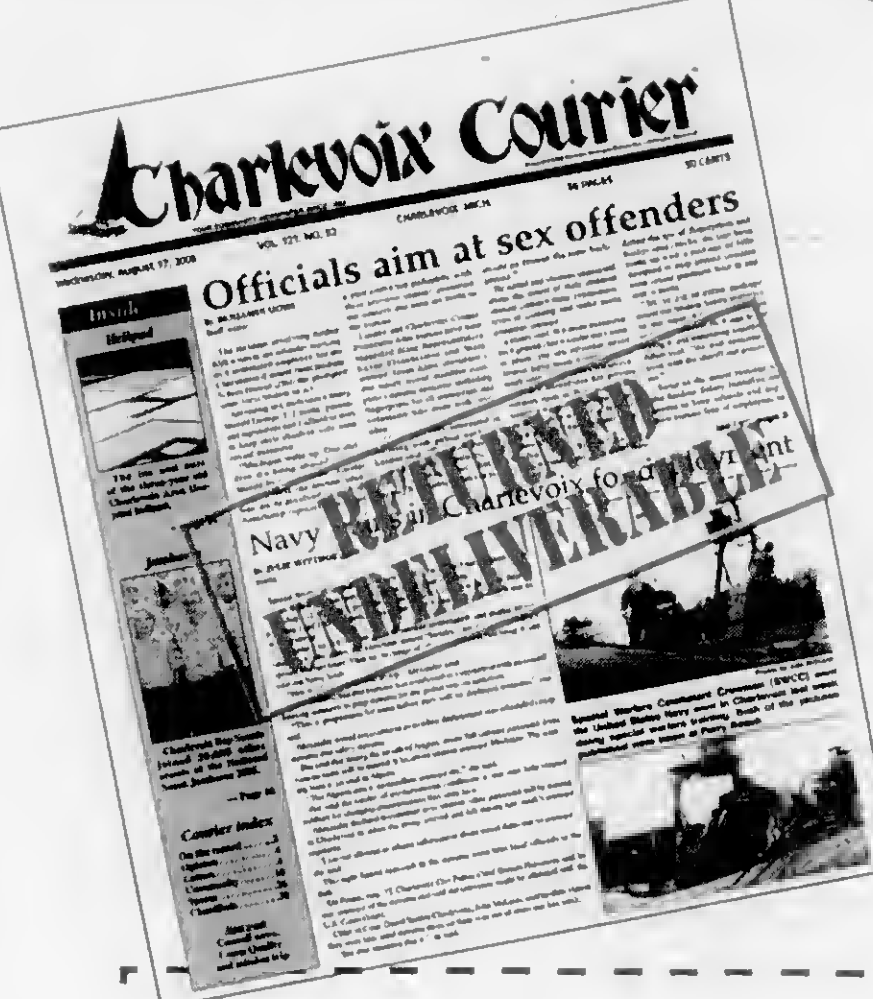
And, Certa said, while wins are nice, he just wants the kids to have fun.

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County medical examiner speaks on bird flu

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Dr. Reed Freidinger, the Charlevoix County Medical Examiner, spoke on the bird flu at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce weekly business breakfast Friday, Feb. 3 at Grey Gables.

According to Freidinger, a deadly outbreak of infectious disease of a global proportion is inevitable and just because bird flu doesn't strike this year, doesn't mean it won't become a problem in the near future.

"The Spanish flu started several years before 1918. It started in 1916 and disappeared for a few years," Freidinger said. "With Spanish Flu H1N1, you'd have these healthy young military recruits all huddled together on these military transport ships during World War I and they'd be shipped across the country. In one month, a quarter million people in the United States died, many of them 20 to 40 years old."

He added, "Healthy young men died in seven to nine days and the reason the young will die is that the young can mount a tremendous immunity and the young may not have this memory of a virus or any type of influenza in their immune system."

Freidinger said many of the men from rural areas hadn't been exposed to influenza and as a result their bodies weren't ready to deal with it.

"You'd get these farm boys in the army and they'd get an infection and they'd be overwhelmed by these defenses," he said. "And, they would have all this blood in their lungs — and they'd die."

In 1997 there were 18 cases of flu in Hong Kong which had a 33 percent mortality rate. A rate, Freidinger said, which was 11 times more deadly than

the 1918 Spanish Flu.

"In 1997 they literally killed all the chickens and other fowl in Hong Kong they could get their hands on and hoped that they had eliminated this," he said. "It shows how we think we're such smart individuals. We think we're smarter than a virus. We think if we just kill all the birds in our presence, that that's the end of it. Well, we found out differently."

The same strain of flu reappeared in poultry in 2004 in eight Asian countries.

"About 100 people got infected in the winter of 2003-2004 — 50 percent of them died," he said. "It's about a 50 percent fatal infection and of course it gets you because of pneumonia."

Citizens shouldn't barricade themselves in their basement over fear of a pandemic just yet.

But, Freidinger said, "I personally have Tamiflu for all my family members because I think it's responsible to have this stockpiled if there is an influenza outbreak."

Freidinger said he saw a speaker on Oprah who said people shouldn't stockpile medication because it isn't fair to those who may need it when the time comes.

"But in this type of epidemic situation, it is almost every man for himself — it's almost a survivalist thing," he said. "They say there won't even be enough masks for doctors to wear to protect themselves or enough Tamiflu for health care workers. The person on Oprah said you can't expect health care workers to walk into the fire of influenza unless they have some type of protection."

Major shifts in viruses are called antigen shifts which are responsible for pandemics.

Freidinger said, "Basically bird flu is a bird virus that has escaped the birds and gotten into the humans. So, every time there is a pandemic, basically it's a bird virus that has become able to enter a human."

Freidinger said the biggest problem with these flu strains is how easily they are spread.

"The biggest problem now is, if you study the SARS virus that started in Hong Kong, he (the first known case) gave his virus to seven other people," he said. "If you look at where they went by plane, it was instantly spread throughout the world."

He added, "The other problem with influenza is that you are maximally contagious before you know you are sick."

Freidinger said the telltale symptoms of influenza are sudden and extreme

muscle aches, high fever and cough.

For a pandemic or global infection to occur, Freidinger said, "We need a new virus that people haven't had much experience with. It has to be able to obviously infect humans and it has to have efficient human to human transmission. We make a big deal about the bird flu because it's so deadly."

"There have been no known human to human transmissions," he said. "But I wouldn't be big on feeding ducks right now."

Freidinger said Asians tend to live with their animals which causes these animal to human jumps by the diseases.

"To date, they have killed 100 million birds. And, they even tried poultry immunization. Despite that, much of the bird population is in an area where one-third of the world's population is

located, so the next pandemic or global infection with influenza A is certain," he said. "We've had three in the last century — we will see some more."

He added, "People are just scared to death that, if this bird virus becomes efficiently transmitted in humans, it will be a major problem."

Production of a vaccine is about six months long and requires billions of chicken eggs to produce.

"We don't have any immunization," Freidinger said. "If they went all out for virus production, they could only do enough for about 10 percent of the world. The only thing they have now is a pill called Tamiflu and we don't know how effective that is."

Currently, Great Britain has enough Tamiflu stockpiled for approximately 25 percent of its population. The United States has enough stored for 1 percent



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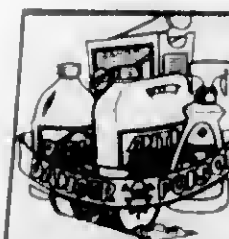
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Mayor breaks tie to hire city HR director

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor



Jim Shull

In a tie vote broken by Mayor Norman Carlson, Charlevoix City Council accepted a proposal from city manager Mike Wiesner to hire a human resources director for the city.

At Monday night's council meeting Wiesner requested council hire current part time airport manager Jim Shull to fulfill the responsibilities of human resources manager as well.

Shull currently works about 16 hours per week at the airport. He has said the job requires about 20 hours a week.

Wiesner's proposal was to tack on 20 hours a week which Shull will dedicate to human resources issues like worker's compensation and health insurance.

He said his would reduce turnover in the airport manager's position, which Shull is the third to fill, and would help address holes in the

city's human resources program.

The city currently employs 50 full-time staff members, 34 of which are affiliated with one of two unions as well as employing 75 seasonal workers. In 2005 the city issued 191 W-2s.

"The job's just not getting done," Wiesner said of human resources responsibilities.

These duties currently fall primarily on the shoulders of Wiesner's administrative assistant Linda Weller who has worked for the city since 1978 and city treasurer Rick Brandt.

However, Weller said this is taking up 25 percent of her time in the off season and about 50 percent of her time in the summer. She said her other responsibilities do not allow her to dedicate the time needed to human resources issues.

"I'm over my head, I need more help and the city deserves better than I can give it," Weller said. "Regretfully, this is a litigious society and the city deserves this protection."

Kim Swidorski, human resources director for Harbor Industries reviewed the city's situation and supported Wiesner's proposal.

"There are too many cooks in the kitchen," Swidorski said. "Dinner will get done but sometimes it will

get messy."

One mess the city is trying to avoid with creation of this position is potential litigation like the whistle blower's case Charlevoix County lost in the spring of 2005 costing \$1 million to settle.

"You can continue. The city won't fall apart if you don't fill this position. But remember this — you are running the risk of someone getting hurt when employees are doing things they aren't trained to do," Swidorski said.

Third ward councilman Sherin Chamberlain made the motion to accept the proposal. He was supported by first ward councilmen Bill Haggard and Bob Timmis.

In spite of these assurances from Swidorski and a lengthy memo from Weller explaining how she

can no longer devote the time needed to these issues, three council members felt the new position isn't necessary.

"They want to cut services but create another administrative job so that we're top heavy at city hall," said third ward Charlevoix City Council member, Shirley Gibson. Gibson and second ward councilmen Gabe Campbell and Gene Beer voted against the creation of a human resources director.

The tie vote was broken by mayor Carlson.

The position was first pitched to council in September of 2005 when they referred the issue to the Charlevoix Citizens Advisory Committee. This group was created to review city spending and try to find ways to cut corners.

The citizens committee looked at the issue at its Jan. 18 meeting, made no formal recommendation but instead opted to refer it back to council.

Wiesner said he was hesitant to make this recommendation due to the expense involved but said the benefits will outweigh the cost.

Shull's proposed wage is \$42,214 with fringe benefits costing \$29,972.

Shull will now follow through with the human resources audit created by intern Kristen Hater in 2005 including the compiling information she collected for the employee handbook which was updated last in 1991. He will also draft 75 job descriptions, maintain employment records and coordinate hiring.

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FREE FINANCIAL Fitness/Credit Education Workshop. 5 week session now forming to start March 6 in Petoskey. Monday evenings 6-8 p.m. Call Alice at Northern Homes CDC to register. Toll Free: 866-637-1834. (02-08-5-076)

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EXPERIENCED TRUCK driver needed for the Petoskey/Charlevoix area for growing solid waste company. Must have a minimum of CDL, B, good driving record and be reliable with good people skills. We offer a full time position with competitive benefits. Please apply at American Waste, 3947 US 131 N., Kalkaska or fax resume to 231-258-9971. EOE (02-08-3-086)

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SALES - I am a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be of good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to \$50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. Please call 231-347-6958 and ask for Human Resources. (02-08-2-088)

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SMALL SECOND floor office room for rent. Call Richard 231-547-1077 or Aila 231-547-1155, ext. 3115. (02-01-3-168)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**MORTGAGE SALE**

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by RODNEY C. ROBINSON and ANN L. ROBINSON, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking corporation, having its principal office at 78 S. Main, Rockford, Michigan, 49341, Mortgagee, dated April 28, 2000 and recorded May 4, 2000 in Liber 387 of Mortgages, Page 617. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE AND 59/100 (\$431,139.59) dollars including interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building, 301 State Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the County of Charlevoix, City of Charlevoix, Michigan, on February 24, 2006, at 11:00 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 (MCLA 600.3240(12), MSA 27A.3240(12)) the redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of the foreclosure sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

Parcels "A" and "B" of "Castle Shores" Land located in the Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, all being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West, described as follows:

Parcel A: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence North 46 degrees 01'58" West 973.34 feet to a point on the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66, said point being on the East line of the former Julia J. Taylor property as recited in trustee's deed recorded in Liber 262, page 701, Charlevoix County Records; thence North 59 degrees 11'01" West along the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66 334.87 feet to the East line of the Paul W. Klingenberg property as recorded in Liber 249, page 942; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 100.00 feet; thence East 30.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 138.00 feet; thence East 68.58 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 328.72 feet; thence West 128.58 feet to the East line of said Klingenberg property; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West along said property 1123.39 feet to

the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence North 89 degrees 50'31" East along said shore 71.80 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 430.32 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50'31" East 64.30 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 1189.28 feet; thence on a curve to the left 70.47 feet (radius of said curve is 417.03 feet, long chord bears South 4 degrees 51'45" East 70.39 feet); thence West 112.02 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West.

Parcel B: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence North 46 degrees 01'58" West 973.34 feet to a point on the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66, said point being on the East line of the former Julia J. Taylor property as recited in trustee's deed recorded in Liber 262, page 701, Charlevoix County Records; thence North 59 degrees 11'01" West along the Northeastly right of way of Highway M-66, 167.43 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 59 degrees 11'01" West along said right of way of 167.44 feet to the East line of the Paul W. Klingenberg property as recorded in Liber 249, page 942; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West along said line 1046.92 feet; thence East 128.58 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 328.72 feet; thence West 68.58 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 138.00 feet; thence West 30.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 100.00 feet; thence East 112.02 feet; thence on a curve to the right 70.47 feet (radius of said curve is 417.03 feet, long chord bears North 4 degrees 51'45" West 70.39 feet); thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 1189.21 feet; thence South 89 degrees 50'31" West 64.30 feet; thence North 0 degrees 01'07" West 430.32 feet; to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence North 89 degrees 50'31" East along said shore 71.80 feet; thence South 0 degrees 01'07" East 1619.57 feet; thence on a curve to the left 75.22 feet (radius of said curve is 409.53 feet, long chord bears South 5 degrees 16'50" East 75.12 feet); thence South 10 degrees 32'33" East 171.37 feet; thence on a curve to the right 202.70 feet (radius of said curve is 539.33 feet, long chord bears South 0 degrees 13'28" West 201.51 feet); thence South 10 degrees 58'11" West 194.86 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 8 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A ROAD AND UTILITY LINES EASEMENT 30 FEET IN WIDTH, THE CENTER LINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, MARION TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 01'58" WEST 973.34 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGHWAY M-66, SAID POINT BEING ON THE EAST LINE OF THE FORMER JULIA J. TAYLOR PROPERTY AS RECITED IN TRUSTEE'S DEED RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 262, PAGE 701, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 11'01" WEST ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-66, SAID POINT BEING ON THE EAST LINE OF THE FORMER JULIA J. TAYLOR PROPERTY AS RECITED IN TRUSTEE'S DEED RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 262, PAGE 701, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 11'01" WEST ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-66, 167.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTER

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT**

Default has been made in the payment of association assessments outstanding from The Dee Company, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, the land contract vendor of record, and Ted G. Engelmann and Cheryl L. Engelmann, husband and wife, the land contract vendees of record, to the Edgewater Inn Condominium Association (the "Association"), with respect to the real property described below. A Notice of Lien (the "Lien") was thus filed by the Association on November 17, 2005 in the Charlevoix County Records at Liber 717, Page 057, pursuant to the terms of the Master Deed of the Edgewater Inn Condominium, which is recorded in Liber 306, Pages 540 through 570 of the Charlevoix County Records, as amended. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due upon the Lien the amount of \$8,904.81, together with accrued interest, collection costs, late fees and attorney fees. The Association is additionally owed upon the Lien, pursuant to the Master Deed and statute, all unpaid installments for the 2006 annual assessments and any advances paid by the Association to protect its Lien. No proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Lien, or any part thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the provisions of said Master Deed and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, March 3, 2006 at 11:00 A.M., and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Lien. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and more specifically described as follows:

Unit 57, The Edgewater Inn Condominium, according to the Consolidating Master Deed as recorded in Liber 306, Pages 540 through 570, including

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Dated: January 25, 2006

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Charlevoix, MI 49720
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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE HENRY J. FELIX LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 6, 1995**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Henry J. Felix, who lived at 09872 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix, Michigan died January 7, 2006. You are hereby notified that Devon P. Milligan is the Trustee of the Henry J. Felix Living Trust dated July 6, 1995. At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above referenced decedent's estate. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Devon P. Milligan, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

February 8, 2006

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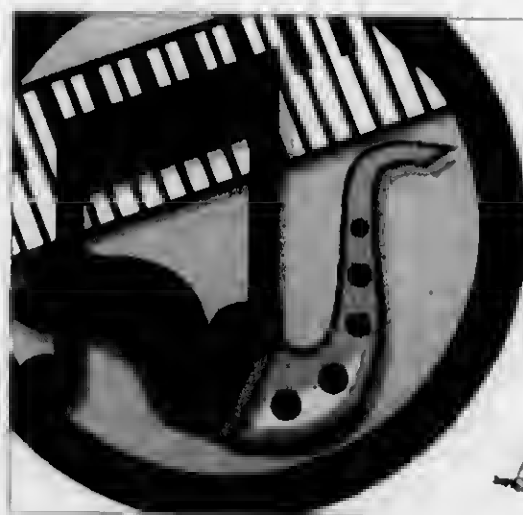
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DUMONT F. HIXSON, JR., who lived at 6033 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727 and died May 2, 2005. Mr. Hixson has no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of his death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust or estate will be forever barred unless presented to PATRICK HIXSON, the Successor Trustee of the trust, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

February 8, 2006

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Area events

Fireman's Ball

The seventh annual Fireman's Ball will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50 and can be purchased at the fire department or through the president of the Firefighters Association, Winfield Scott. For ticket information, call Scott at (231) 547-2821.

Valentine's Wild Game event

Valentine's Wild Game Dinner and Dance will take place at St. Mary Parish Center Feb. 11. The event will begin with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing will follow at 8 p.m. with music provided by DJ Tom Pluister. A cash bar and raffles will be available. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary Parish Youth Ministry. For more information contact the parish office at (231) 547-6652.

Orchid Days

Orchid Days at Marvin's Gardens will feature a variety of new and exotic orchids as well as an orchid seminar to take place at 1 p.m. on Feb. 11 at Marvin's Gardens located off M-66, across from K-Mart. The seminar will be led by Chuck Bethke, owner of Orchids Central of Grand Haven. For more information call (231) 547-5553.

Child care training

Child care providers, parents and early childhood professionals are invited to attend two local child care training sessions sponsored by Traverse City based 4C Training. The following training sessions will meet new licensing requirements. CPR/First Aid/SIDS/Shaken Baby training will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. A Look Into A Child's Mind will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. For more information call Carrie Ball at (231) 941-7767.

Pizza and politics at Giuseppe's Italian Grille

First District Charlevoix County Commission candidate John Haggard will host a pizza and politics gathering at Giuseppe's Italian Grille at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Senator Jason Allen and state representative Kevin Elsenheimer will attend.

The public is invited. Donations are requested.

Comedy troupe

The Little Traverse Civic Theatre is sponsoring Second Sunday Improvisational Comedy Troupe to take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12 at the City Park Grill in Petoskey.

Valentine's Day dinner

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a Valentine's Day dinner and dance at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at the center located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix. Attendees can choose from three dinner options including prime rib, baked whitefish and stuffed pork loin roast. Live music will be provided by In Service. The cost is \$25 per couple. To purchase tickets or for more information call (231) 547-5361.

Grief and loss support

Two Grief and Loss Support Groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Grief support groups create a safe and confidential atmosphere for all participants with educational and support materials provided to help guide participants. A Charlevoix group will meet at Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State St. This group will meet for six weeks from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Thursday, Feb. 16. A Petoskey group will meet at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church located at 1020 E. Mitchell St. and will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, Feb. 21. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. These services are free of charge to residents of Charlevoix and Emmet counties. To register or for more information call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or register on-line at www.hospicetlb.org.

Twins and More

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host its second annual Twins and More Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital. Light refreshments will be served.

Twins of all ages welcome. A special support system for moms and dads of multiples will be introduced.

For more information or to register by Feb. 15, call Pam Oshaben (231) 547-8669.

Vertical Express for MS

The 21st annual Vertical Express for MS fund-raising ski event benefiting the Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis and its Michigan CAN DO Multiple Sclerosis wellness program will take place Feb. 24 at Boyne Mountain in Boyne City. Participants from across the state will ski to raise money and for a chance to win the grand prize all-expense-paid trip to Vail, Colo. Teams and sponsors need to sign-up as soon as possible for the event. Raise funds for former Olympic ski medalist Jimmie Heuga's Center for MS and the Michigan life-changing wellness programs. The event is open to skiers and riders of all ages and abilities. For more information or to register log on to www.verticalexpress.org or call Lisa Lamont at (248) 229-1993.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. March 8 and 15 in the lower level of the library.

The first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is \$12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is \$40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated. A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Community Food Pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

Exploring Myeloma event

The Northern Michigan office of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is hosting Exploring Myeloma: An Overview for Patients and Caregivers at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 at Munson Medical Center.

Those interested in attending will also be able to view and participate at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Exploring Myeloma was developed to provide information and support to patients and their families who are living daily with the challenges of coping with a myeloma diagnosis.

For more information or to register, call the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's northern Michigan office by Friday, Feb. 17 toll free at 1-866-263-2805.

Columnist responds to letter writers



Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

I received several e-mails this month, and am addressing them in this article.

David Beaudoin, grandson of Bert and Amy Beaudoin, asked if I would mention them in my writings of the 1940s. I thought I had written about them, but after checking my records, found I missed them.

I knew Bert, his wife and his son, Lyle. Lyle was the father of David and Joe. Bert owned Beaudoin's Standard Service, which was located at 1102 Bridge St., across the street from St. Mary's School. Many people from the Belvedere Club traded with Bert. Dale remembers one day a club member asked Bert when he should take his antifreeze out for the summer, which everyone did in those days. Bert replied, "Well, I take mine out on July 4, and put it back in on July 5." In his letter, David told how he and Joe worked for Bert as kids. They were paid \$1 an hour. Bert often complained that they spent all the money that he gave them at the Dairy Queen across the street, which was very understandable, of course, with temptation so near. Thanks, David, for another glimpse at Bert.

Marilyn Dane wrote that her husband's grandfather was James Parsons. James and Eva Parsons bought the house at 206 Belvedere in 1906. This house is the third house east of May Street on the bluff above Belvedere. It is very well kept, much in its original condition. This home has been in their family for 100 years this year. It is treasured and enjoyed by their many descendants, consisting of two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, 11 great, great-grandchildren, and 1 great, great, great-grandchild. Thank you for your interesting information Marilyn.

Ed O'Neill wrote that his parents lived at 204 Lewis Street. Ed and his wife now own a house in Charlevoix on Dixon Avenue. His parents are buried in Brookside Cemetery. He said his uncle, Marshall, now lives in the Upper Peninsula. It is interesting to see how many Charlevoixians move back to the area to enjoy what they knew as kids.

In 1940, Lillie Pfister was a widow (Adam) who lived at 105 Mason St. When Adam was alive, he had a Model T Ford popcorn wagon, and he sold

popcorn on Bridge Street every summer. People were innovative then, and of course, there were no restrictions on peddling cats on the street.

Angus Phillips and his wife Anna lived at 303 Bridge St. He was a light-house keeper. Anna Mac Phillips was a beauty operator and lived at 413 Bridge St. Warren and Virginia Phillips lived at 303 Bridge St. He was a clerk at Martin Block Grocery. Ivan Phillips also lived there. He was a sailor. Laurel Phillips lived at 303 Bridge St. also.

Emil Pischner and his wife Delores lived at 316 Antrim St. Their children were Joan, Roger and Barry. He was a game warden. Harry Pischner and his wife, Leona, lived at 108 East Upright St. He was a sailor.

Forrest Plumm was superintendent of the Charlevoix Electric Light and Power plants. He and his wife Mabel, and children, Orlo, Robert, George and John lived at 111 Palmer St. Helen Plumm was a widow (Murley). Helen lived at 204 May St., with her children, Melvin and Calvin. Melvin told Dale that Murley was working under the Belvedere Hotel in the crawl space and was accidentally electrocuted. Melvin said it was in the middle of the depression, and the total funeral service bill was \$60.

Ingma Pointious lived at 204 Mason St., with her children, Henry and Anna.

Elmer Poole and his wife Margaret L. lived at 107 East Garfield St. Dale said he watched Elmer paint a porch, and he was the fastest painter he had ever seen. Elmer and Margaret's children were Elmer E., Wilma, Patricia, William, Frances, Nancy, Margaret and Elaine. Margaret J. Poole was a widow (William). She lived at 407 Mason St.

Daniel Potter worked for the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries. He and his wife, Ethel, lived at 401 May St. Hazel Potter was a clerk at the Dahlquist Store, and also lived there. Harold Potter was a clerk at Fagin's Recreation. Their children were Kay and James.

Alonzo Powers and wife Ada, lived at 210 Belvedere Avenue. He was a plumber. Harry Powers and wife Abba, lived at 701 Grant Street. Donald W. Brown lived with them. Harry was a janitor at the Charlevoix Public School, and also drove the school bus in later years. James Powers also lived there. Leo Powers and wife, Alice lived at 102 Alice Street. He was a plumber.

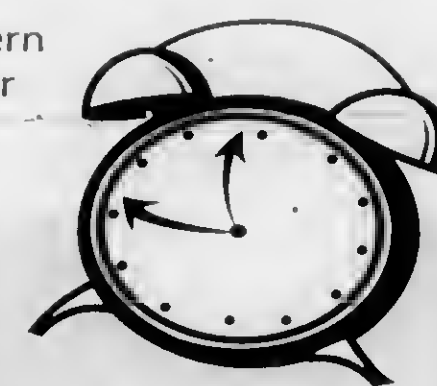
George Priest and wife Rosella, lived at 201 Clifton St.

William H. Provost and wife, Sadie, lived on Mercer Boulevard. He was a farmer. Ken Provost, a student, and Mary Provost, a laborer, also lived there. Milburn Provost was a laborer, and lived at 301 Stover Rd.

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Staff writer



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Norwood Township Planning Commission members Sadie Bartosik, Michelle Cyr, Wayne Wynkoop, Dave Leusink and Denny Way held a special meeting Feb. 8 to determine whether secretary Bartosik should be removed.

Norwood Township Planning Commission secretary Sadie Bartosik was removed for dereliction of duty last week. While assertions which appeared on the front page of the Feb. 9 edition of the Traverse City Record Eagle claim Bartosik was removed due to her opposition to Norwood Township supervisor, Wayne Wynkoop's proposed mining operation, planning commissioner's say that isn't the case.

Wynkoop said his support of Bartosik's removal is grounded in her failure to follow state and township regulations.

"We were very clear on why we were there and I knew that (the mining operation) would be an issue that would come up," he said. "People have a right to their own opinion, but the board still has to do their job."

A three to two vote removed Bartosik as secretary of the planning commission during the Feb. 8 special meeting after trustee Denny Way made allegations Bartosik had destroyed public documents, violated the open meetings act on two occasions and continually kept inaccurate meeting minutes.

"We cannot afford to expose the residents of our township to any liability based on the

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Charlevoix Public Schools' employees clear check

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

The staff of Charlevoix Public Schools cleared the recent state-wide background check, with no felons or criminal sexual conduct offenders having surfaced.

While Charlevoix came out clean, the criminal background check of 200,000 employees in about 780 school districts state-wide revealed more than 4,000 criminal offenses of which 2,200 were felonies.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock received the local results from the recent district-wide initiative on Monday, Feb. 6.

"Nothing was found that would warrant us to do anything," Sturock said.

Student Safety Initiative legislation passed in October 2005 requires anyone employed with a Michigan school district prior to Jan. 1, 2006 to be fingerprinted by 2008.

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A Valentine's Day card exchange



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Kaitlin Schwenke, a Kindergarten student in Theresa Vrondra's class at Charlevoix Elementary School, fills her fellow students' bags with treats and cards wishing them a Happy Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Christina Lee Roster, 20, Petoskey. Check insufficient funds, less than \$100. Serve five days in jail; \$261 in fines and costs.

Joshua Lee Marvin, 24, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/follow. Serve 60 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Michael Norman Johnson, 38, Boyne Falls. Check insufficient funds, more than \$100, but less than \$500. Serve 30 days in jail; \$1,738.42 in fines and costs.

Gordon Hiner Bailey Jr., 39, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Scott Uriah Haley, 26, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve eight months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Terrence Michael Tracey, 41, Traverse City. Check insufficient funds, less than \$100. Serve 28 days in jail; \$823.28 in fines and costs.

Mitchell Lee Bartlett, 17, East Jordan. Operating motor vehicle with blood alcohol content. Serve 10 days of community service work; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$680 in fines and costs.

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and costs.

Daniel Vincent Schultz, 44, Boyne Falls. Malicious destruction of property less than \$200. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days on an electronic monitoring device, 86 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$680 in fines and costs.

Dennis Edward Sinke, 48, Grand Rapids. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$830 in fines and costs.

Brandy Sue Kuhlman, 29, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail, 78 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

Daniel Eugene Leduc, 57, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 45 days on an electronic monitoring device, 73 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend;

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\$1,335 in fines and costs.
Rachel Star Moblo, 20, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. Fines and costs totaling \$300.
Ron Lyndon Bourne, 24, Vanderbilt. Check insufficient funds, less than \$100. Serve 93 days in jail; \$1,008.34 in fines and costs.

Gary Kiogima, 62, Walloon Lake. Two counts of accumulation of garbage-sanitary code. Serve eight days in jail; property cleaned by March 17; \$200 in fines and costs.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend Harbor Hall; \$300 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

B & B Plumbing & Heating, 5515 Bonar Road, Charlevoix, by Brian S. VanStambrouck

Charlevoix Assisted Living, 05295 Cedarview Road, Norwood, by Dianne Penfold

Baron Title Agency, 309 Petoskey Ave., Charlevoix, by Daniel B. Barron

Fritz Döge, Builder, 4330 Fuller Road, East Jordan, by Frederick Döge

JR's Body FX, 12599 Richardson Road, Charlevoix, by Craig R. Wilson Jr. and Segundo L. Ascencio Jr.

Roger's Quality Painting, 400 High Road, Apt. #2, Boyne City, by Roger Reweckamp

Boys Christian Ministerial Association, P.O. Box 933, Boyne City,

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by Pastor David Crumbaugh, president, Pastor Mark Bullock, secretary and Leroy Ecker, treasurer

Servicing Enterprises, 08855 Old U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, by Steven C. Kehr

Rattle Roll-on, 06420 Maple Grove Road, Charlevoix, by Dave M. Radle

Blake Edward Easley weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces was born Feb. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mark and Becky Easley of East Jordan. His siblings are Jim and Betty Easley of East Jordan and Patrick and Connie Bootz of Ellsworth.

Vanessa Ane Kniseley weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces was born Feb. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Charissa Ane Kniseley of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Jeff and Carolyn VanHove of East Jordan.

Katie Lynn Musgrave weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces was born Feb. 6 at

Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Jennifer (Patton) Musgrave of East Jordan. Her siblings are Taylor and Christopher. Her grandparents are Chris and Diane Patton of East Jordan, Carol Johnson of Greenville and Quentin and Tracy Musgrave of Horton Bay.

Jazmin Marie Bacon weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born Feb. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jesse and Donna Bacon of East Jordan. Her siblings are Jesse and Elizabeth. Her grandparents are Enos and Mary Bacon of East Jordan.

During the hearing, Bartosik admitted to erasing audio recordings in the past, but only after taking notes from them.

"Any audio or video recording of the meeting is not to be destroyed. It is to be retained upon approval of the written minutes of the meeting to which they apply," Way said. "In two cases we have a clear violation of the retention schedule. You cannot arbitrarily go in and destroy that recording."

Way said the accuracy of meeting minutes is paramount, especially if a lawsuit is ever filed against the township. He said the destruction of public documents by itself is sufficient means for dismissal of a public figure.

"This all goes back to the minutes. They are the most important thing at these meetings," he said. "That's all we have to go on folks."

Way said Bartosik also neglected to post meeting times on several instances including the Oct. 6, 2005 meeting wherein the mistake resulted in an inability to hold a public hearing that day.

"It cost the applicant an extreme amount of money (and) inconvenience," Way said.

Bartosik said someone else was posting meeting times prior to that and she did not

know she needed to post the meeting.

"What I find interesting is that you went around to the neighbors personally and hand delivered notices to the adjacent property owners of this applicant," Way said. "These seem like small and trivial things, but these things will get us in court."

Way said the meeting minutes, including notes which show an incorrect number of votes cast during a planning commission election, need to be corrected constantly.

"You know what, that may very well have been an illegal election," Way said.

Bartosik apologized for leaving the information out of the minutes.

"Sorry doesn't cut it anymore," Way said. "This is important stuff."

Bartosik's lawyer, Jeff Jocks of Traverse City, said perhaps the establishment of standards pertaining to the upkeep of records and a list of officer duties would prevent future mishaps.

Wynkoop said such standards are already in place. He then read from the township standards and practices text.

"The secretary shall be responsible for preparation of minutes, keeping of pertinent public records, delivering communications, petitions, reports and related materials," he said.

In an interview following the meeting, Bartosik said she was not surprised with the board's decision to remove her.

"I think the decision was made before the meeting," she said.

Way said, over the last three or four months he has seen some serious mistakes made by Bartosik.

"It's becoming very clear that the townships are under an extreme amount of scrutiny. It's very important that all business is

conducted properly, which means following procedures," he said. "We are under a microscope. And anything done improperly could possibly be subject to litigation or financial strain."

Bartosik was also the previous Freedom of Information Act coordinator for the township, but tendered her resignation on Nov. 4, 2005 after violating both the Freedom of Information Act as well as the records retention act in October 2005.

The township was sued several years ago for a Freedom of Information Act violation by Doris Pearl, the clerk prior to Bartosik. The township ended up paying a \$1,000 fine, something township officials do not want repeated.

"I was told that it could possibly lead to a lawsuit and we had already experienced a lawsuit with FOIA," she said. "I was gun-shy."

Way, Wynkoop and township clerk Michelle Cyr voted to remove Bartosik. Trustee David Leusink and Bartosik voted against the measure. Some members of the audience claimed Wynkoop was trying to stack the board in his favor.

Following a discussion with a representative of the Michigan Township Association, Bartosik said she feels two of the board's charges, inaccurate meeting minutes and improper posting of meeting times, weren't accurate.

Bartosik, who remains a trustee on the Norwood Township Board, is unsure whether she will appeal the commission's decision.

Appointment of a new planning commission secretary will be discussed at the commission's meeting to take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 20.

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OPINIONS

Open government and special county meetings

Charlevoix County elected officials tout their belief in open government but recent actions by some, including a possible violation of a Freedom of Information Act request by the Courier and discussion of increased costs to information, show the only service being paid to maintaining open government is lip service.

Last week, the Charlevoix County Committee of the Whole canceled their regularly scheduled meeting and rescheduled a special meeting to discuss creating a county administrator's position. This person would oversee the full gamut of county operations.

We feel this is a big enough issue to be discussed at a regularly scheduled meeting. When meetings are coordinated outside of regularly arranged times — a routine occurrence for county officials — residents and others miss the boat.

In lieu of common special meetings at the county level, on Dec. 8, 2005 the Courier formally filed a Freedom of Information Act request with Jane Brannon, county clerk and Freedom of Information officer. The request was for any and all documents and information pertaining to regularly scheduled and special meetings of the Charlevoix County Commission and a group of sub committees including this Committee of the Whole.

The Freedom of Information Law pertains to the public's right to government records while its right arm, the Open Meetings Law concerns the public's right to attend meetings of public bodies. Both of these statutes are based upon a presumption of access.

"Please pass along any notice required to be posted by way of fax, e-mail or first-class mail," our request states.

EDITORIAL

The meeting was posted at the county building. But we received nothing. How are we supposed to do our job when public officials aren't doing theirs?

County officials did not adhere to our information request with this recent, special Committee of the Whole meeting. This left us wondering how many other meetings have slipped through the cracks. And why, in light of the county's myriad legal issues, are they pushing the envelope on this one?

Last week, the Charlevoix County Commission also discussed possible appointment of an attorney as Freedom of Information coordinator. In our opinion this would bring more charges and further diminish access to information.

Actions like this dampen public debate and diminish government accountability. Two offenses we take seriously.

Since its inception in 1966, government entities have tried to erode the Freedom of Information Act. But without it, scandals like the horrendous abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison may never have come to light.

A common reason heard for tightening the clamps on information is maintaining homeland security. Well, this is hardly something I want to hear from Charlevoix County officials. I don't think your talk of hiring yet another high paid management position would constitute information terrorists could use to devise attacks.

Rather the public might attend, disagree, and foil your plans.

For more information on your rights under the Freedom of Information Act or the Open Meetings Law visit www.firstamendmentcenter.org.

The nature of love in relation to St. Valentine



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

For more than 600 years we have been celebrating in some way the feast day of St. Valentine, but the way we celebrate has changed impressively.

It is not historically certain who St. Valentine was, but we owe him. Not until the 19th century did we begin to send or deliver special greeting cards. Such mementos are apparently the first of any kind of special holiday greeting card, predating birthday cards, Christmas cards and all the dozens of kinds that Hallmark offers us. The cards appear to have no connection to any of the possible martyred St. Valentines in church history, and are mostly a celebration of love or at least affection.

We know a good deal more about love today than we did in St. Valentine's time, but it remains to some degree a mystery. Maybe that's because we use the same word for so many different feelings. Other languages are not so spare. The Greeks had at least

four words for love, indicating love of country, brotherly love, love of family relatives and erotic love. All those little Necco Candy Company hearts messages are not about love of country or relatives. "Be Mine" does not suggest brotherly love.

Recent research on humans and other animals provides insight into what we might call infatuation or love of the erotic sort, even though the word "love" is seldom used in scientific papers. It turns out that we more easily love people who smell good to us, people who are healthy and show signs of not having too many parasites. Fervent, lustful love seems to affect our brains in much the way that serious mental disorders do. To be "in love" is to some degree to be crazy, and it can be shut off or damped down by the same kinds of medications that are used to control troublesome mental states.

Twenty years ago, one of my students wrote a paper entitled, "Bucks of the crazy moon." She was a lifelong deer hunter and observer, and was writing about how white tail deer behave in the month of November. One only has to watch briefly to conclude that for much of that month, deer, both male and female, are something like crazy. And we humans most often behave like that for 12 months of every year.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

Business in Charlevoix

I am writing in regards to the Bill Dupont letter (which appeared on page 5 of the Feb. 1 edition of the Courier) three weeks ago. I am a native of Charlevoix of 67 years. Charlevoix is a resort town and always will be. As for downtown there is nothing there but the Town House, Central Drugs and Carey's Shoes. The only thing is Thursday night concerts to talk with the people of town and the new people want to change that.

Charlevoix, as I remember it, is

Oleson's was Hookers barn with horses and cows in town. Wood Brothers Hardware is now a T-shirt shop, Brown Motors is now three or four gift shops, Shourter's Drug is now Subway, 5 and 10 is a dress shop, Staley Hardware is a T-shirt shop, Fairbanks Bakery is a T-shirt shop and John Slezacek boot repair is a Real Estate shop.

There are two places on the harbor, Ward Brothers Charter Boats Inc. and John Cross Fisheries. The rest of the harbor has changed to condos.

As to downtown Charlevoix for a life-

time resident there is not much left of town, so we go to Petoskey or Traverse City. As for Wal-Mart I hope it comes to Atwood.

Lawrence Bergmann
Charlevoix

Hurricane Katrina funds

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LETTERS

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equate funds to properly sustain a family for an extended period of time.

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The Americanism Manual

The American Legion believes in 100 percent Americanism. In recognition of February as Americanism month I'd like to pull from the "Americanism Manual" printed by the American Legion.

"The characteristic which distinguishes our form of government from others is the recognition of the truth that the inherent and fundamental rights of men are derived from God and not from governments, dictators or majorities," the book's authors state.

These unalienable rights, which are the gifts of man from his creator are freedom of worship, freedom of speech and press, freedom of assembly, freedom to work in such occupation as the experience, training and qualifications of man may enable him to secure and hold, freedom to enjoy the fruits of his work, which means the protection of property rights and the right to pursue his happiness so long as he does not harm others in the pursuit of this happiness. Upon these basic principles, our forefathers established the whole structure of our

form of government.

"Americanism is love of America; loyalty to her institutions as the best yet devised by man to secure life, liberty, individual dignity, and happiness; and the willingness to defend our country and flag against all enemies, foreign and domestic," the authors further state.

"Americanism is an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and a faithless love for the principles, which led our forefathers to found this country. The ideals of government as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. It is respect for, and ready obedience to the duly constituted authority and the laws of the land. It is freedom without license, religion without bigotry, charity without bias, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

Two great Americans birthdays we celebrate this month are those of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, just to name a few. These great patriotic presidents believed 100 percent in Americanism.

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The Charlevoix Public Library has made the first reservation for the community room at the new library.

On Nov. 14, 2006 the Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host its monthly meeting in the newly opened community room. The theme for the meeting will be the new library and the services it will offer. Library Director, Valerie Meyerson will give a tour and talk about the project and give an overview of what the library offers to the community.

While the exact date has not yet been set, Project Supervisor Dan Cleary, said the new facility will be open to the public this fall. The

new library hours will remain from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Hours will be extended from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday allowing patrons an extra couple of hours each week to visit the new facility.

Along with over 10,000 new titles in many different media including books, periodicals, audio books and movies, the new library will offer a wide range of new services from a children's activity room to an 18-station computer training lab.

There will be two small conference rooms available to the public to use as meeting space in addition to the community room, which will accommodate up to 150 people and will be wired for all audio/video/Internet needs. There are also kitchen facilities available for serving refreshments.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651 or stop by the library at 109 Clinton Street.

To view the progress, drive by the new library at 220 Clinton Street, bordered by Mason and Grant streets.

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50th anniversary

Charles and Joan Coyne



Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Bud" Coyne of Charlevoix will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at a private dinner with friends on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Terrace Inn in Bay View. The Coynes' family and friends are planning an anniversary party in their honor this spring in Charlevoix.

Bud Coyne and Joan Eby were married Feb. 11, 1956, at St. Robert Ballerine Catholic Church in Redford Township by the Rev.

Richard Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Coyne have resided in northern Michigan since 1969. Mr. Coyne retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Petoskey and Mrs. Coyne worked for Dr. Dennis Joy.

M.D., in Charlevoix prior to her retirement.

The Coynes have two sons, Michael of Charlevoix and Dennis, and one granddaughter, 10-year-old Shawna Lynn Coyne.



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A Charlevoix group will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays

beginning Feb. 16 at the Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State Street. This group will meet for six weeks.

Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed.

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The National Subaru Women's Winter Tour is the largest, most unconventional women's winter event in the United States and it is making its third annual return to Charlevoix on Feb. 25.

The Women's Winter Tour includes cross country ski and snowshoe events. This year the party has moved to Castle Farms. The enchanting grounds of the restored, historic farm create a fairy tale setting for the women who participate.

The Women's Winter Tour encourages participants to make a day of the event by sticking around after skiing and snowshoeing for Castle Farms' wine festival.

The celebration features wines from area vineyards, gourmet cuisine, strolling musicians and a night of live music from a dynamic local band. Women's Winter Tour participants will be offered a discount for the festivities at Castle Farms.

The Charlevoix Women's Winter Tour will benefit the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc., which provides services to women and children who are survivors of domestic abuse.

The original purpose of the Women's Winter Tour is to inspire women of all shapes and sizes to get excited about cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The tour gives women the confidence to get outside and get active in the security of a noncompetitive environment.

For more information on the event and to learn how you can receive a discounted registration fee for the 2006 National Subaru Women's Winter Tour in Charlevoix, visit www.womenswintertour.com.

Youth orchestra



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Northwest Academy high school musicians participated in the winter 2006 symphony orchestra concert on Sunday, Jan. 29 as a part of the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra series of performances. They are (above, from left) Gary Toton, Emma Maynard, Devin Toton, Kelly Young, Patrick Hand, Robert Dudd, Anna Kroon and Phoebe Allport.

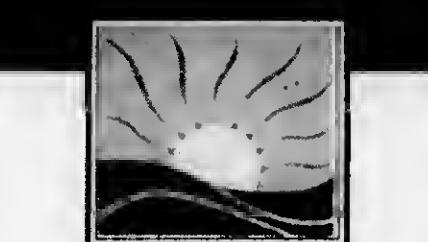
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Academic honors

Denise Barta of Charlevoix received academic honors for the fall semester at the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay, Wis. Honors are given to students with a grade point average between 3.74 and 3.5.

California University of Pennsylvania graduate

Donald Roarke "Rory" McKeown, son of Barbara and Pat McKeown of Charlevoix, recently received graduated summa cum laude with a masters degree in exercise science and health promotion from California University of Pennsylvania in California, Pa.

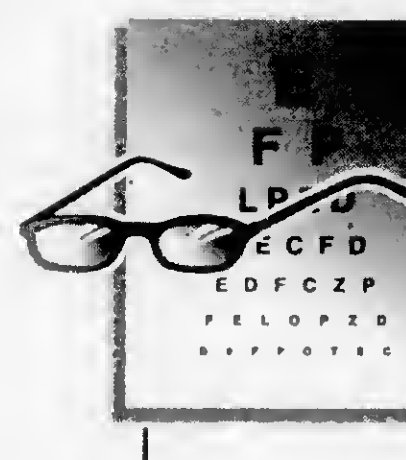
Concert honors

Jerusha Londgren, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, was recently selected to participate in the New Music Recital at Bethany Lutheran College located in Mankato, Minn. The recital will take place Feb. 23 in Trinity Chapel on the college campus. Students enrolled in music theory and composition classes submitted original works to be performed. Londgren's composition was selected for the recital.

Londgren will also participate in a spring tour of Florida with the college Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble. The tour will include concerts at churches and schools in Gainesville, Lakeland, Kissimmee, Naples and Vero Beach, Fla. as well as Bowling Green, Ohio. While in Florida the groups will also perform at the Magic Kingdom and Walt Disney World.

Lake Superior State University Dean's List

Two Charlevoix students attending Lake Superior State University in Sault Saint Marie were recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2005. To make the Dean's List students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale. They are Natasha Kleiber a junior at the university, studying elementary education and Kyle Leese, a senior at the university, studying history.



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Obituaries

Gerald Sowa: April 6, 1936 - Feb. 3, 2006

Gerald "Jerry" Raymond Sowa, 69, of Beaver Island, died on Friday, Feb. 3 at the Hemet Valley Hospital in Hemet, Calif.

Jerry was born April 6, 1936, in Muskegon, the son of Leo M. and Mary (Ropotor) Sowa. He graduated from Muskegon High School in 1954. He earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Western Michigan University, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and graduated from Quantico Officer's Candidate School. He served in the Marines for 26 years, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam, and another in Okinawa at the end of the war. He retired as a Major in 1977 at the age of 42.

After retiring, he learned to become a mechanic and play the guitar, took singing lessons, went to electronics

school, became EMT certified, completely built two homes and learned to build golf clubs. He also earned a master's degree in secondary education from Arizona State University. He made his home on Beaver Island for the past 15 years, where he was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

On May 9, 1959, he married the former Shirley E. White in Muskegon, and she survives.

He is also survived by his children, John L. (Elaine) Sowa of Hemet, Calif., Michael A. Sowa of Beaver Island, Catherine (Joel) Meintsma of Coopersville, Lois M. (Kevin) Stipp of Hemet, Calif. and Beaver Island; grandchildren, Theresa, Melissa, Cory, Jeremy and Tara Sowa, Aubreanne, Kyle, Kameron, Joleen and Shelby Meintsma, Jacob and Jessica Stipp; great-grandchildren, Cody and

Amanda Stipp; brothers, Robert Sowa, James (Linda) Sowa, Gregory (Teresa) Sowa, Lawrence Sowa all of Muskegon; sisters, Teresa (Chuck) St. Amour of Muskegon, Mary Kreisel of Quartzite, Ariz.

The family will miss the sound of his laughter and his wit, but mostly they will miss his tremendous love.

A rite of Christian burial took place on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, the Rev. Patrick Cawley officiated. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery where a Rosary was recited on Feb. 10.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Altar Society of Beaver Island.

The family is being assisted by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Marguerite Ikens: May 23, 1916 - Feb. 10, 2006

C. Marguerite Ikens, 89, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Feb. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral for her took place on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, with Rev. Todd Thompson officiating. A luncheon followed at the church. Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Marguerite was born May 23, 1916, in White Bluff, Tenn., the daughter of Ernest B. and Coral (Chandler) Chew. She moved with her family to Charlevoix at the age of 13. Marguerite graduated from Charlevoix

High School and attended Charlevoix County Normal School. She married Carlton F. Ikens on April 14, 1937, in Charlevoix. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1984.

Marguerite worked as the medical records librarian at Charlevoix Area Hospital for 28 years before retiring in 1984. She was an active member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed being the faithful pianist for the church choir for over 40 years. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna L. (Marc) White of Charlevoix;

grandchildren, Cathy (Ron) Agnello, and Mark (Joy) White all of Charlevoix, Charley (Amy) Kiel of Kansas City, Mo., Gina (Steve) Rapin of Bay City; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Ernestine Hunt of Manchester, La.; son-in-law, Charles (Jane) Kiel of Lake Isabella.

Her daughter Judith C. Kiel preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Emerald Chew and Harold Chew.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church or to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Evelyn Gage: Sept. 18, 1941 - Feb. 11, 2006

Evelyn K. Gage, 64, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Feb. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born Sept. 18, 1941, in Flint, the daughter of George and Lorraine (Donovan) Edwards. On March 2, 1961, she married Dan'l Gage in Clio. They lived in Higgins Lake where they raised their four

children, Dan (Sue) Gage of Beulah, Tony (Lisa) Gage of Youngsville, La., Randy Gage of Higgins Lake, and Ginger (Jim) Bryant of Charlevoix.

She worked as a receptionist at Grayling Mercy Hospital, but time with her family was most important to her. Evelyn is also survived by her 15 grandchildren, one great-grand-

daughter, and her brother, Don (Rose) Sopchoppy, Fla.

Evelyn's husband Dan'l preceded her in death in 1988.

Evelyn's family will celebrate her life in a private gathering later this year.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

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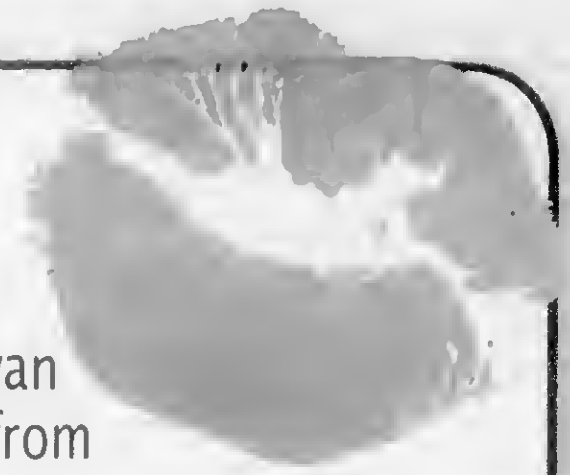
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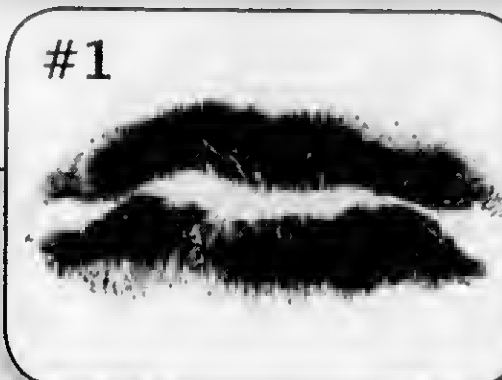
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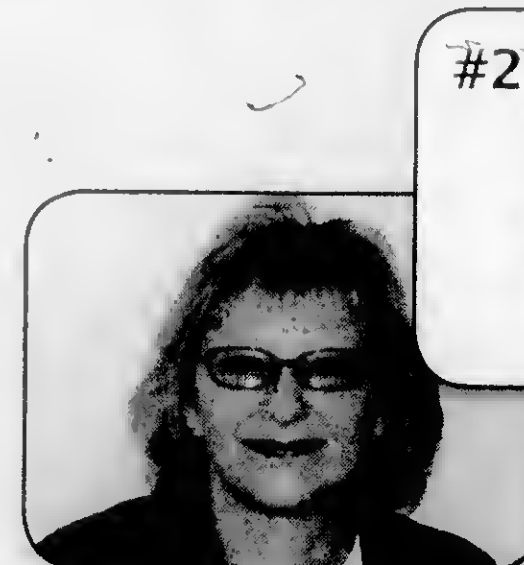
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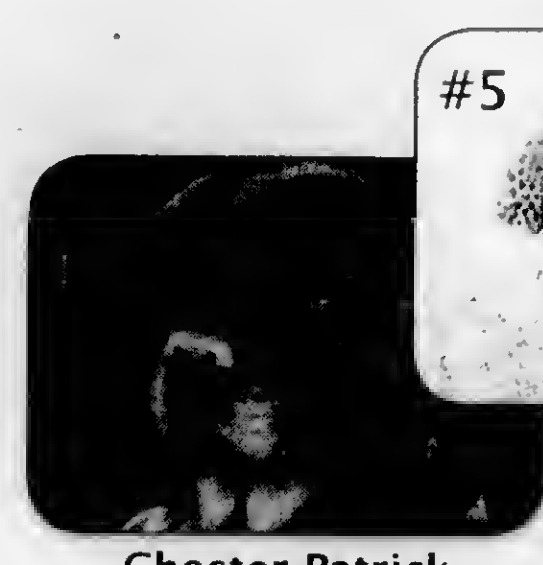
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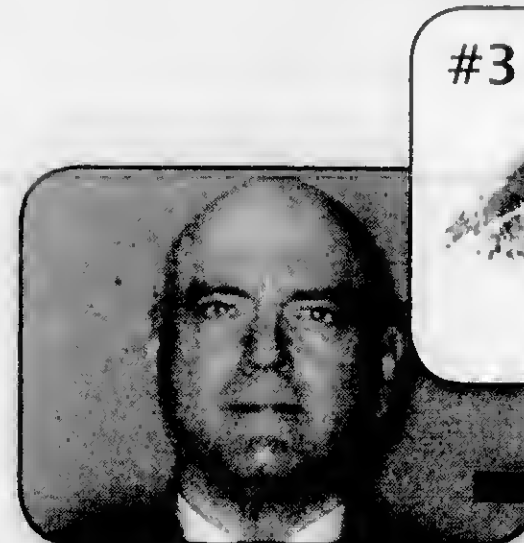
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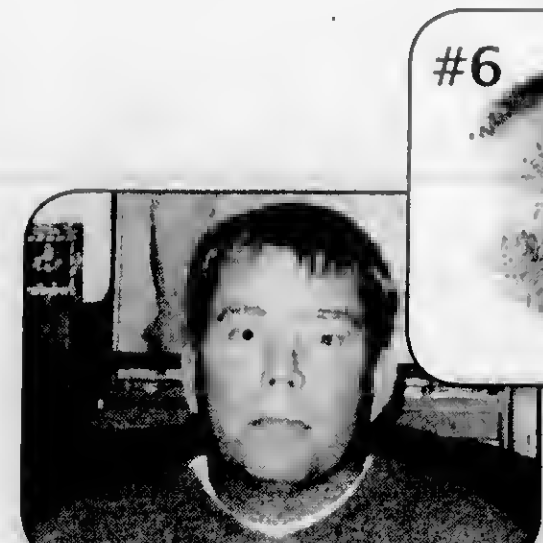
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Obituaries

Gerald Sowa: April 6, 1936 - Feb. 3, 2006

Gerald "Jerry" Raymond Sowa, 69, of Beaver Island, died on Friday, Feb. 3 at the Hemet Valley Hospital in Hemet, Calif.

Jerry was born April 6, 1936, in Muskegon, the son of Leo M. and Mary (Ropator) Sowa. He graduated from Muskegon High School in 1954. He earned a bachelor of science degree in education from Western Michigan University, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and graduated from Quantico Officer's Candidate School. He served in the Marines for 26 years, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam, and another in Okinawa at the end of the war. He retired as a Major in 1977 at the age of 42.

After retiring, he learned to become a mechanic and play the guitar, took singing lessons, went to electronics

school, became EMT certified, completely built two homes and learned to build golf clubs. He also earned a master's degree in secondary education from Arizona State University. He made his home on Beaver Island for the past 15 years, where he was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

On May 9, 1959, he married the former Shirley E. White in Muskegon, and she survives.

He is also survived by his children, John L. (Elaine) Sowa of Hemet, Calif., Michael A. Sowa of Beaver Island, Catherine (Joel) Meintsma of Coopersville, Lois M. (Kevin) Stipp of Hemet, Calif. and Beaver Island; grandchildren, Theresa, Melissa, Cory, Jeremy and Tara Sowa, Aubreanne, Kyle, Kameron, Joleen and Shelly Meintsma, Jacob and Jessica Stipp; great-grandchildren, Cody and

Amanda Stipp; brothers, Robert Sowa, James (Linda) Sowa, Gregory (Teresa) Sowa, Lawrence Sowa all of Muskegon; sisters, Teresa (Chuck) St. Amour of Muskegon, Mary Kreisel of Quartzite, Ariz.

The family will miss the sound of his laughter and his wit, but mostly they will miss his tremendous love.

A rite of Christian burial took place on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, the Rev. Patrick Cawley officiated. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery where a Rosary was recited on Feb. 10.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Altar Society of Beaver Island.

The family is being assisted by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Marguerite Ikens: May 23, 1916 - Feb. 10, 2006

C. Marguerite Ikens, 89, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Feb. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral for her took place on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, with Rev. Todd Thompson officiating. A luncheon followed at the church. Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Marguerite was born May 23, 1916, in White Bluff, Tenn., the daughter of Ernest B. and Coral (Chandler) Chew. She moved with her family to Charlevoix at the age of 13. Marguerite graduated from Charlevoix

High School and attended Charlevoix County Normal School. She married Carlton F. Ikens on April 14, 1937, in Charlevoix. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1984.

Marguerite worked as the medical records librarian at Charlevoix Area Hospital for 28 years before retiring in 1984. She was an active member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed being the faithful pianist for the church choir for over 40 years. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna L. (Marc) White of Charlevoix;

grandchildren, Cathy (Ron) Agnello, and Mark (Joy) White all of Charlevoix, Charley (Amy) Kiel of Kansas City, Mo., Gina (Steve) Rapin of Bay City; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Ernestine Hunt of Manchester, La.; son-in-law, Charles (Jane) Kiel of Lake Isabella.

Her daughter Judith C. Kiel preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Emerald Chew and Harold Chew.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church or to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Evelyn Gage: Sept. 18, 1941 - Feb. 11, 2006

Evelyn K. Gage, 64, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Feb. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born Sept. 18, 1941, in Flint, the daughter of George and Lorraine (Donovan) Edwards. On March 2, 1961, she married Dan'l Gage in Clio. They lived in Higgins Lake where they raised their four

children, Dan (Sue) Gage of Beulah, Tony (Lisa) Gage of Youngsville, La., Randy Gage of Higgins Lake, and Ginger (Jim) Bryant of Charlevoix.

She worked as a receptionist at Grayling Mercy Hospital, but time with her family was most important to her. Evelyn is also survived by her 15 grandchildren, one great-grand-

daughter, and her brother, Don (Rose) Sopchoppy, Fla.

Evelyn's husband Dan'l preceded her in death in 1988.

Evelyn's family will celebrate her life in a private gathering later this year.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

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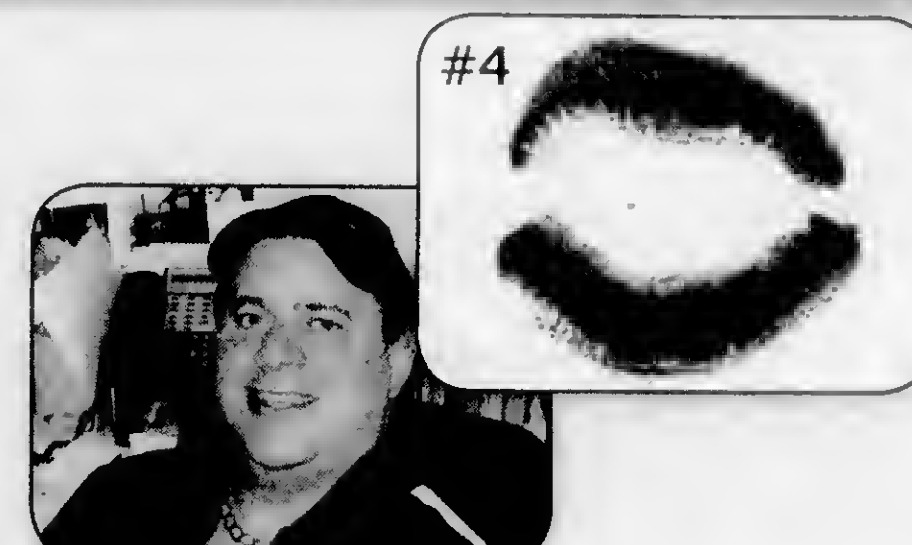
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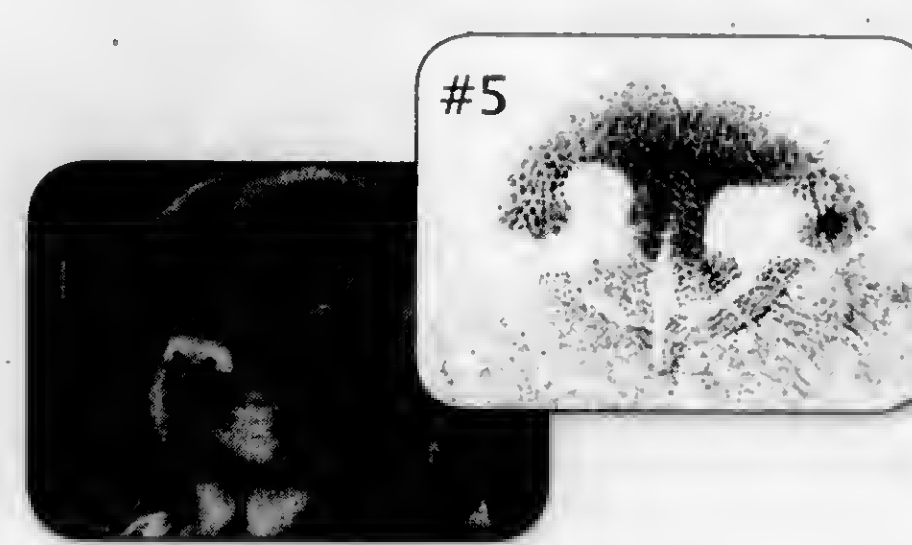
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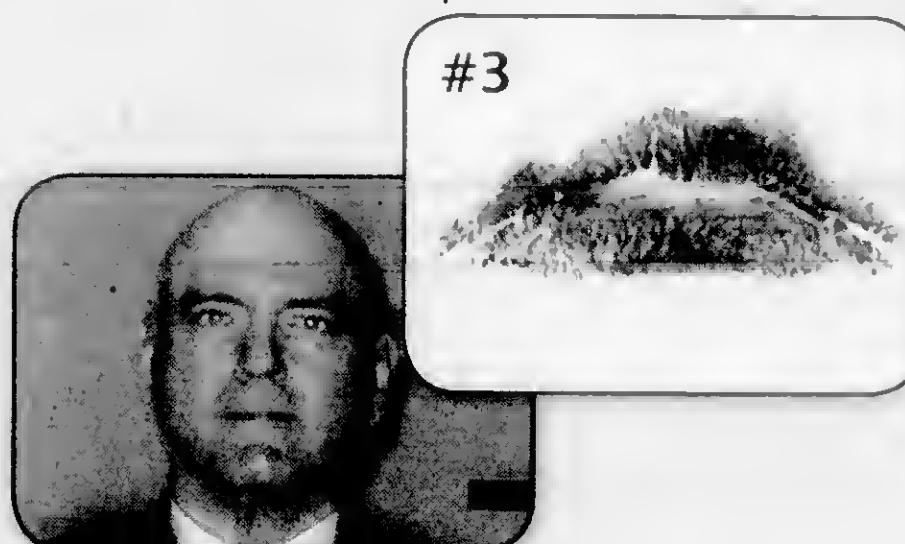
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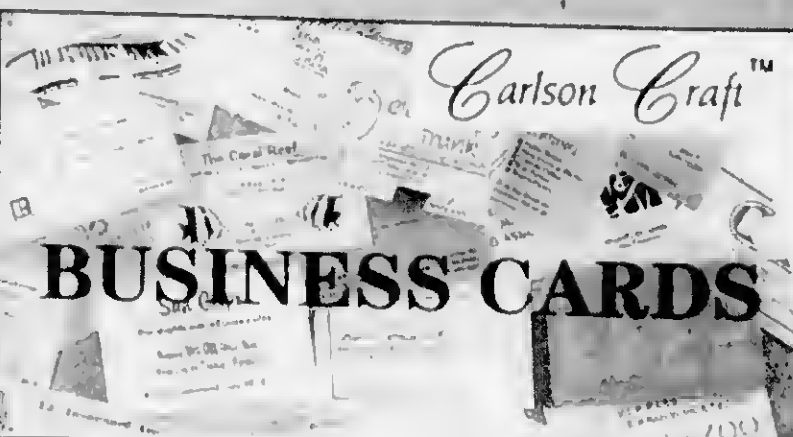
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CPI to expand manufacturing operations

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

As manufacturing jobs continue to leave Michigan, a local manufacturer is planning an expansion that may add about 30 new full-time jobs in Charlevoix.

"This is certainly good news as we look at the state of general manufacturing in Michigan," Charlevoix City Manager, Mike Wiesner, states in a Jan. 30 memo to city council on the proposed project.

Charlevoix City Council will consider a development plan amendment at CPI Products Inc., located at 12501 Taylor Road in Charlevoix industrial park to expand the company's manufacturing area by 11,700 square feet. The project will also include construction of a 3,040 square foot covered parking area. It will be constructed with a similar exterior look to pole buildings.

Council will consider the amendment at a special meeting scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. on March 1.

"As always, with the premium we place on industrial jobs, we will be

working with them to the best of our ability to develop a timetable suitable to them," Wiesner states in the memo.

According to Casey House, manufacturing and engineering manager for CPI Products, the company has acquired new business and the expansion will make way for manufacturing space to produce new product lines.

"We're really excited. There's a mass exodus of manufacturing companies in Michigan and we have an opportunity to expand," House said.

The project will include the purchase of new equipment. The total cost is expected to reach about \$1 million.

The Charlevoix plant has been in operation for 19 years and is the only manufacturing facility for CPI Products which is a division of the global company, Destaco.

At the local site they make automation tooling. House explained this to be the arms of robots that pick up and move automotive components like hoods, doors and body panels.

The last expansion done at the lo-

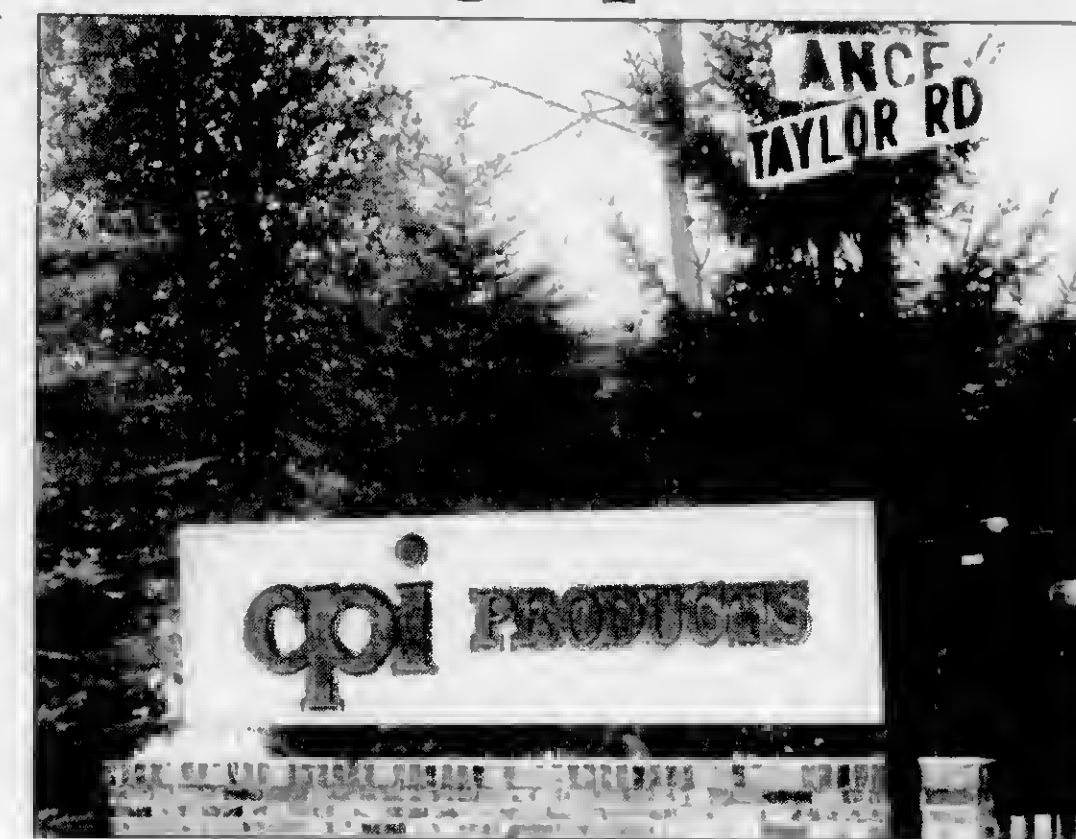


Photo by Julie Witthoeft

CPI Products Inc., located at 12501 Taylor Road in Charlevoix industrial park to expand the company's manufacturing area by 11,700 square feet.

cal site was in 1998 and added about 10,000 square feet of space to the facility.

The company currently employs about 40 people at its sales and en-

gineering office in Plymouth and 75 people in Charlevoix.

For more information visit the company's Web site at www.cpi-products.com.

Indoor Sidewalk Sales start Feb. 17

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that Charlevoix's Indoor Sidewalk Sales are scheduled for Presidents' Day Weekend.

This annual shopping event begins on Friday, Feb. 17 and will continue through Monday, Feb. 20.

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Christopher Cuffaro

Citizens Bank has announced the appointment of Christopher Cuffaro as community president for the Charlevoix market.

As community president, Cuffaro will lead the bank's local market leadership team for consumer and commercial banking and wealth management services, as well as manage community relationships, events, and contributions.

"Chris was the obvious choice for the all-important position of community president," said William R. Hartman, Citizens Bank chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Chris has a wealth of experience serving clients with their banking needs. He knows

how to build relationships, connect people with the banking specialists they require, and serve the community."

Cuffaro said the position of community president provides local residents with a clear understanding of the bank's structure.

"I am the person our clients can contact when decisions have to be made, to resolve issues, and to assist our local community as we work together to make this area an even greater place to live, work, and raise our families,"

he said.

Cuffaro comes to Citizens Bank from Irwin Union Bank in Traverse City, where he served as vice-president of treasury management services from 2001 to 2005. He was responsible for deposit growth, branch security and compliance in the Traverse City office, and managed existing and potential client relationships.

Cuffaro had previously served as cash management sales analyst at Old Kent Bank in northern Michigan from

1996 to 2001. He had previously served as assistant branch manager at Old Kent Bank from 1991 to 1996.

Cuffaro holds the following certifications: Certified Treasury Professional Accreditation (CTP), Association for Financial Professionals; Accredited ACH Professional Accreditation (AAP), National Automated Clearing House Association.

For more information about Citizens Bank, visit www.citizensonline.com.

Twins and More event at Charlevoix Area Hospital

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host its second annual Twins and More Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital. Light refreshments will be served.

Twins of all ages are welcome. A special support system for moms and dads of multiples will be introduced.

For more information or to register, call Pam Oshaben (231) 547-8669.

Medicare Part D satellite broadcast at Edward Jones



Derek Chowen

Edward Jones investment representative Derek Chowen of Charlevoix will host a free satellite broadcast titled "The Medicare Rx Plan: What It

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County commission candidate forum

First district seat to be decided at the Feb. 28 election

By BENJAMIN GOHS Staff writer

Sunday, Feb. 12 the Friends of the Library hosted a forum for three candidates vying for the First District Charlevoix County Commission seat.

At the forum, Green Party candidate Ellis Boal, unaffiliated candidate Connie Saltonstall and Republican Party candidate John Haggard answered questions they were given in advance, as well as questions from audience members.

Though Boal doesn't always agree with the commissioner's decisions, he said, "In general the county, I feel, is in good financial shape."

"The county has an \$11 million-plus budget with over 60 funds to be managed," Saltonstall said. "My job as a commissioner is to scrutinize informa-

tion we get and to ask questions and make the decisions necessary to ensure the county runs the way it needs to."

Haggard said a few of the departments he looks forward to working with are law enforcement, the road commission and the commission on aging to ensure their needs are met.

"The county is in very good financial condition mainly because of past commissioners that established what I call the tax revolving fund that allows the county to pay each unit of government 100 percent of their taxes," Haggard said.

Saltonstall said her interest in politics and public service pushed her to run for this office.

"Government is only as good as the people willing to be involved with it," she said.

According to Saltonstall, Charlevoix has lost nearly 1,200 jobs in the last five years.

"We need to create a marketing plan which will generate clean businesses and tax revenue," she said.

Haggard said as a born and raised Charlevoix citizen, he has been a previous county commissioner who once

again has time to work in the operation of the county.

"We need to increase jobs in the county, but a way to do that is to promote tourism," he said.

Boal said he is running to "protect Charlevoix's natural resources, protect health by limiting smoking, focus on policies, not personalities and instant runoff voting to ensure majority elections."

"I am a candidate who does his homework," he said. "If elected, I will maintain my Web site and continue to post positions particularly explaining on how I intend to vote or how I did vote on issues before the commission."

Asked whether the county needs a manager or executive director, Haggard said, "No."

"I could anticipate spending some-

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Candidates for the First District Charlevoix County Commission seat, John Haggard, Connie Saltonstall and Ellis Boal respond to questions at a forum Feb. 12 at the Charlevoix Public Library.



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County commission candidates discuss issues facing the county

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thing in the neighborhood, after you figure in an office and secretary and everything, of \$150,000 or \$200,000 a year, plus all the benefits that go along with it," he said. "But, a human resource person I'm willing to look into."

Boal said, "I will study it and decide later."

Saltonstall said she believes the county should have a manager.

"The county has an \$11 million-plus budget and I believe it needs a trained person to manage that budget on a daily basis," she said. "According to the consultant it will pay for itself in eliminating waste and duplication and improving efficiency."

All three candidates agreed that Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is in need of repair.

Saltonstall said Boyne City-Charlevoix Road will be her first priority while working to ensure Big Rock Point becomes a public park is a close second.

Haggard said due to his political connections it would be a benefit to voters

to vote for him.

"I've instituted a dialogue with our state representative to possibly take M-75 and extend it into Charlevoix," he said. "Making it not a county road, but a state trunk line."

Haggard said if it is made a state road, the state would be forced to bring it up to code and then the county would be responsible for maintaining it.

And, he said, he worked for the past five years to help ensure Big Rock Point can be made into a park.

Boal said he agreed with Saltonstall and Haggard that the road is dangerous.

"It makes me wonder if, for right now, signs shouldn't be put up on the theory of openness in government," he said.

And, while Saltonstall and Boal are in favor of workplace smoking regulations for private businesses, Haggard said he would most likely vote against it if it came up.

The election for First District County Commissioner will occur from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Feb. 28 in Hayes and Bay townships as well as on the north sides of Charlevoix Township and the City of Charlevoix.

Solo and Ensemble qualifiers



Courtesy photo

Seven Charlevoix High School band students successfully qualified for the State Solo and Ensemble competition after receiving first division ratings at the district level performances Feb. 11 in Harbor Springs. They are Lauren Dupuis, Christina Miller, Katherine Forrester, Breanna Londgren, Ellisa Smolensky, Elizabeth Kur and Peter Londgren.

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Beaver Island Preservation Association faces lawsuit



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Work continued this week on the Beaver Island Community Center, pictured above, in spite of a lawsuit filed by the project's former architect, against the Beaver Island Preservation Association, the group steering the project.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A non-profit group driving construction of a community center in downtown St. James on Beaver Island has come under fire.

In January, Cox Medendorp Olson Architects of Kent County filed a lawsuit in Charlevoix County Circuit Court against the Preservation Association of Beaver Island, the non-profit group working to build the center.

The architectural firm claims

the association owes them over \$135,000 for services it rendered related to construction of the center.

"This is a glitch in the road but the board won't allow this to shut us down," said Judy Lanier-Gallagher, president of the Preservation Association of Beaver Island.

According to the complaint filed by attorneys for Cox Medendorp, the architectural firm contracted with the association in July 2003 "to provide improvements to the property."

Thus far the association has paid

the firm \$68,820.

The last day Cox Medendorp contractors provided services for the project was Jan. 14, 2005. The company recorded a claim of lien with the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds office, three days later, on Jan. 17, 2005 for \$135,329.99.

In lieu of this alleged outstanding bill, attorneys for Cox Medendorp have asked 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to enter a judgment in their client's favor granting them

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Architects claim preservation group owes over \$135,000

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the money allegedly owed and other costs, as well as an order for a foreclosure sale of the property with proceeds from the sale being used to pay the debt.

However, Lanier-Gallagher said the association doesn't owe the firm money. She explained that the association hired Cox Medendorp to design a building with defined specifications.

"We're moving ahead. We think we're standing on firm ground."

Judy Lanier-Gallagher,
President of the Beaver Island Preservation Association

She said the board fired the firm last winter when its architects produced a design that was three times the size of what the group stated in its contract as the building's desired dimensions.

She said in the Cox Medendorp design, the association's established \$1.4 million price tag had grown to

over \$3.4 million.

"We are confident our dismissal of them was appropriate. They didn't follow the contract in multiple ways," Lanier-Gallagher said.

The 14-member association board of directors hired Slocum and Associates of Kalamazoo in March 2005 to handle the scaled back re-

design.

The new 9,000 square-foot community center is being built on the property where Dockside Market used to stand, across from the Beaver Island Boat Company dock off Main Street. It will include three main areas. The first is a welcoming center that will include the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, and a lobby area. The second is a youth and senior center. The third is an event center.

The total cost of the project is \$2 million. So far, the group has raised

\$1.5 million.

Framing of the building started in October and is expected to be complete in March.

Construction at the site was underway early this week in spite of the recently filed suit. And, according to Lanier-Gallagher, progress won't be disrupted.

"We're moving ahead. We think we're standing on firm ground," she said.

This week, attorneys for the two parties began the process of scheduling arbitration.

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Sheriff's department awarded \$60,000 grant for rescue boat

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

With nearly \$5 million in requests entered and only \$1 million in revenue to disperse, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians recently allotted \$60,000 to the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department for a rescue boat.

According to tribal counselor, Sandra Witherspoon, the tribe gives 2 percent of its electronic gaming funds away each year in the form of grants to important community projects.

"We just want to save lives," Witherspoon said.

The \$60,000 will be used for a Zodiac brand boat stationed on Beaver Island for search and rescue operations.

The year-round target population of Beaver Island is 150 children, 400 adults and an approximate summer population of 3,500.

According to the application, the existing rescue vehicle is a 17-foot Boston Whaler which is suitable for use in St. James Harbor and Lake Michigan, but only during calm seas.

Charlevoix County Deputy Sheriff, Jim Campbell, who is stationed on Beaver Island, said, "I have been on the island for three years and we have done at least two to three rescues each year."

Campbell said at least four of those were cold water rescues and at least one person had hypothermia.

"This is a benefit to us because we will be able to get to them (the stranded) faster," Campbell said. "We had one rescue that was halfway to the U.P. (Upper Peninsula)."

"In 2004, the sheriff's Beaver Island marine patrol rescued seven persons in three separate events," Campbell stated in his application for the grant. "Two events in St. James Harbor and one in Lake Michigan at the south end of High Island. In 2005, we rescued four persons in Lake Michigan between Beaver and Garden islands and assisted in the recovery of a drowning victim off the north end of Beaver Island. The sheriff's office also responded to several Coast Guard generated calls during this time."

He added, "It'll give us a lot of range and a lot of speed that we didn't have before."

Charlevoix County Undersheriff, Don Schneider said he wanted to personally thank Witherspoon and the other members of the tribe for their contribution to the sheriff's department.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(From left) County Commissioners Shirley Roloff and Vic Patrick pose with Sheriff Deputy Jim Campbell and Sheriff George Lasater who received a \$60,000 check from councilwoman Sandra Witherspoon of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to purchase a rescue boat for the department's Beaver Island station.

Campbell said the drowning which occurred in Lake Michigan on one of the islands near Beaver Island prompted the department to pursue the grant.

The nearest Coast Guard station to Beaver Island with rescue capabilities is 32 miles and located in Charlevoix.

The 24-foot long rescue boat holds up to 22 people and has the

capability of two, 90 horse power motors.

According to the Zodiac technical data sheet provided on the boat proposed for purchase, the Zodiac SRMN was, "originally built for military use so their hulls are reinforced to take the maximum g-forces that are applied when fully laden and powered at maximum speed."

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Senior center grant



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(From left) Sixth District County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, Director of the Charlevoix Senior Center, Earl Muma and tribal councilwoman, Sandra Witherspoon of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians recently met when the tribe gave \$20,000 to the senior center for various remodeling and repair projects.



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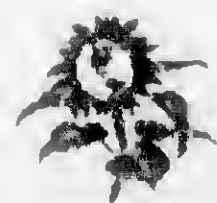
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CHS performing arts group miss state contest qualification

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

A group of over 40 students from the performing arts program at Charlevoix High School missed qualifying for the state competition by just two points.

"I think they're disappointed. They've worked hard but they aren't disappointed in what they produced that day. They did a marvelous job. They can't be unhappy with their performance," said Connie Ford, director of the high school's performing arts program.

The students finished third, two points behind second place Feb. 11 at the regional competition. The two schools who successfully qualified for state competition to take place Feb. 17 and 18 in Ann Arbor are Olivet High School and Pigeon Laker High School.

Ford was pleased with the students' performance this past weekend at John Glen High School in Bay City.

"I wouldn't change anything. It was the luck of the draw as far as judges and what they were looking for. Our tech side got perfect scores," Ford said.

At the regional contest, the group per-

formed a shortened version, just under 45 minutes, of their ensemble musical, *Isle of Tears*. The script is the second written by Ford. It was completed in 1997 with help from her former longtime assistant, Sulane Hamilton. Her first was *Homeland* written and performed in 1994 and presented again in 2002.

Ford has been director of the school's performing arts program since 1968. Students last performed *Isle of Tears* in 1998.

Isle of Tears includes various tales of European immigrants with different reasons for emigrating to the United States.

"I wanted to do this show again. You get to the point where you need something different for the kids," Ford said.

The group qualified for regional competition at districts which took place Jan. 28 in Standish. At that contest, judges gave their performance a rating of 2 on a 4-point scale with 1 being the highest.

"They had a good performance. There were a couple of glitches and the judges caught them," Ford said.

She said the district show was the first time the group performed *Isle of Tears* in front of an audience.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Charlevoix High School performing arts students competed at regionals Feb. 11 in Bay City. The group missed qualifying for the state title by two points.

At the district competition, four students received special honors and the group was recognized as a whole. Michelle Lemond, Nicole Mackowiak, Julie Neider and Sarah Ruhlman each received excellence in acting honors. The group was recognized for superior set design and excellence for props. The set includes a ship and bunk beds and the props include miscellaneous items like

passports, blankets and books.

The students have been practicing for weeks and dedicated countless hours to the show.

Mackowiak, a junior at Charlevoix High School who has been in performing arts for three years, said the time commitment to the program makes time management a priority for students involved.

"I try and give it my all and still keep

up with school work. It's tough but if you have the dedication you can do it," she said.

The students will present *Isle of Tears* at their winter performances to take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School. A complete cast live and show overview will appear in next week's Courier.

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Ski teams place third at conference meet Feb. 9

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix-East Jordan boys' and girls' Lake Michigan Conference makeup meet took place on Thursday, Feb. 9 in Harbor Springs.

The girls took 3rd place overall with a total of 83 points, while the boys also ended the day in 3rd place, but with a score of 99.

In the giant slalom event, the girls took 4th place with 42 points. They were led by Katherine Rowley in 1st place with a time of 47.24 seconds. She was followed by Kelsey Poinneau in 9th with 51.68 seconds; Emily Bajko in 15th with 54.31 seconds; Elizabeth Hasseld in 17th with 55.19 seconds; Kristin Dupuis in 22nd with one minute and 15 seconds and Mary Gocha in 24th with 1:02.29 minutes.

The B team was led by Stephanie Poindexter in 1st with 57.64 seconds and Kristen Kovel in 2nd with 1:00.71 minutes.

In the giant slalom event, the boys took 3rd place with 51 points. The boys were led by Mac Brennan in 10th with 49.84 seconds; Nic Williams in 16th with 52.59 seconds; Billy Brodin in 17th with 52.64 seconds; Tanner Fisher in 19th with 53.22 seconds and Michael Cardwell in 22nd with 53.45 seconds.

Rayders fall to Ramblers in tough match

By SCOTT RICHARDS
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders volleyball team will try to rebound from this week's disappointing loss.

The Rayders returned to league play this Monday, Feb. 13, against the Ramblers of Boyne City at home after failing to advance to bracket play at the Suttons Bay Invitational on Saturday Feb. 11.

"It's hard to feel positive about it," said coach Liz Grunch.

Charlevoix went 4 and 2 against opponents at the invitational but did not advance into the final round of play.

After not placing at the tournament they were home against the Ramblers whom they beat in a lop sided match earlier in the season at Boyne.

Boyne City coach Casie Parker was positive about their chances against Charlevoix on Monday.

"I feel ready for this, I think our team is ready," Parker said.

Boyne has also had some up and down

play this year.

Parker added, "We split some games with some very tough teams like Rogers City, and then lost to teams that have only won five games all year."

Boyne took the first two games against the Rayders by a score of 25-18 and 25-23 but Charlevoix came from behind to take the third by the close score of 26-24 and then lost a heart breaker in the fourth game 25-27.

"We got down a couple of games and it's very hard to come back from that," Grunch said. "The team played so hard, it was just disappointing."

The totals for the match were Sally Haselschwardt with 19 kills; Bethany Pearson with 12 digs and seven blocks; Ashlie Bradley with seven kills; Robyn Petzak with 12 digs; and Zita Anderson with 36 assists.

Charlevoix is now 19-15-7 overall. The team is 6-3 in the Lake Michigan Conference which puts them in second place behind Kalkaska. Charlevoix has only four more games before district play begins on March 4.



Photo by Scott Richards

Ashlie Bradley goes toe to toe with Rambler Lyndsay Baic during a tough Rayder loss to Boyne City Monday night.

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Rayder hoops break winning streak

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

A season of ups and downs continued for the Rayders as Charlevoix lost two games last week, falling to Petoskey, 64-36 and to Traverse City St. Francis, 85-73.

The Rayders who are 9-6 overall and 7-4 in the Lake Michigan Conference, opened the season 2-4, and then won seven straight games before dropping these last two.

"We lost to two very good teams," coach Keith Haske said. "You just think that at home maybe you can win those games. I am disappointed with where we are defensively; we are not where we need to be."

In the first half, Charlevoix gave ninth-ranked St. Francis all it could handle. Although the Gladiators led by as many as six in the first quarter, a put back by Mitchell Crandall cut the lead to two at 18-16 as time expired in the period. Crandall scored nine in the first stanza.

A Matt Kautz three-pointer to open the second quarter gave the Rayders a 19-18 lead. It would prove to be one of only two leads Charlevoix held in the entire game. St. Francis outscored the Rayders, 21-12 over the next five minutes to take a 39-31 lead with just over a minute to play in the half.

Charlevoix wouldn't go away, however, scoring six straight points to end the half on a Ty Haske three-point play, a Mike DiMartino free throw and an

Austin Wilhelm jumper.

Kautz hit yet another three-pointer to open the scoring in the second half to give the Rayders their final lead of the night at 40-39. St. Francis was under-terred, going on a 9-0 run to re-establish an eight point lead at 48-40. Crandall and Dan Swenor hit back-to-back threes to cut the lead again to two at 48-46 with 5:25 minutes left in the quarter.

The Gladiators closed out the quarter with a 14-4 run to take a 12-point lead after three quarters of play. St. Francis opened the fourth quarter with another impressive run, outscoring the Rayders, 8-2 in a minute-and-a-half to break the game open with a 68-52 advantage.

Charlevoix fought back gamely but could get no closer than eight, at 76-68,

the rest of the way.

Kautz led the Rayders with 29 points. Crandall had 19 points and 12 rebounds. Dustin Dibble finished with 16 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

DiMartino contributed eight rebounds and Ty Haske had five assists.

"They (St. Francis) beat us up inside. We didn't have an answer defending in there," Haske commented. "We didn't shoot the ball well either and against a good team like that, you have to shoot well to win."

Earlier in the week, the Rayders suffered one of their worst setbacks in recent memory at the hands of non-conference rival Petoskey.

The Northmen led only 14-10 after the first quarter and 30-20 at the half,

but pulled away to a 52-34 lead after three periods.

Dibble was the leading scorer for Charlevoix with 17 points. Crandall scored nine.

"I was real disappointed (with the loss)," Haske said. "Coming off a big win over Grayling, I thought maybe we had this 'play hard for 32 minutes' thing down. I don't know why it happened but again we were beat up in the paint and couldn't defend."

The Rayders did not play on Tuesday, Feb. 14 but return to action at Boyne City on Friday, Feb. 17.

Charlevoix grapplers head into districts plagued by injuries



Craig Golovich

The Charlevoix Rayder wrestlers hosted Grayling and Elk Rapids at home on Thursday, Feb. 9 finishing 1-1.

Charlevoix won over Elk Rapids 56-15

and fell to Grayling 35-48.

According to Charlevoix head coach Craig Golovich, a number of injuries have put some key wrestlers out for the season, but have also allowed for the younger guys to see mat time.

During this dual meet, freshman Nic Mailloux was named

Wrestler of the Week after pinning both his opponents in the 125 weight class. He pinned his Elk Rapids opponent in 52 seconds and his Grayling opponent in 2:54 minutes.

On Saturday, Feb. 11 Charlevoix placed third out of six teams competing in the Petoskey Invitational. Kalkaska finished in first with a perfect 5-0. Petoskey's B team finished in second going 4-1. Charlevoix took third with a score of 2-2.

Charlevoix was followed by Manecelona in fourth, Frankfort in fifth and Kingsley in sixth.

Charlevoix won 54-30 over Manecelona and 48-30 over Frankfort. Charlevoix fell to Kalkaska 35-45 and fell shy one point to Petoskey B 36-37. Joey

Left was named Wrestler of the Week for his matches in the day's tournament.

Fastest pins for the Rayders were scored by Jed Daman against Kalkaska with a 16-second pin, Mat Golovich against Kalkaska with a 34 second pin and Woody Nitehman against Frankfort with a 35 second pin.

Joey Left, Travis Burke and Jeff Golovich all scored pins in under a minute.

Charlevoix travels to Rudyard on Thursday, Feb. 16 for Team Districts against Rudyard and St. Ignace and then to Rogers City for Individual Districts on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Men's Senior League Feb. 6, 2006				Birdies Beauty Shoppe Feb. 6, 2006				Young At Hearts - Feb. 9, 2006				Mary O'Brien Feb. 5, 2006			
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J Arnold Painting "2"	13	11				Past Timers	13	11	Twilighters	10	14	Thomas	19	13	
J Arnold Painting "A"	12	12				Half & Half	13	11	Mattie	7	17	Russell C & R	18.5	13.5	
Paul Bunyan Lanes	12	12	Mary O'Brien	572	225	Twilighters	10	14	Leann Mosorjak	530	220	Steen	16	16	
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	11	13	Carol Kerr	222	222	Irish Rollers	7	17	Jane Holm	518	220	Spencer	16	16	
Seip Trucking	11	13	Mattie	7	17							Browne	16	16	
The Flight Deck	7	17	Leann Mosorjak	530	220							Fitzpatrick/Bindi	15	17	
			Jane Holm	518	220							Nordman	15	17	
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Bob Bourassa	548	228		W	L	W	L	Me Dixon	537	185		Chuck Stein	534	186	
Jeff Smith	622	228		Lake Shore Tire	219	131		Ralph Kilson	491	180		Jerry Russell	504	184	
Darrel VanLoe	622	227		Paul Bunyan Lanes	212	138		Beverly Smith	408	174		Lynette Webb	471	179	
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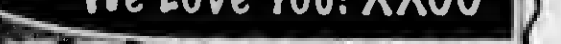
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the payment of association assessments outstanding from The Dee Company, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, the land contract vendor of record, and Ted G. Engelmann and Cheryl L. Engelmann, husband and wife, the land contract vendees of record, to the Edgewater Inn Condominium Association (the "Association"), with respect to the real property described below. A Notice of Lien (the "Lien") was thus filed by the Association on November 17, 2005 in the Charlevoix County Records at Liber 717, Page 057, pursuant to the terms of the Master Deed of the Edgewater Inn Condominium, which is recorded in Liber 306, Pages 540 through 570 of the Charlevoix County Records, as amended. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due upon the Lien the amount of \$6,904.81, together with accrued interest, collection costs, late fees and attorney fees. The Association is additionally owed upon the Lien, pursuant to the Master Deed and statute, all unpaid installments for the 2006 annual assessments and any advances paid by the Association to protect its Lien. No proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Lien, or any part thereof. NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the provisions of said Master Deed and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, March 3, 2006 at 11:00 A.M., and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Lien. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and more specifically described as follows:

Unit 57, The Edgewater Inn Condominium, according to the Consolidating Master Deed as recorded in Liber 306, Pages 540 through 570, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and amendments thereto, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 34; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendment(s) thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of the sale. BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Dated: January 25, 2006

Heather S. Frick (67985) P.O. Box 309 Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-9950

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Dumont F. Hixson, Jr. Trust u/a/d March 12, 2005, as amended.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this trust may be barred or affected by this notice. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DUMONT F. HIXSON, JR., who lived at 6033 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727 and died May 2, 2005. Mr. Hixson has no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of his death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

trust or estate will be forever barred unless presented to PATRICK HIXSON, the Successor Trustee of the trust, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. February 8, 2006 Christopher L. Banish, Atty.P(62565) Hainer & Berman, P.C. 24255 W. 13 Mile Rd., Ste. 270 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (248) 642-4100 Patrick Hixson 44045 Five Mile Road Plymouth, MI 48170 Successor Trustee L(02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 24, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court-house, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29" East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33.3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: February 2, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
L(02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/08)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 06-010928-DE

Estate of Sherry Lyn Burris, deceased.
Date of Birth: February 16, 1956
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sherry Lyn Burris, who lived at 26865 Kempsers Road, Peaine, Beaver Island, Michigan, died May 17, 2004. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Derrick A. Burris, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI, 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

February 15, 2005

Barron & Engstrom, PLC
Daniel B. Barron (P35659)
309 Petoskey Ave.,
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950

Derrick A. Burris
26865 Kempsers Road
Beaver Island, MI 49782
(231) 448-3004

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made the 24th day of August, 1999, by Jeffrey L. Brooks, a single man, of 319 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727, as Mortgagor, to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, of 1031 May Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 30, 1999, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 370, Pages 943-948. There is claimed to be due on such Mortgage at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven and 90/100 Dollars (\$27,607.90), including interest at 8.900% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes



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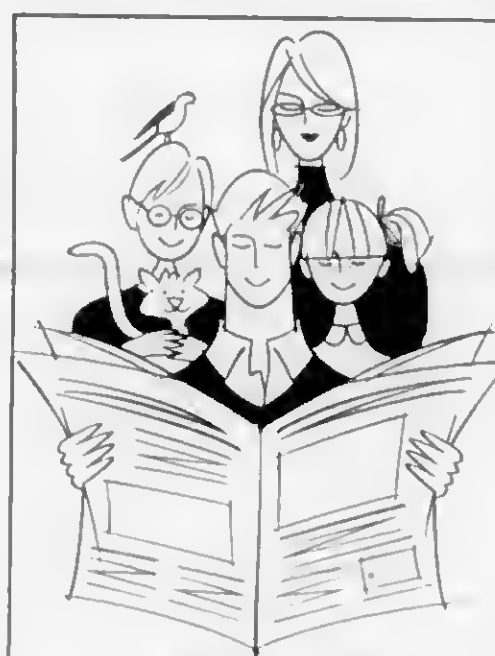
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Area events

Twins and More

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host its second annual Twins and More Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital. Light refreshments will be served.

Twins of all ages are welcome. A special support system for moms and dads of multiples will be introduced.

For more information or to register, call Pam Oshaben (231) 547-8669.

Benefit Soup Supper

Share the Warmth Benefit Soup Supper will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Town Hall in Ellsworth. Soup, pizza, salad, bread and homemade dessert will be offered in exchange for donations to benefit Good Samaritan's "Utility Help Fund." For more information call Bill Broadwick at (231) 533-5552.

Vertical Express for MS

The 21st annual Vertical Express for MS fund-raising ski event benefiting the Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis and its Michigan CAN DO Multiple Sclerosis wellness program will take place Feb. 24 at Boyne Mountain in Boyne City. Participants from across the state will ski to raise money and for a chance to win the grand prize all-expense-paid trip to Vail, Colo. Teams and sponsors need to sign-up as soon as possible for the event. Raise funds for former Olympic ski medalist Jimmie Heuga's Center for MS and the Michigan life-changing wellness programs. The event is open to skiers and riders of all ages and abilities. For more information or to register log on to www.verticalpress.org or call Lisa Lamont at (248) 229-1993.

Auditions

The Little Traverse Civic Theatre is sponsoring auditions for the classic comedy, "You Can't Take It With You." Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in downtown Petoskey.

Hawaiian Luau benefit

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

The highlight of this event will be the hot sounds of Mojo and the Boggiesman. Tickets are \$30 per person and will include hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 1 and can be purchased at the humane society located at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City.

For more information call the humane society at (231) 582-6774.

Child care training

Child care providers, parents and early childhood professionals are invited to attend a local child care training session sponsored by Traverse City based 4C Training. The following training session will meet new licensing requirements. "A Look Into A Child's Mind" will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. For more information call Carrie Ball at (231) 941-7767.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library. Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. March 8 and 15 in the lower level of the library.

The first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration

records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Care for the Caregiver

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is collaborating with The Friendship Center, The Living Room, Independence Village and The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, to provide a "Care for the Caregiver" conference to take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at The Friendship Center in Petoskey. The conference is free for caregivers in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, and will include educational sessions, lunch, manicures and chair massages throughout the day. For more information or to register for the conference, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-7943 or visit www.hospiceltb.org.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts

experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is \$12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is \$40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated. A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Singles for Christ

"Singles for Christ" of Petoskey's Zion Lutheran Church, invites all singles age 40 and over, from all area churches to the club's monthly dinner to take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Northern Lights Recreation Center, Sassy Loon Restaurant.

To make a reservation call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905. Bowling and/or dancing are optional following dinner.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

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Volunteers are needed to help plan the 2006 event. An informational and planning meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Jordan Valley District Library, located at 1 Library Lane, in East Jordan.

For more information on Relay For Life or to volunteer, contact Corinne Fosdick at (231) 947-0860 or Corinne.fosdick@cancer.org.

Charlevoix teachers pass background check

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John Sturock

The initiative kicked off with this initial check which cross referenced the state police registry with the school registry using identifiers like name,

date of birth and Social Security number. The law requires that any sex offenders be fired immediately and those with felonies be reviewed by school boards for possible dismissal.

The results of the check were sent to the Michigan Department of Education. Shortly thereafter, the Detroit News issued a Freedom of Information Act request with the department requesting all reports be released.

The Michigan Education Association was awarded an injunction by the Ingham County Circuit Court to halt the release of reports.

Sturock supports this attempt to bar the reports from the public record. He said information they contain needs to be verified first.

On Feb. 7 the Michigan Education Association, the state's largest teacher's union, called on

"Nothing was found that would warrant us to do anything."

lawmakers to void the results of the background checks due to alleged errors.

These same reports were released to each individual school district all of whom have received Freedom of Information Act requests by the Detroit News.

Sturock said he has filed for an extension, as the Michigan Education Association is in court fighting to keep the reports closed.

"This puts school districts in a precarious position," he said.

While Sturock doesn't argue against the aim of the legislation, protecting Michigan students, he did say it has many kinks to work out.

"They did a poor job drafting it. They did it in a really fast manner and didn't look at the ins and outs," he said.

While the status of the documents as open or closed to the public is one such kink, cost is another.

School districts across the state are grappling with budget problems. In Charlevoix, employees have been fingerprinted for the past seven years. Under the new

Dr. John Sturock, Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools

legislation those instructors have to have it done again — 150 staff members will undergo this round of fingerprinting costing \$75 each for a total of over \$11,000.

"Who is going to pay for this," Sturock said.

Legislators have said the cost will fall on each individual school district. But according to the state's Headlee Amendment, if the state mandates it, the state pays for it.

This cost issue has been passed on to the Michigan Attorney General's office. An opinion has not been released.

The legislation was enacted in response to a number of issues facing public school across the state including sex offenders working in the school system.

This reality struck a local tone in the summer of 2005 when Arthur Kirk was arrested by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on multiple counts of felony weapons charges.

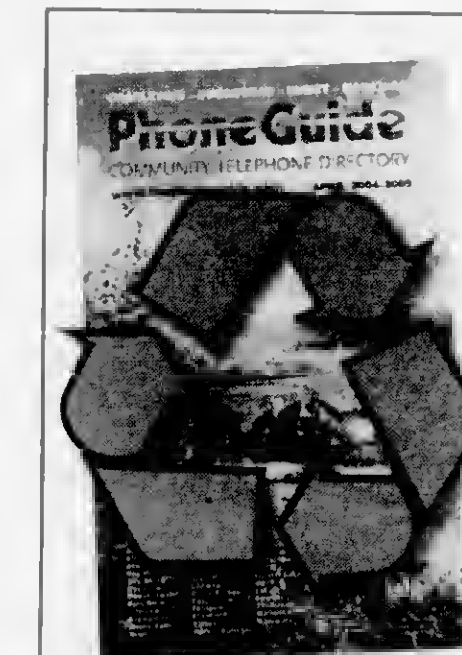
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Having a ball



Courtesy photo

Pat Avery, a sergeant with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and his wife, Siiri Avery a dispatcher, dance the night away at the 7th Annual Fireman's Ball Feb. 11 at the Charlevoix Country Club. So far, the event, sponsored by the firefighter's association, has raised \$3,900. Donations are still coming in. Funds will be used to purchase equipment for the City of Charlevoix Fire Department.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis - February 9, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on February 9, 2006. Commissioner Frykberg was absent.

- Motion approved the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting as corrected.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-003, Resolution of Intent.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-004, Transit Contract Clauses, and authorizes Chairman Victor Patrick to sign the acknowledgement of receipt for Charlevoix County Transit.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-005, Grandview Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-006, 2005 Annual Investment Report.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-007, Physician Contract and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-008, Amending Prosecuting Attorney's Budget.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-009, Equalization Monitor.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-010, Hire Outside Counsel and authorized the Chairman Victor Patrick to hire the law firm.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-011, Purchase of Additional Credit Service.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk



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Hotel resort



A debate over whether a proposed hotel resort development is really a hotel will go before the City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Olympic project



Fourth grade students at Charlevoix Elementary School are creating Web pages tied to the Olympics.

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Charlevoix digs out after storm

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Charlevoix resident Jan McKay makes her way home from Oleson's in blizzard conditions Feb. 18. She was offered a ride but chose to soak in the wintry experience. Just over 8 inches of snow fell during last week's snow storm.

Old Man Winter awoke from his slumber late last week to bring a little over 9 inches of snow to Charlevoix over a four-day period.

"Our last storm was in December. January was quiet — which is not the norm," said Pat Harmon, manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

To date, 74.6 inches of snow has fallen in Charlevoix. This season's total accumulation is on par with the 2004-2005 winter season. At this time last year, the local snowfall total was 74.5 inches.

According to readings at Charlevoix's water and wastewater treatment plants the heaviest cumulus of snow during this most recent storm fell on Thursday, Feb. 16. Jim Caldwell, water and wastewater treatment plant supervisor, reported 8 inches of snow fell that day marking the first snow storm of 8 inches or more this winter.

Harmon said his crew, which includes 22 plow trucks, worked around the clock to keep ahead of the snow. And added that forecasted wind gusts that did not make an appearance made tackling the storm a little easier.

"What really saved us was we didn't get the 50 mph winds they were predicting," he said.

The National Weather Service reported wind gusts reached their 37 mph peak at 3 a.m. Feb. 17.

In lieu of the wintry weather, Vic Patrick, Chairman of the Charlevoix County Commission called a snow day on Friday, Feb. 17 for employees at the Charlevoix County Building. He said after discussing conditions with Harmon and Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater, he made the decision to call off the work day.

"If it saved one person it was well worth it," Patrick said.

The over 100 employees who were off that day will be paid.

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Three run for county commission Feb. 28

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix must vote at City Hall located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix.

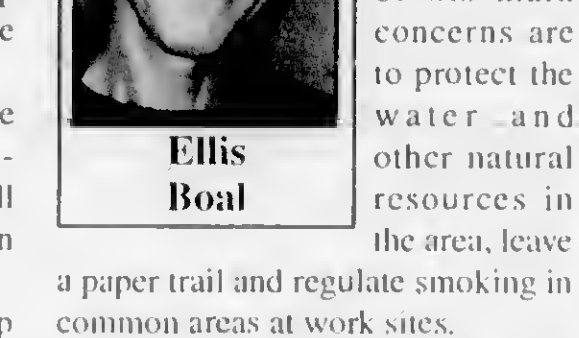
Voters can cast ballots for the First District Charlevoix County Commission seat from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Registered voters living in Hayes and Bay townships as well as on the north side of Charlevoix Township and the City of Charlevoix are eligible to participate.

The three candidates in the race are Green Party candidate Ellis Boal, unaffiliated candidate Connie Saltonstall and Republican Party candidate John Haggard.

Residents of Hayes Township must vote at the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Residents of Bay Township must vote at the Bay Township Hall located at 05045 Boyne City Road in Boyne City. People living on the north side of Charlevoix Township must vote at the Charlevoix Township Hall located at 12491 Waller Road in Charlevoix. Residents of the north side of the City of

Boal, 60, is a self-employed lawyer specializing in labor law. He said some of his main concerns are to protect the water and other natural resources in the area, leave



Ellis Boal

Boal was also a member of the This Is Our Town group, who helped prevent Wal-Mart from building a store in the Charlevoix area.

Boal said, before he can give an answer as to whether the Charlevoix County requires an executive or manager, he must first study the issue.

Haggard, 65, has a background in business. He heads Haggard's Inc, which operates Haggard's Plumbing

& Heating. And is a former county commissioner.

The main issues Haggard sees facing the county are the condition of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and the possibility of getting the State of Michigan involved, getting the Big Rock Point property into the State of Michigan park system and working to meet the needs of seniors.



John Haggard

Haggard does not support the idea of a county manager or executive director due in part to the potential high cost. And, he said, he would most likely vote against a workplace smoking ban.

Haggard said he hopes all the voters who are able to vote do so and if anyone needs a ride to a polling place, just call him and he will oblige.

Saltonstall, 60, considers herself

a professional volunteer and has experience on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education. She is a mediator with Northern Community Mediation and is on the Hospice of Northwest Michigan board of directors. She also does work for the American Red Cross.



Connie Saltonstall

Saltonstall said improvements to Boyne City-Charlevoix Road will be her first priority while working to ensure Big Rock Point becomes a public park is a close second.

She hopes to create a marketing plan to generate clean businesses and tax revenue for Charlevoix. She also said she would support a workplace smoking ban.

Saltonstall supports the idea of hiring someone to manage the budget on a daily basis.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Jason Michael Cook, 19, Elmira. Minor in possession of alcohol; third or subsequent offense. Serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$500 in fines and costs.

Kenyune Tires Moore, 24, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for eight days, to serve 30 days in jail, 55 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to have contact with the victim, \$500 in fines and costs.

David Lee Coe, 44, Boyne City. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve six days in jail, 89 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; not to have contact with the victim; \$500 in fines and costs.

Kendall L. Tinkcom II, 36, Petoskey. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve two days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office: Barron Title Agency, 309 Petoskey Ave., Charlevoix, by

Daniel B. Barron

Great Lakes Counseling/Client Advocate Problem Resolution and Referrals, 219 Park Ave., Charlevoix, by Denis Erin Arvilla. Amanda's Crib, 1447 Pleasant Ave., Boyne City, by Amanda Richards

Births

Chloe Faith Closson weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces was born Feb. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chad and Charity Closson of Charlevoix. Her sibling is Camilla. Her grandparents are Paul and Connie Bradley of Charlevoix and Bill and Caren Closson of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Elizabeth Sue Pop weighing 8 pounds was born Feb. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Charles Pop and Shannon Hart of Charlevoix. Her sibling is Charles Edwin Pop. Her grandparents are Jeffrey and Tammy Hart of East Jordan and Larry and Ruth Pop of Charlevoix.

Griffin Hubert Oliver weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born Feb. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chris and Tammy Oliver of East Jordan. His siblings are Drew, Grant, Hannah and Graham. His grandparents are Terry and Patty Graham of Central Lake, Bob and Marilyn Oliver of East Jordan and Tom Hodges of Gaylord. His great-grandmother is Betty Thomas of Charlevoix.

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Charlevoix Township resident faces multi-count indictment

A Charlevoix man who sparked concerns about criminal background checks for school workers was recently sentenced in Charlevoix County Circuit Court and was subsequently arrested on a multi-count federal indictment.



Arthur Kirk

in possession of firearms and habitual felon-fourth offense.

Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court

Correction

Due to an editing error it was stated in the article entitled, "Norwood planners unseat secretary," which appeared on page 1 of the Feb. 15 edition of the Charlevoix Courier that the Norwood Township Planning Commission removed secretary Sadie Bartosik from her post. The Norwood Township Board voted to remove her.

Judge Richard Pajtas sentenced Kirk to 365 days in jail with credit for 151 days served while awaiting trial. He will serve 180 days in jail as well as 12 months probation and was ordered to pay \$530 in fines and costs.

In December 2005 Kirk pleaded guilty to one count each of felon in possession of a firearm and providing false information on a concealed weapons permit application. While both are felony charges the state's sentencing guidelines preclude Judge Pajtas from imposing longer sentences. In exchange for the guilty pleas, three perjury charges were dismissed.

Kirk was arrested following the sentencing by deputies from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on a multi-count Federal Grand Jury indictment from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater, Kirk was turned over to the U.S. Marshal's Service Feb.

7 and taken to Grand Rapids.

In October 2005 a federal grand jury issued a three-count indictment against Kirk accusing him of falsifying information on an application for a federally funded program. The charges are punishable by up to five years in prison.

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Weather

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Arthur Kirk turned over to U.S. Marshal's KIRK

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A lieutenant with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and a police officer with the City of Charlevoix Police Department executed a Charlevoix County 90th District Court search warrant at Kirk's condo in Charlevoix Township on July 30. During the search, three handguns were seized including two .357 caliber revolvers and one .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

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Storm brings snow total in line with 2005

STORM

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Samantha Meads and Carlie Thorp are seen here dizzying themselves in the sunlight by rolling down the back hill of Mt. McSaubia Feb. 15. Heavy snow that followed later in the week created ideal conditions for winter outdoor enthusiasts.

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On Thursday, Feb. 16, many schools announced early release of students as conditions worsened. Charlevoix schools were not included in this early dismissal.

Supervisor of the Charlevoix Public Schools' bus garage, Gordie Russell, said his drivers did not report any problems in safely returning students to their homes. Bus service was delayed by about 5 to 10 minutes.

"It's just winter. We've been lucky so far this year," Russell said.

Other drivers in Charlevoix County were less fortunate. Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater said his deputies spent much of the day, Thursday, responding to cars stranded in ditches. No injuries were reported.

Lasater said the challenge his deputies faced was getting themselves from point A to point B safely to make sure citizens were OK.

According to City of Charlevoix Chief of Police Gerard Doan, city patrolmen did not respond to any weather related accidents.

He said he was on patrol until 9:30 p.m. Feb. 16 and the only cars on the road were plow trucks.

Snowfall has steadily declined since last Thursday and is expected to let up today, Wednesday and tomorrow.

But forecasters are saying it will fall again on Friday.

"Who knows, March might be the worst month of the whole winter. I've seen some nasty Marches. I hope not though.

I hope this is the last major snow event of the year," Harmon said.

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Winter's saga: man versus snow blower



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

No one seems to know exactly when the dead of winter is, but you can get a fair estimate by multiplying the number of icicles hanging from your nose by the number of sharp, deep breaths you take when your spouse tries to warm their icy feet on your back — a maneuver also known as the Wisconsin alarm clock.

Another sure sign of the dead of winter is when middle-aged fathers venture out to teach their teenagers how to drive in the snow. You will often see them in an empty grocery store parking lot doing backward donuts. Be sure to listen for the high-pitched screams of, "The brake is on the left! The brake is on the left!"

Some would differ on when the dead of winter actually occurs since, according to the groundhog, we have only four more weeks of the white stuff to look forward to.

Of course, anyone familiar with the frozen tundra of northern Michigan knows the hog lies.

Which is why I'm thinking we need our own cold weather mascot. Perhaps it could be Charlevoix Carl, a manic-depressive chipmunk who suffers bouts of both unbelievable glee when he sees you trying to dig your car out of a snow bank, and downright disgust if he happens to catch you and the family making a snowman.

Since shivering doesn't count as conversation, Carl knows the only thing you can really determine on Feb. 2 is how long your marriage will last if one of you doesn't get out of the house for longer than it takes to check the mail.

Tensions only increase when you open the mailbox to find a picture postcard from the Caribbean with the greeting, "If you shovel my roof I'll bring you back a coconut. Love, uncle Bob."

Shoveling one's roof, another sure sign of the dead of winter. Sure, I say that up here and no-

body flinches. Try laying that one on them down south and you might as well say you wax your lawn.

I knew it was the dead of winter last week when we endured the blizzard that never was. Only tender types from southern Ohio refer to last Thursday's flurries as a blizzard. Not because of the cold, gray sky or the few inches of snow, but because I was back in the trenches fighting with the snow blower that never was.

The novelty of owning my very first snow blower vanished when I realized it was only a snow blower in the theoretical sense.

Back in autumn when the salesman told me I was getting, "All the snow moving capacity you can get for \$149.99," he meant it. But, at the time, I didn't realize he meant that as a bad thing.

When I purchased the unit back in October I also bought 100 feet of extension cord. And, at the time, the idea of lugging 45 pounds of bright orange cord through knee-deep snow didn't enter my penny-pinching brain.

Not until the first heavy snow did I realize the ejector on my four slice toaster packs more of

a punch than the motor on this thing. And, I'm not sure who decided to put the old-time baby carriage wheels on it, but he or she needs to be slapped.

The box boasts this unit to be self-propelled. It was apparent from the get go that by "Self," they mean "You," and by "Propelled," they mean, "Not so much."

This unit moves with the ease and grace of a steel shopping cart on two bad wheels.

And then there is the "durable" construction — their word, not mine. The housing is plastic. The blade is plastic. The handle is plastic. The wheels are plastic. In fact, the only metal on the entire

contraption is the oblong sticker warning me not to get it wet.

I'm sure those of you with the fossil fuel guzzling, 800 horse power, gear-driven, snow eating monsters with built-in hand warmers and cappuccino dispenser are laughing yourselves into asphyxia at this point, and I don't blame you.

I'm reaping the ills of being cheap and much like Aesop's grasshopper, learned to prepare for the dead of winter.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

CLIP AND SAVE

Charlevoix's resort tradition is alive and well



Edith Gilbert
'Behind the news'

spend a few days up north this summer and it would be great to see the few friends that I still have left in Charlevoix," he wrote.

Believe it or not, one telephone call and I was able to e-mail him the answer.

Yes, this is the time of year people are sorting through piles of old photographs and stacks of memorabilia to create family albums for their children. The homesick sentimentality of former Charlevoix summer residents is as strong as ever.

Recent letters in the Courier suggesting that Charlevoix has become a "new" resort town, are completely wrong, as old timers well know. It's my pleasure to inform newcomers that Charlevoix has been a lively

family resort town for over 100 years. It has lived through the horse and buggy era, the flapper girl, Prohibition, the Great Depression and World Wars I and II.

When checking dates in my book, "Summer Resort Life, Tango Teas and All," we're reminded that the Belvedere Club was founded in 1878 and the Chicago Club in 1880. The S.S. Manitou brought summer visitors on its first trip through the channel in 1896, and The Inn, a posh summer hotel, was built in 1898. The Beach Hotel, called "a new haven of splendor," built in 1899 was seven stories high and located on the present site of the La Croft Condominiums, while the elegant, only "honest" gambling ca-

sino in the country called Koch's was booming in 1920. Here, with few exceptions, only summer visitors were allowed to gamble and lose.

Mark Smith, whose grandparents' boarding house overlooked Lake Michigan, wrote in his book, "The Middleman" in 1967, that "The summer way of life as I knew it was to go out with the limousines and chauffeurs, the maids, cooks and nurses, who on sunny days would paint the streets with the colors of their uniforms."

Earlier in 1918, when Charlevoix was known as the queen of Northern Michigan summer resorts, the Courier wrote, "On the high hills on the north bank of Pine River where

the ancient Indian factories for making arrow heads were once located.. the skies of Italy are not more genial. France is not more fruitful. Venice presents no more beautiful waterscape than does Charlevoix."

These are the memories that make up the essence and charm of this small town. The trend today reflects that more summer people have winterized their cottages into year round homes and offices and thanks to winter sports and snow blowers the season has no beginning and no end.

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Letters to the editor

Outreach during tragedy

Editor:
Thank you just doesn't convey how we feel regarding the love and concern you, as a community, showed our family at the untimely death of Mark.

We do not have any immediate family in the area, and we are especially grateful to those who have shown their support for us.

Mark was a cherished gift we were blessed to enjoy and share for too brief a time.

Your expressions of love and caring allowed us to continue through this time of tragic circumstance.

Dave, Lynn, Eric
and Jolynn Baldwin
Charlevoix

Vote for Saltonstall

Editor:
Charlevoix County residents deserve a commissioner that supports healthy initiatives for all community members, especially children. We need a commissioner that will work to adopt the smoking regulations along with Emmet, Antrim and Osego counties.

Adopting the smoking regulations along with these three counties is the right thing to do for our community. Who can argue with any policy that tells the children and adult members of our community that smoking is not a healthy choice and will not be allowed in an area where non-smokers are at risk to inhale the fumes.

A vote for Connie Saltonstall on Feb. 28 for Charlevoix County Commissioner will tell our communities that we want a representative that is working for our best interests. Connie Saltonstall will be a fresh voice that will serve us by working to bring jobs to the county.

Connie Saltonstall supports the formulation of a marketing plan to promote an interest in our area that will bring improvements that are planned ahead of time and serve all community members.

Jean Odgers
Boyer City

Vote for Saltonstall

Editor:
It's so refreshing to see democracy in action. The voting public already has decided they've had enough of the good-old-boys on our school board and the common council, and come Feb. 28 they have the chance to put a fresh new face on the Charlevoix County Commission.

Connie Saltonstall, like her father who served the community as a doctor for many years, is ready to serve and is the most capable nominee for this position. She will bring new and fresh ideas about employment, the environment, highways and balanced growth. So, do what's right and vote for Connie Saltonstall on Feb. 28.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix

Vote for Saltonstall

Editor:
It was my pleasure to serve as

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools while Connie Saltonstall served on the Board of Education. She was an excellent board member. Many community members may also remember Connie as an excellent teacher.

The qualities she exhibited as a school board member will serve her constituents well as a county commissioner. As a school board member, she expected each administrative recommendation to be presented with supporting evidence and a funding plan to assure that any new project would be funded within the budget. She was a visionary who wanted to know the long-term implications for any new plan. While serving on various committees, she welcomed input and was well informed.

Connie worked diligently to assure that all students, parents, school employees and taxpayers were treated fairly.

In this election we should forego party affiliation and vote for a proven, well-qualified, dedicated, independent candidate who will represent all citizens and taxpayers.

Connie Saltonstall has my wholehearted

support and hopefully yours also.
Gordon VanWieren
Charlevoix

Candidate forum response

Editor:
The Charlevoix Courier reported last week "Haggard said due to his political connections it would be a benefit to voters to vote for him."

This referred to Republican John Haggard's remarks at a candidates' forum on Feb. 12 sponsored by the Friends of the Library, for the First District Charlevoix County commission election to take place next week.

Though not mentioned in the Courier piece, at the forum, John specified the "political connection" as Richard DeVos, if DeVos is elected governor. The specific benefit he mentioned was accelerated state money for needed repair of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

John Haggard has a distinguished record of public service to the county. And I take him at his word that he has interested fellow Republican DeVos in the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, and more

generally in the problems of Charlevoix County.

But I am troubled that repairs to a road would be decided by political connections, and to hear John say this is the way life ought to be.

If DeVos is elected it would be because of support from key Republicans in many counties. He will owe favors to all. Perhaps he will owe other counties more if they out-hustle Charlevoix Republicans in garnering votes. Who's to say we will be the winner?

Letters Policy

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Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on

Then again, DeVos might not win. Where would the county be then?

I am the Green candidate for the same commission seat. The election is this Tuesday. Who are my own political connections? The Green Party doesn't have any. We believe the next governor should allocate funding according to the counties' needs, not their politics.

Ellis Boal
Candidate, First District Charlevoix County Commission
Charlevoix

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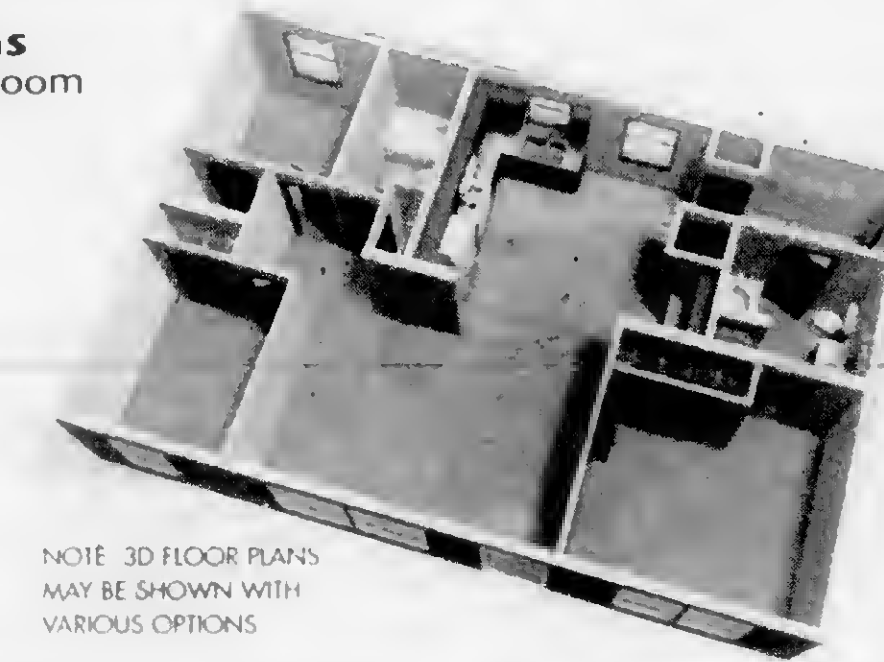
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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Spring Arbor University dean's list

Scott Parrish, the son of Jim and Faye Parrish of Charlevoix, was recently named to the Spring Arbor University dean's list for the fall 2005 semester. To be named to the dean's list a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Parrish is a junior studying social studies at Spring Arbor University.

Alma College dean's list

Nathanael Teuscher, son of the Rev. Michael and Elisabeth Teuscher of Charlevoix was named to the Alma College dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2005 fall term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term are named to the dean's list. Teuscher is in his junior year at Alma College.

North Central Michigan College president's list

North Central Michigan College has announced the president's list for the fall 2005 semester. The president's list requires a 4.0 grade point average. Charlevoix residents named to the president's list include Cindi Ann Baird, Raymond Jacob Groensky, Theodore Earl Kehrler, Trisha Watkins and Rachel Dena Wyniawskyj.

Ferris State University academic honors

Michele Brya and Nicholas Martinehek, Charlevoix students attending Ferris State University, recently were named academic honors recipients for the fall semester 2005. To be eligible for academic honors undergraduate student must accumulate at least a 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of course work.

Theatre group disperses funds from its Christmas Schooner production



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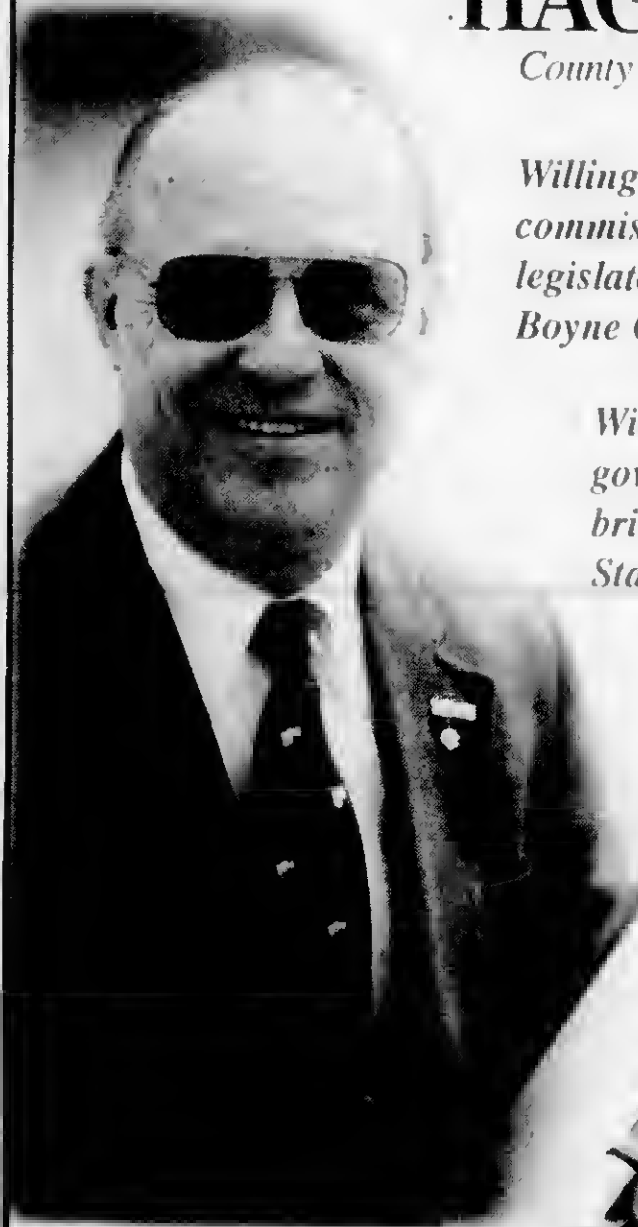
A free-will offering taken at each of the eight performances of the Little Traverse Civic Theatre's recent production of "The Christmas Schooner" collected \$2,157 to benefit local charities or the Christmas Tree Ship Committee. Pictured at left are recipients of the funds receiving their check from Clem Turner who played the young son, Karl, in the show.

(Front, from left) Shirley Gillespie from the Department of Human Services representing Coats for Kids; Mike Walker from the Nehemiah Project Hospitality House; Deter Racine from the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society; and Clem Turner. (Back, from left) Kathy Hart from the Manna Project; Betsy Hanson from the American Red Cross; Mary Margaret Hornbaker from Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity; and Sue Berkau from the Friendship Center's Meals on Wheels project.

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Engagement

Dzikowicz — Sommerfeld



Mr. and Mrs. John Piche of Mayville and Mr. Edward Dzikowicz of Jackson are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammy Joy Dzikowicz to Robert Bernard Sommerfeld, son of Beth Sommerfeld of Charlevoix.

Tammy is a 1997 graduate of Mayville High School and a 2001 Graduate of Michigan State University. She is a senior buyer for The Scotts Company in

Marysville, Ohio. Robert is a 1997 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University. Robert is a certified public accountant with Plante & Moran of Columbus, Ohio.

The couple is planning a September 2006 wedding in Charlevoix.

Skating to the top



Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Maureen Radke of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (pictured at far right) was on hand at a recent Charlevoix City Council meeting to present the Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. group with the second \$5,000 for the park. The foundation donated a total of \$10,000 from its Youth Fund to the project. Thus far the group has raised \$135,000 of the \$155,000 project total. This is enough to cover materials, engineering and work site costs. Lumber bids went out last week. Construction is expected to begin March 1 and the completion date has been set for Memorial Day weekend. Also pictured are numerous skatepark users and mayor Norman Carlson (right, behind Radke).

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Obituaries

Marjorie Imel: May 8, 1927 - Feb. 18, 2006

Marjorie L. Imel, 78, of East Jordan, died on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. President Douglas Weisler of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Charlevoix will officiate. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

She was born on May 8, 1927 in Detroit, the daughter of Ernest and Ida (Belleville) Nixon of Charlevoix and Lewistown, Ill. She grew up in Charlevoix. After living in the Detroit area as an adult, she moved to East Jordan in the 1950s. She had worked

as a press operator for many years at Mt. Clemens Metal Products in East Jordan. She retired in 1990 after the company's name was changed to Gulf & Western.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Charlevoix. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting, knitting and playing bingo.

She is survived by three children, John "Jay" (Barb) Imel of East Jordan, Charles "Louie" Imel of Augusta, Ga. and Sheila Imel-Rake of East Jordan; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Helen Roberts of East Jordan, Dorothy (Dwight) Shaw of Havana, Ill., Patsy (Roger)

Robinson of Havana, Ill. and Leona Williams of Canton, Ill.; one brother-in-law, Gerald Roberts of East Jordan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one infant brother, Charles Nixon; one sister, Ernestine Roberts in 2005; and one infant granddaughter, Kelly Imel in 1971.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 at Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, in honor of Marjorie L. Imel's sister, Ernestine Roberts.

Warren Duplessis: April 19, 1921 - Feb. 18, 2006

Warren E. Duplessis, 84, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Feb. 18 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Warren was born April 19, 1921, in Bear Creek, Alberta, Canada, the son of Joseph and Rosa "Rosie" (Sloop) Duplessis. He grew up and attended school in East Jordan until his sophomore year, then moved to Charlevoix where he graduated from high school in 1939.

Warren served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II in the 3rd Division at the Battle of the Island of Tarawa in 1943, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was employed by American Mold in Charlevoix for 21 years retiring in 1977.

On August 29, 1967, he married the former Edith Cooper Beaudoin in Las Vegas, Nev., and she preceded him in death on October 10, 1996.

Warren was a member of the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post #226, VFW Post #1153, Disabled American Veterans, and the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Center. Warren also enjoyed writing poetry, reading, gardening and bicycling. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling arrangements.

Care for the Caregiver Conference March 11 at The Friendship Center

As part of its "Life Lessons Educational Series" Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is planning a "Care for the Caregiver Conference."

Four area non-profit agencies, which include The Friendship Center, Living Room Adult Day Services, Independence Village and The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, are collaborating with Hospice of Little Traverse Bay for this event.

The conference will offer education as well as interesting and fun activities for the attendees to take part in. The free event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 at The Friendship Center in Petoskey. Transportation will be provided, if needed, by Independence Village and The Friendship Center.

Attendees will be able to choose from various educational sessions and services like massage and manicures throughout the day. Topics to be offered include "The basic how-to's of caregiving," "Financial, legal and advanced directives planning," "Don't compromise your calories; what you eat really matters," "Self care, and stress management," "Alzheimer's/Parkinson's/Dementia and memory impairments," "Managing difficult behaviors," "Caregiver resources," "Reiki: What it is and how it works," and "Is Yoga for me?"

Lunch will be provided by The Friendship Center at no cost to attendees. Informational tables with repre-



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(Above, from left) Linda LaFevre of The Friendship Center of Emmet County, Sue Bergmann of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, Marcia Peterson of Harbor Home Care, Kathy Bremmeyr of The Friendship Center, Barb Griffin of Independence Village stand by while Lloyd McGeorge, a Boyne City resident, enjoys a free chair massage. Free massage is one of many offerings at the upcoming Care for the Caregiver Conference.

sentatives from various local agencies will be on-site to provide information and answer questions about the services and products available for caregivers in both Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

The conference is aimed to serve those caring for someone who is disabled due to chronic disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, memory impairment, ad-

vanced age or terminal illness. Registration is requested by March 1. Space is limited and pre-registration is required for transportation, respite care, or to sign-up for a chair massage or manicure during the conference.

For more information or to register contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825, or visit www.hospicetlb.org.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North		ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road		Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church School	9:00 a.m.	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.	Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161	Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221
BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8031 Church Road, Ellsworth		Parsonage	547-3852
Worship	10:00 a.m.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH M-66 (across from Post Office)	
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton		Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 11906 US-31 North		Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Pastor: Michael Dennis	547-4121
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE US 31 North	
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 05855 M-66		Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (At Park Ave.)	
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300	Church Office	547-9122
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street		FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.	Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168	GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old U.S. 31 North	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton		Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.	Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.	GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Old U.S. 31 North	
Church Office	547-6322	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY 205 Clinton Street		Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.	Pastor: Geri Litchfield	582-9262
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.	IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Ironton	
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-4:10 p.m.	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 6429 N. M-66		June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.	Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.	Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321
Pinchwood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.	NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Norwood	
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
President Michael Robbins	518-2112 or Missionaries	Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
	547-6159	Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161
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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.	Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.	Pastor Greg Timmins	231-238-0052
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711	SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH US-31 & Old US-31	
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD 202 W. Hurbul		Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875	Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283
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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.		Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Church Office	547-9482	Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 9223 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth		Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
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Council reviews resort hotel project

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix's definition of hotel came under fire at Monday night's city council meeting.

City council members were presented with a recommendation from the planning commission to approve a development plan for a 12-unit resort hotel to be built at 115 Pine River Lane, overlooking the Pine River Channel.

The commission voted 5-1 in favor of the recommendation at their Feb. 13 meeting. June Cross was the lone "no" vote.

In this proposed development, each of the units would be sold individually and would possibly be included in a rental pool.

Currently, a single residence occupies a portion of the property. This house will be removed.

The proposed resort hotel, to be developed by Carr Development of Gaylord, would span over 30,000 square feet and would have 24 underground parking spaces. The lot is 7 tenths-of-an-acre of land and is owned by Peter Carey, Julie Bandfield and Randy Carey.

The property is zoned commercial and the city's zoning ordinance allows for hotels/motels in this district.

As council considered the commission's recommendation, Doug Mansfield, president of the project's architectural firm, Wells Mansfield, drew council's attention to similar uses in the same area, like Pointes North Inn and the Weatherlane Terrace.

He said both have exterior entrances to rooms and further commented that similar projects including Ship's Watch, a condominium rental develop-

ment to be built on Charlevoix's north side, was recently approved by council in the commercial district.

"This is the same use, the same zoning and the same intent," he said. "You've done it before. You've allowed it. And it's good for the community, property owners and business."

However, Boh Grzech, an attorney with the Charlevoix office of Running, Wise and Ford, representing the resident group opposed to the project as presented, disagrees with the notion that precedent should guide council's decision.

"Two wrongs, three wrongs, four wrongs, don't make a right. What was allowed before is of very little concern to my clients," Grzech said.

The project does not require any variances from the city's zoning ordinance or code.

However, some argue this project doesn't fit the definition of hotel as outlined in the ordinance.

"This project, as drawn is not a hotel just because the developers say it is. It does not comply with the legal description of a hotel that is available," said Alberta Beyers, a Charlevoix resident whose Dixon Avenue property abuts the proposed project. "There is no office, no lobby, no common area, no amenities normally offered by hotels."

According to the ordinance, hotels must have a central lobby or office area from which users enter and exit supervised by a person in charge at all hours.

The office area for this project is located in the parking level.

Mansfield said there will be an on-call box and a manager in residence seven days a week.

Grzech, who represents Beyers and

other surrounding residents, will enter an appeal to the Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals to have the city's definition of hotel in relation to this project reviewed. This evaluation will likely take place at the board's March 15 meeting.

In light of letters they received from concerned residents, council voted 5-1 to send the project back to city planner Gerry Harsch for further review of its findings of fact. Harsch's main focus will be on the project's impact.

"I think people just want to be assured it won't be detrimental to their neighborhood," second ward councilman, Gabe Campbell, said.

Third ward councilman Sherrin Chamberlain was the "no" vote. He said in conducting a topographical survey at the site a few years ago he also

superimposed a development similar to Edgewater Inn on the property. He said the lot would allow for a 20-unit development similar to Edgewater and the proposed project has minimal impact in comparison to what the property could accommodate.

"I think the planning commission did a fine job reviewing it. It's consistent with other projects we've approved in the last few years," he said. "I think it's just a matter of addressing the concerns of the neighbors and making sure all (zoning) interpretations are correct."

Residents argue that the proximity of the project to their homes could pose a risk to their home's structure during the construction process. Other concerns include soil erosion issues, light pollution, mechanical noise, trash removal, walls and fencing.

"We do not need Fort Charlevoix built right next to us and that's what this is," Beyers said.

Harsch plans to take comments from the community and surrounding property owners as to how the proposal would impact them. Those written comments are due by 5 p.m. today, Feb. 22.

Council will review the revised findings of fact and address the development plan at the next regularly scheduled council meeting to take place at 7 p.m. March 6.

According to city mayor Norman Carlson, at that meeting council will likely do one of two things — examine the project and make a decision pending the zoning board of appeals review or postpone the decision to follow the board's determination.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix MI to discuss a proposed amendment to Chapter 51, Zoning and Planning of the City Code. The amendment will change the definition of a yard front.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Planner/Zoning Administrator's Office.

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Charlevoix County considers hiring administrator

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

While they haven't decided on a title, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners are in favor of exploring the idea of some type of administrative head for the county.

The number one thing which came out of the Feb. 7 meeting of the whole was that that commissioners want to retain their voting rights and ability to oversee the operation of the local government while possibly putting someone in charge of day-to-day operations.

Fourth District Commissioner and Chairman of the Board, Vic Patrick, said whatever you want to call the position, "executive comptroller, coordinator, administrative assistant or county manager. I don't think it would hurt to talk to a few other counties to see how far we ought to go with this thing."

He added, "I don't want to get into a situation like East Jordan was in a few years back where they controlled everything."

Second District Commissioner, Randolph Frykberg said it's no secret he's been a proponent of this for many years, though he is revising his concept of what the county needs in light of new challenges which face the county.

"By far the majorities of counties

in the state have some form of administrator, comptroller, coordinator as you put it," he said. "I don't know that we're ready to jump in. I guess I strongly agree with you...let's be careful and move slowly on the authority aspect of it."

He added, "I guess at this point I'm leaning more to the coordinator position."

According to Frykberg, at least 50 of the 83 counties in Michigan have some form of county administrator.

First District Commissioner, Josh Barnes, said he would like to see a couple volunteers take on the challenge of looking at the pros of their particular approach to what might be needed in a county administrator.

"It sure seems that one or two people can do a lot better job of research than a room full of us," he said.

Third District Commissioner, Ronald Reinhardt said, "When I was first elected and this first came up, I was definitely against it. But since then, as far as my personal slant on it, we need someone to look at the finances for the simple reason of what we know is coming down the road."

"I still don't think we need somebody who has absolute control like a controller does," he said. "The chairman and the board still need to run the county. As far as I'm concerned, I'm looking at an administrator or a

coordinator."

Fifth District Commissioner, Dennis Jason, said he would like to see someone in an organizational role.

"He or she would do as the board tells them to do," he said. "And I think we need continuance. And when you have this type of position, you get some of that continuance, even if you don't have the same person, you have job title and duties."

Sixth District Commissioner, Shirley Roloff supports the idea of looking into this issue, but she wants to see some type of job de-

scription early on.

"What do we want them to do?" she said.

Frykberg agreed that this shouldn't be something the board rushes into.

"We need to realize the validity of the point that Shirley made," he said. "We're not going to go through this and suddenly it's going to be here."

He added, "We need to have a better concept and work through a committee and the whole board and get that worked out before it's even advertised."

Jason said he supports a slow and thorough approach to the investigation of an administrator's position.

"You can't hire somebody and then develop what you want that person to do," he said.

Patrick added, "We seem to have a unanimous decision that we need some type of a coordinator, administrator or administrative assistant. What we call them is really irrelevant."

The committee of the whole did not take action on this issue at the Feb. 7 meeting.

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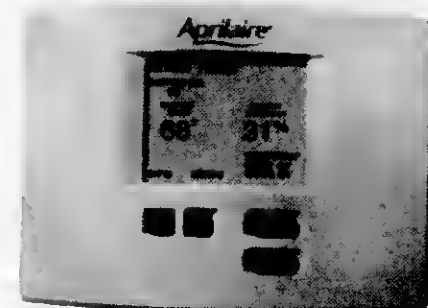
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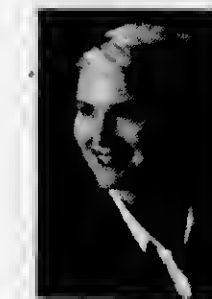
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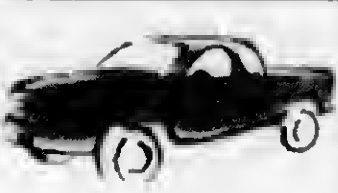
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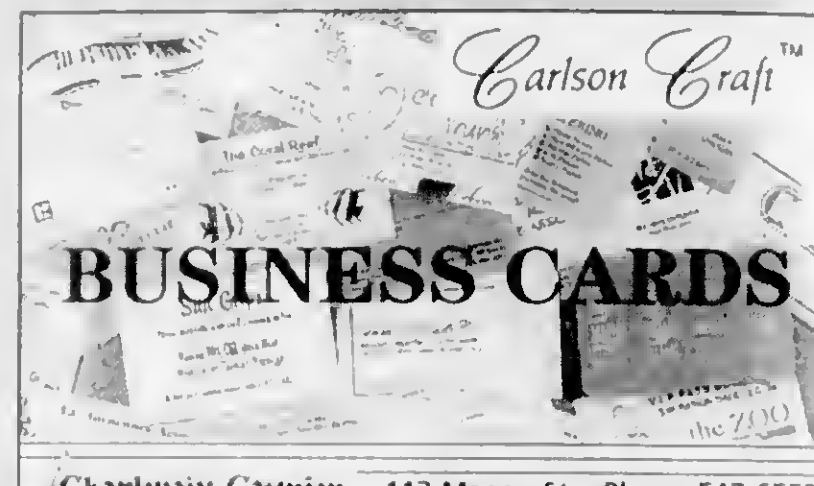
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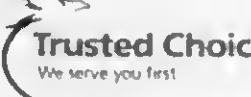
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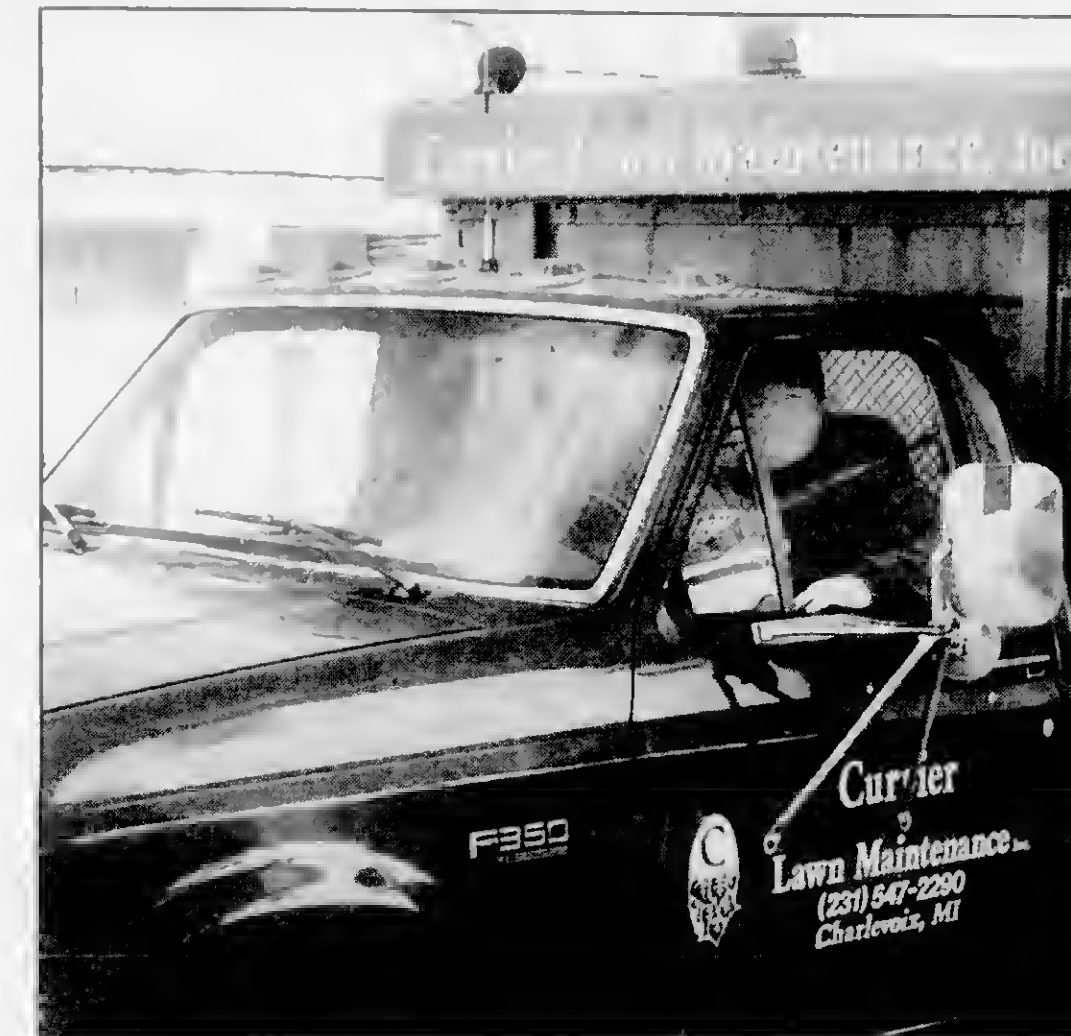
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Mild winter hits business owners in the pocketbook



By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Snowflakes floated to the ground like pennies from heaven as Charlevoix was hammered by the white stuff last Thursday.

Despite having already received 1 tenth-of-an-inch more precipitation than last season at this time, most of this winter has been mild in temperature and low on snow—a fact which has not escaped those who earn part of their living from the winter wonderland.

According to Vince Currier, owner and operator of Currier Lawn Maintenance, even a good winter won't make him wealthy, but it is usually enough to survive the slow season.

"Snow removal will usually generate just enough cash flow to stay afloat," he said. "You generally do enough to cover your expenses but it's not a get rich thing."

Currier, who owns two plow trucks and a salt and sand spreader truck, said he hasn't seen winter business so bad in nearly 20 years.

"In 18 years this is the worst winter

I've ever seen," Currier said.

Currier said his everyday fixed costs such as fuel, phone, electric, heat, gas, groceries and sand still take a bite out of his checkbook.

"We're looking for an outstanding spring and an outstanding summer," he said. "Being a seasonal business, we have to make hay when the sun shines and we try to do as much landscaping and lawn maintenance in nine months as we can to make it through the slow times."

And, Currier said, it isn't merely his business which suffers from a warm winter.

"This is the first year in 30 years that I have not gotten my snowmobiles out due to lack of snow," he said. "In talking with people who repair snowmobiles and sell them, I feel terrible, because they are extremely slow."

He added, "Its economical affect is felt on the entire community, not just the restaurants and ski hills. Snow brings in tourism and we need tourism in this town to stay afloat."

Currier said the more snow there is, the more people come to Charlevoix in the wintertime.

"Charlevoix is a four season town and everybody loves Charlevoix," he said. "There is a big difference in tourist population. On the weekends, the traffic is just not here and everybody is saying the same thing."

For the first time in years, members of the local Boy Scout troop were unable to earn their Polar Bear Patch. Scouts usually build an igloo of sorts out near Bell's Bay Road in which they camp overnight, but the lack of snow prevented them from doing so.

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club was forced to cancel their event for the year, which was supposed to be held in February.

The club generally sets up at either Ferry Avenue Beach or in East Park and gives hot beverages and hot food to snowmobile riders for free. There are also usually door prizes and gifts contributed by local businesses.

"We've been doing the ride-in for probably about six to seven years," said club secretary, Scott Way. "We offer snowmobilers a destination to ride on a Saturday where they can get some free food and it gives us a chance to promote Charlevoix."

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Recent snowfall boosts local winter business

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He added, "It lets people know Charlevoix is a great destination for snowmobilers. We remind them that the downtown of Charlevoix can be accessed via the trails and it's also a way for us to showcase that there is a snowmobile club in Charlevoix."

But, according to Way, this year's snowfall was just too sporadic to attempt to play an event in advance.

The food station generally draws

approximately 100 snowmobilers on an average year.

Located near the water, Nanny's Motel Restaurant & Lodge is usually a magnet for snowmobilers. But, according to owner Tom Brown, the lack of snow is in direct correlation with the lack of snowmobilers visiting his establishment.

"We usually get some in the motel and so far this year we've had two. And that was back when we had snow," Brown said. "It really picked up this last week with the snowmobilers and people coming for lunch last Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

Brown said many of his customers come across Lake Charlevoix but the lake isn't safe to travel.

"Last year was like this, but it was colder and at least we had people coming up the river," he said.

Last week, Brown warned a couple people not to travel across the lake to Boyne City.

"I told them it just froze over last week," he said.

"We have quite a few usually, but this year the business just hasn't been here due to lack of snow," he said. "As of this last weekend we actually got some snowmobilers and it's great."

Charlevoix Road Commission Manager, Pat Harmon, said despite mild weather and hit and miss snow, it's business as usual around the road commission.

"December was normal, January was far from normal with all the precipitation and rain we got that wasn't snow and the temperatures were above normal," he said. "Then it looks like February is like winter is supposed to be."

Harmon said when his workers aren't out plowing, sanding or salting, they are clearing brush and patching roads.

"There is plenty around here for them to do," Harmon said.

The road commission budget for winter maintenance is approximately \$1 million a year and, so far, roughly half-a-million dollars has been spent.

It might seem like the road commission would spend less money in a winter season like this, but Harmon said freezing rain and icy roads take more resources to deal with than snow alone.

"With ice, there is three times the material of salt and sand that you put out versus the days when there is heavy snow," he said.

Charlevoix High School presents 'Isle of Tears'

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

A group of over 40 Charlevoix High School thespians will bring performing arts director Connie Ford's original script and score, "Isle of Tears," to life.

The performing arts students will present their wintertime show, "Isle of Tears," at 7 p.m. Feb. 25 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

"Isle of Tears" is an ensemble musical set in the late 1800s and early 1900s and includes various tales of European immigrants with different reasons for emigrating to the United States.

The production is based on the journey of a boat filled with immigrants leaving its home port and arriving at New York's Ellis Island.

"The students have taken a period of time and made it believable for the audience," Ford said.

The script is the second written by Ford. It was completed in 1997 with help from her former longtime assistant, Sulae Hamilton. Her first was Homeland written and performed in 1994 and presented again in 2002.

Ford has been director of the school's performing arts program since 1968. Students last performed



"Isle of Tears" in 1998.

She added that this show is out of context in comparison to other shows this group of performers have participated in, like "Sound of Music."

"It's a challenge in that respect," she said.

She said she is hoping community members attend this weekend's show dates.

"They've worked hard and I hope the community comes to see it. Everything is original, including the music," Ford added.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 students and seniors and are on sale at the school.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

(Above) Charlevoix High School student performers sing one of many original songs at a recent dress rehearsal for this weekend's live shows at Charlevoix High School.

The cast of 'Isle of Tears'

Cast
(In order of appearance)
1st Officer William — Travis Klooster
Captain Charles — Alex Urban
Avram Rosenberg — Andrew Leusink
Ruth Rosenberg — Jasmine Witthoft
Marie — Kara Simon
Sophie — Jessica Soto
Ian O'Conner — Jacob Kirby
Sean O'Reilly — Joel Curriel
Gregor — Cody Morrison
Hans — Jonathan Boyko
Molly McPherson — Sarah Ruhlman
Mrs. Amanda Scott — Nicole Mackowiak
Mrs. Mary Ellen Greene — Michelle Lemond
Dominic — Sam Kantola
Antonio — Brian Whitley

Lily — Juli Neidert
Agent — Nick Whitley
Medical Inspector — Jacob Left
Children (non-speaking actors)
Cheryl Struthers
Jordan McCarthy
Kristina Alden

Ensemble and Crew
English Lady — Kaylee Wells
Musicians — Laura Larsen and Autumn Atkins
Steering Passengers/Chorus —

Jessica Bills
Sound/ Light Tech Director — Travis Taché
Sound/Light Execution — Stephanie Milazzo, Matt Cross, Hannah Bradley, Huston Mayer, Alyssa Milazzo, Kelsey Schulman, Jeannie Withers and Emily Engelbrecht
Stage Manager — Andrew Leusink
Stage Right/Left Assistants — Cody Morrison and Jessica Soto
Director — Connie Ford

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Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 13, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 14 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall.

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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Synopsis Monday, February 6, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Mayor proclaimed March 27-April 2, 2006 as "National Sleep Awareness Week."
- Motion passed accepting the resignation of Rebecca Swayze-Doan from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- The City received a check from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark.
- Motion passed creating the position of joint Airport Manager/Human Resources.
- Council agreed to set a work session for February 20, at 6:00 p.m. to go over the proposed Charter Amendments.
- Council briefly discussed the proposed sign ordinance, and agreed to have the Planner review the item at a work session before setting a public hearing.
- Council appointed an Historic District Commission.
- Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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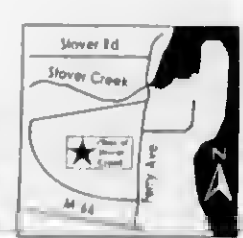
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Wine tasting and Women's Winter Tour

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Enophiles and admirers of the co-coa bean will soon have the opportunity to explore their love of both as the Women's Winter Tour and the second annual A Winter's Night at the Castle kick-off on Saturday, Feb. 25.

"A Winter's Night at the Castle is a wine tasting festival which started last year at the Castle," said Castle Farms director of marketing and shows, Stephanie Sayre. "This is the first year we will have it in conjunction with the Women's Winter Tour."

Wine tasting runs from noon until 8 p.m. with cuisine provided by Grey Gables.

"We have about eight to 10 Leelanau wineries bringing about five wines each," she said. "Short's Brewery from Bellaire is bringing five or six different brews and Ron Getz, who plays a lot of different genres of music, will be playing live acoustic guitar."

The Women's Resource Center will host a silent auction throughout the morning and evening.

"The ladies will get to ski on Castle Farms property," Sayre said. "The wine tasting is for anyone. We encourage the ladies of the winter tour to kick their skis off at the door and join in the celebration."

She added, "We really wanted the ladies who participated in the ski tour to really experience all that Charlevoix has to offer — the scenic downtown, the cute little shops and of course, the Castle."

According to Charlevoix event manager, Sara Klebba, the National

Subaru Women's Winter Tour is designed to celebrate women, winter and chocolate.

"And we do it all for a good cause, because domestic abuse is an issue in every American community," Klebba said. "We're women helping women with a smile on our face and chocolate in our mouths."

Chocolate ruffles will be available on the trail from Charles Layton and a chocolate fountain and items for dipping are provided by the Chocolate Buzz.

Klebba said many women aren't active when it comes to winter outdoor sports and this is a way of trying to get them interested.

"We try to use the chocolate as a carrot at the end of the stick," she said. "Once they get off the trail they say, 'Hey I can ski or snowshoe. I don't need to be a professional athlete to do this.'"

Klebba said 100 percent of the proceeds from the auction will go to support the Women's Resource Center.

Auction items include sports apparel, art from local artists and coffee.

There will also be local and national sponsors on-site, as well as free skiing and Nordic walking mini lessons.

From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., a trolley will shuttle women to and from downtown Charlevoix to the Castle. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a limousine will shuttle women to and from downtown Charlevoix and the Castle.

"And we're also handing out tiaras," Klebba said. "They (women) get to be queen for the day."

Klebba said the tour doesn't ex-

clude men, but the focus is on women of all ages.

"We have men on the trail as marshals. Basically they ski the course and make sure everyone is safe. And, they hand out chocolates," she said. "Many women are new or just getting back into the sport and it's nice to know someone is out there to help you up when you fall down."

Klebba said the Castle was chosen for this year's event for several reasons.

"Castle Farms has not had a cross country ski event before," she said. "We'll be skiing in and around the property on the Castle and there will be a food court setup halfway through at a barn."

Klebba said they encourage women to participate in both the ski tour and the wine tasting festival.

"A lot of women are coming up from down state and are staying in hotels here and eating in Charlevoix restaurants," she said. "We're trying to create some business during the slower winter season."

But, she said, "Our initial goal is to raise awareness and funds for domestic abuse and have fun."

Sayre said the turnout for the event should be high.

"There is a buzz. People are excited about it," she said. "Last year we had over 500 people just for the wine event and they had a couple hundred at least for the ski tour."

She added, "I know that this year we've got some great media coverage, so I think you can be pretty safe to say we will be increasing our attendance for sure."

There is no RSVP for the wine tasting festival. Admission is \$10



Courtesy photo

(Above) Participants in the 2005 Women's Winter Tour take a break from cross country skiing to smile for the camera. This year, the tour and the second annual A Winter's Night at the Castle will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Castle Farms.

which includes a commemorative wine glass, two tasting tickets good toward wine, food or beer. Additional tasting tickets are \$2 each.

Skiing is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with flexible start times from approximately 9 to 11 a.m.

Women may register ahead of time online at www.womenswintertour.com or they may register the morning of the event beginning at 8:30 a.m. for a fee of \$50. Of that registration fee, \$5 goes to the Women's Resource Center.



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Charlevoix Elementary School tackles Olympic Web project

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Logan Eckhardt smiled when asked whether he watches curling events from the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

"It's on right over there," he said, pointing to a small computer set up in the tech lab at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Eckhardt, a fourth grade student at Charlevoix Elementary School, along with his classmates, are creating Olympic Web pages connected to the school district's official site, www.rayder.net.

While the students aren't reporting live from Turin, Italy they are following the day-to-day excitement of the events which started Feb. 10 and are scheduled to end Feb. 26.

Each student has been assigned one of 14 sports and will report on its background, competitors and other research they've discovered.

Eckhardt said curling, the art of sliding a 42-pound granite stone along textured ice, is his Olympic project subject. But, on his own time, Olympic snowboarding is his favorite.

"Snowboarding, curling, luge — I'll watch whatever is on," he said. The Olympic fan enjoys watching American alpine skier Bode Miller but Eckhardt said snowboarding guru Ahti Antti of Finland is amazing.

"It's awesome how he can do all those cool tricks," he said.

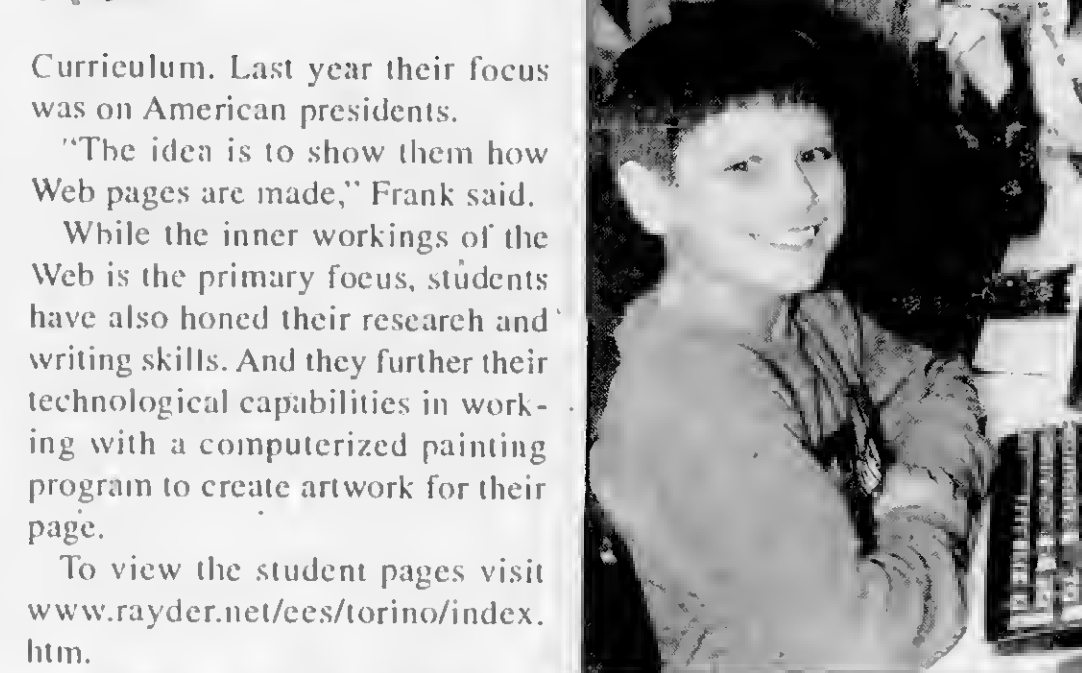
According to elementary school computer technology teacher Dana Frank the students are learning some cool tricks as well, like elements of Web design.

Frank has tackled this Web page design project each year with her fourth grade students in conjunction with the Michigan Technology



Photos by Julie Witthoef

(Above) Fourth grader J.J. Bottomley helps his classmate Brett Sjolholm copy and paste text into his Web page while Logan Eckhardt (below) works on his curling Web page for the class' computer technology project.



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Charlevoix Public Library welcomes youth librarian

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Christine Hauke

Rapids, Hauke has lived in other states including Europe. And, after 40 years of visiting Charlevoix, she and her husband decided to make it their home.

"My parents and brother live up here," Hauke said. "It's nice not to have to visit anymore."

Hauke's background includes work as a librarian in schools for 11 years, public and university libraries, and, she was the youth librarian for the United States of America Air Force Europe library while her husband was stationed overseas in the United States Air Force.

"There's always something exciting going on. I'm never bored," she said. "I just love it."

Hauke has already started working for the library.

"I had my first story time and that

was fun," she said.

Hauke said the best part of being a youth librarian is working to inform children of all ages about the importance and enjoyment of reading books.

Hauke will be responsible for reading programs, story hours, summer reading and more.

"I like to get them excited about books," she said. "And, answering reference questions is always fun."

Community outreach by way of working with schools, pre kindergarten classes and home school students is one of Hauke's goals in her new position.

"The resources we have in this community are amazing," she said. "It doesn't matter what your job is, there is always something you can do to excite kids about reading."

According to Hauke, while she loves to read anything and everything, "my popcorn books, which I like to read for goofing off, are mysteries."

Hauke said, as beautiful as Colorado was, she couldn't stand being away from northern Michigan any longer.

"I missed my Lake Michigan sunsets," she said. "When I was in college, I used to drive three hours across the state just to see the sunset and the 1 d turn around and drive back home."

She added, "There's no water in Colorado, so it will be nice to use my flat water kayak more."

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The goods and bads of Merit Curriculum for Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Michael Flanagan

Charlevoix freshmen could find themselves working under a new, more stringent high school curriculum if legislation passes prior to March 1.

The Michigan State Board of Education approved the Michigan Merit Curriculum which consists of four years of English language arts; one year each of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and an additional math class in the senior year; one year each of Biology, Physics or Chemistry and one additional year of science; three years of social science, which must include a semester of civics and a semester of economics; two years of world languages; one year of health/physical education; and one year of visual and performing arts.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock said, "I think we provide that kind of curriculum already and probably about 69 percent of our kids are taking that. I think our concern is for that 31 percent that take the vocational class offerings."

Sturock said college track classes

are great for kids who wish to go into a field requiring a college degree but he doesn't want to see kids who don't want to go that route trapped in a curriculum that they don't want or need.

"There are a lot of ways to make your way through the world — building trades, health services, culinary arts," he said.

The proposed legislation would be the first change in high school curriculum since 1995, when Michigan adopted the model core academic curriculum content standards meant to establish common educational expectations across the state.

In Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State Address she said, "For years, we have told our young people that a high school diploma is enough to get you a perfectly good job. In fact, that used to be our strength. People flocked to Michigan precisely because you could go right from the high school graduation line to a factory line and get a good job with good benefits. Unfortunately, with globalization and competition, those days are over."

Granholm said all children in Michigan must continue their education after high school regardless of what field of expertise they enter.

"Whether it is a four-year college degree, or a two-year associate degree, or other forms of technical training after high school," she said.

"Continued learning will be a require-

ment for all who seek a good-paying job in this new century."

Sturock said "The benefit of (a more vigorous curriculum) is maybe it will focus on those students that would look to take the easy road out of school. A lot of times kids will take the easy road out and those kids will no longer have a choice but to take a harder curriculum."

He added, "My concern is for those kids that can't hack it. And, in the end, it's going to hurt your extras — art, vocational education, music, performing arts — these are instrumental to some kids."

Sturock said, at a time with budget problems and cuts to support staff already in place, extending the school year to give kids the time necessary to enjoy the elective classes could be costly.

"If you get a longer school year, who's going to pay for it?" he said. "What about staffing you might have to add? How are they going to get by when money's not there?"

He added, "That's the piece of legislation our legislators don't talk about."

According to Granholm, a commission she appointed in 2004 to look into the state of Michigan's educational system made 19 recommendations with the most important being continuing education and a curriculum which will prepare high school students for the rigors of a college work.

To help promote her plan, Granholm announced a new Merit Scholarship which will offer \$4,000 for every high school student in Michigan who completes two years of college beginning with the class of 2007.

Granholm also plans to replace the current high school assessment exam with one which doubles as a college admissions test.

"To support this achievement we will provide financial assistance to school districts that adopt a high-expectations curriculum for all students," she said in her speech.

The requirements adopted are similar to those proposed by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael Flanagan to educators in Charlevoix in November of last year. The only difference is the addition of two years of foreign language. And, the board requires high school students to complete the Michigan Merit Exam and a minimum of one on-line credit or non-credit course or learning experience to fulfill graduation requirements.

When Flanagan showcased the new curriculum he blamed poor curricu-

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Local woman offers Vacations with Heart

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A Charlevoix woman's long history of volunteerism coupled with her love to vacation in South Africa inspired her to create an opportunity for others to enjoy both.



Marge McGoff

Currently in the development stages of Vacations With A Heart, owner and operator, Marge McGoff of Charlevoix, hopes to have trips available by this summer.

McGoff said, people wishing to combine an exotic vacation destination with the fulfillment of helping others will soon have their chance.

"A tour would be planned for three weeks with the first week to be spent in the northern part of Africa seeing the sites and learning about the culture in that part of country. The middle week would be a volunteer project and the last week would be in the southern part of Africa taking in Cape Town and garden country," McGoff said.

Statewide curriculum to be decided by March 1

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lums for failing school districts.

But, Sturock said, Charlevoix isn't one of those failing school districts.

"When you legislate, you put a blanket on everybody and not everybody is experiencing that problem," he said. "Once again, the legislators try to mandate something through a law."

Sturock said all the schools he has been involved with through his career have had a rigorous curriculum.

"I think there are a lot of issues here — universities wanting to get people in the door — in my opinion that's part of this game," he said. "The whole idea of mandating something with legislation bothers me. They don't want to go to the real problem so they try to take care of it with a broad brush."

Sturock said there was a time when there was local control of schools.

"If we're about local control and pride ourselves on that, then why are we getting away from that?" he said. "The state is mandating things we're required to do and we've never really had that problem. Our kids are already successful."

Travelers would spend a portion of the trip at McGoff's Monyela Lodge, located in a mountainous region in South Africa.

"The lodge is at 3,000 feet, which gives us quite a vantage point. There is a waterfall which supplies water to the lodge and baboons will come right up to the lodge because we have half a dozen marula (similar to plums) trees which attract them when in season," McGoff said. "Guests can hike to a riverbed and in that particular area there is a rain forest which is in tremendous contrast with the bush country that leads up to the lodge."

She added, "We're supposed to have leopards on the property but I've never seen one since the leopards are basically nocturnal. We hear baboons barking at night, so we know they're in this mountain."

McGoff said the tours can be customized to each group and the volunteerism section of the vacation could revolve around work at the Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Center or helping with AIDS education to name a couple.

McGoff said there are safaris and photo tours and a restored gold mining town named Pilgrims Rest.

"You can see where the mines were and you can actually pan for gold if you want," she said. "All these things can be customized to the group depending on what they want."

She added, "If people are into bird watching, there are over 300 species of birds identified in the northern part of South Africa."

McGoff said those who go on safari can see the big five of Africa: Elephants, lions, rhino, buffalo and leopards.

"Kruger National Park is one of the largest wildlife parks in all the world, Blyde River Canyon is the third largest, and only green canyon in world. And then there's a wildlife rehabilitation center where National Geographic filmed for two years," she said. "The vacation would be the first and last week with the center being a giving of themselves or giving of their hearts to the project."

She added, "Another interesting project in the area is how this one trainer has worked with elephants and is training them to take people dealing with addictions on elephant safaris." McGoff said those who lack experience with volunteering shouldn't worry since the projects will be tailored to anyone wishing to give of their time and energy will be able to.

"This is for anyone in the community who would like to experience South Africa with a heart," she said.

McGoff, who lives in Charlevoix, said she has been visiting Africa since the 1960s and the lodge has been in her family since the 1970s.

"This whole project has really given me a new lease on life," she said. "It has brought about a great deal of satisfaction and I would like to share it with other people."

McGoff said there are limitless sites to see on the continent.

"Depending on what their interests

are, there is plenty to see and plenty to do," she said. "If they want to go after the wildlife or nature we can do that. If they enjoy hiking and studying indigenous plants and game drives where they see animals in their natural habitat we can do that too."

She added, "And then there is also some of the geological phenomena considering the canyon and panoramic natural beauty of the setting of the lodge which creates certain peace and definite privacy."

McGoff said there would also be a day of enrichment at the lodge wherein guests could discuss spirituality and listen to a guest speaker.

"And also we will learn about the culture in the two different areas and I'll have some tribal dancers or local cultural entertainment," she said.

While McGoff loves the idea of sharing this business with others, it is her partner's dream to develop the lodge into what it is today.

"I feel like I'm a professional volunteer almost," she said. "I've done volunteer work for the last 30 years."

Some of McGoff's volunteer work has been with the Michigan Garden Club as a past president wherein she helped with the handicapped, conservation projects and environmental issues.

McGoff said the trips will be planned once a year for a maximum of 16 people.

For more information contact Marge McGoff at (231) 547-3475 or visit www.monyelalodge.com.

Garden Club to host renowned gardening expert

The Practical Gardening Institute's Janet Macunovich will be a featured speaker at the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's meeting March 14 at the Community Reformed Church.

Macunovich and a group of renowned gardening experts will speak with local gardeners and garden lovers. Macunovich will combine design recommendations with practical advice on shade gardening and how to bring color home for our growing season's eight months of color.

Macunovich is an author and educator in landscape and garden design. She has been designing, planting and maintaining gardens and landscapes for more than 20 years. She is a founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute.

The event will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14.

For more information contact Macunovich visit www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com or call (248) 442-7336.

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A winter walk



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Christie Meir and her dog Oberon enjoy what little sunlight northern Michigan has to offer this February with a walk on the outskirts of town. Snow flurries are expected to return on Thursday and Friday.

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Charlevoix County Treasurer

Official Notice

Fund-raiser maintains field trips at elementary school

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix Elementary School may have eliminated all field trips from its budget to remain financially fit, but the field trips continue thanks to fund-raising efforts.

Those wishing to help local youngsters continue to reap the advantages of curriculum friendly field trips and assemblies may do so while purchasing some unique products during a fund-raiser which will last until 3:45 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 24.

"There are over 100 items for sale," said elementary school principal, Dick Swenor. "There's creams and heds and bath stuff, pet toys and beds, Easter candy, nice chocolates and covered nuts, magazines at discounted prices, candles, cheese and sausage and even plants."

He added, "There's really a good variety of items to appeal to many people's interests."

Swenor said thanks to fund-raising efforts like these, the third graders get to go to Fort Michilimackinac and Old Mill Creek to learn about Indians, the logging industry and the fur trade. First graders will visit conservatories and the

AuSable Institute to learn about nature. And, kindergartners visit local sheep and dairy farms to learn about the agricultural business.

"All our field trips are curriculum based, so they correspond with something the kids are learning at the school," Swenor said.

According to Swenor, people often remember the fun, excitement and learning they experienced during field trips as a child, well into adulthood.

"The research says that the kids retain the information they get when it's real and they see it and feel it," he said.

Swenor said it's imperative these programs survive the budget crunch.

"They enhance the curriculum and create a high level of interest in the kids," he said. "Like the third graders who go out to the cement plant and see

the different types of rock first hand. It makes it all more clear to the kids and gives them a heightened sense of interest about the subject they are studying."

Swenor said fund-raisers like this one also help to ensure the schools can continue to put on four paid assemblies a year.

"One is usually a math and science type — we've brought in astronomers and mathematicians," he said. "One is a language arts/drama type. One is a history/social studies assembly where people sometimes come in and dress up like historical characters. And one is for character building and motivation."

For more information on the fund-raising effort, call Jill Baier or Sue Gengle at the elementary school at (231) 547-3215.



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City of Charlevoix Public Notice - Board of Review Meeting

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 7, 8, and 9, 2006, to review the Assessment Roll in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 210 State Street, from 9:00 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday and Tuesday, March 13-14, 2006, between the hours of 9 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 between the hours of 1-4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR MARCH 13, 14 AND 15 BY CALLING THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 547-3250. PER RESOLUTION #93-02-01, LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY PETITION THE BOARD OF REVIEW BY LETTER.

	ESTIMATED MULTIPLIERS	TENTATIVE RATIOS
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Note: These Multipliers replace those of 2005 and are not an addition to or subtraction from them.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk, 02/15/06

SPORTS

Four Rayder wrestlers to compete at regional final



Jeff Golovich

Four members of the Charlevoix Rayders wrestling team will advance to the regional individual finals to be held this Saturday, Feb. 25 in Manton after placing at the district individual finals.

The wrestling individual finals took place on Saturday, Feb. 18 in Rogers City. Charlevoix High School senior, Jeff Golovich, placed second in the 189 weight class after going 2-1 for the day. Senior, Jed Daman, placed third going 3-1 for the day. Senior, Matt Novotny, placed third going 4-1 for the day. Freshman, Mat Golovich,



Matt Novotny

placed third going 3-2 for the day.

The other Rayder wrestlers who made it to the semi-final consolation rounds were Zeke Daman and Spencer Hankins.

These individual wrestlers will be the only members of the Rayder team to move on to post-season competition. The Rayders traveled to Rudyard, on Monday, Feb. 21 for the team district final competition which was snowed out last week. Charlevoix faced St. Ignace and Rudyard and fell to Rudyard, giving up four open weight classes due to injuries. The Rayders went



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Rudyard, giving up four open weight classes due to injuries. The Rayders went

Little League registration to take place on Feb. 27

Registration for boys and girls Charlevoix Little League for the upcoming 2006 season will take place later this month and in early March. Children ages 7 to 14 are eligible to register.

Registration will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 27 and March 7 and 9 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School.

The cost is \$45 per child. Family discounts available.

The registration cutoff date is March 16. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed for late registrants. If a player is new to the league, please bring a copy of their birth certificate.

The Little League International Board of Directors has adopted a change in the league age determination date, which will be implemented with the 2006 season. The date that will be used to determine which division your child will play in is the child's age as of April 30, 2006.

For more information call Todd Klinger at (231) 547-1366.

Boyerne Area Hockey split two games with Gaylord

The Boyerne Area Hockey Northstar Group Midget team hosted Gaylord last week in a two-game match-up.

The team's split the games with Boyerne going 5-4 in the first game and 0-4 in the second.

In the first game, Russell Williams tallied a hat trick scoring the first three goals, with assists on all three from play maker John Miller.

Miller also tallied a goal and another assist, and Will Brown scored one and gave an assist. Britt King also contributed an assist.

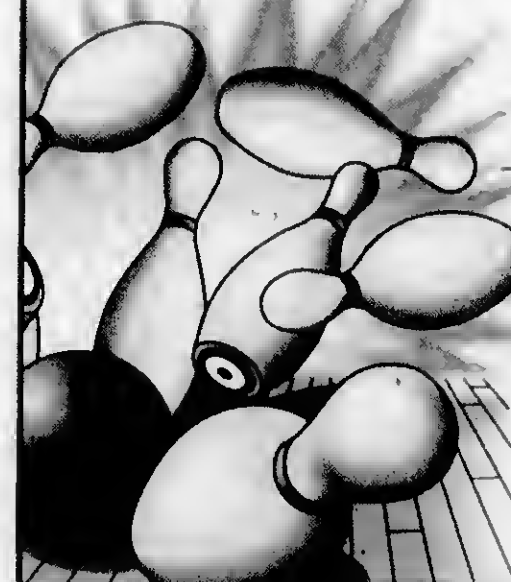
The second game was tied scoreless until late in the third period when Gaylord wore down the injury riddled short bench of Boyerne.

Nick Ferree is the goal tender for Boyerne.

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B' VanLoe & Sons	W	L	20	DM Construction	12	15	Hall & Hall	15	15	13	15
J Arnold Painting "A"	18	12	10	Central Drug Store	10	16	Alley Cats	13	15	15	15
Bud's Buds	18	12	10	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Twighlers	13	15	15
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	15	13	11	Shirley	Series		Game	Past Timers	13	15	15
J Arnold Painting "2"	13	15	11	Carol Kerr	515	168	17	Medias	11	17	17
Paul Bunyan Lanes	12	16	11	Diana Speigl	196		19	Irish Rollers	8	20	20
Selph Trucking	12	16	11	Leanna Mosonyak	502	19		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
The Flight Deck	8	20	11	Marlene Evans	487	19		Series			
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SPORTS

Ski team performs well at regional in spite of weather

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writerKatherine
Rowley

The Charlevoix boys' and girls' ski teams met for competition at the Regional Ski Meet at Boyne Mountain on Thurs. Feb. 16.

According to ski coach, Sue Miller, the kids started off well at the meet, but strange weather conditions hampered their efforts.

"Everything ran smooth until after lunch," she said. "Then the weather started to increase and it was snowing and the visibility was poor."

"Everything ran smooth until after lunch. Then the weather started to increase..."

Sue Miller,
Head coach
Charlevoix High School Ski Team

Miller said due to lightening and thunder, there was a mandatory Michigan High School Athletics Association delay for 30 minutes. Poor visibility for much of the afternoon with too much snow on the course and hill made racing conditions difficult.

Miller said she is very proud of the way Katherine Rowley raced considering she is just coming off a knee injury.

In the giant slalom event, the boys placed 6th with 111 points overall. The boys were led by Mac Brennan in 18th with an overall

time of 56.82 seconds. He was followed by Cameron Attee in 22nd with 57.28 seconds; Tanner Fisher in 35th with 59.71 seconds; Bill Brodin in 36th with 59.81 seconds; Nic Williams in 38th with one minute and five-hundredths of a second and Michael Cardwell in 40th with 1:00.28 minutes.

In the slalom event, the boys placed 4th with 74.5 points overall. The boys were led by Attee in 14th with 33.91 seconds. He was followed by Brennan in 16th with 34.24 seconds; Fisher in 20th with 34.78 seconds; Brodin in 24th with 34.99 seconds; Williams in 29th with 36.04 seconds; and Geoff Baier in 37th with 38.73 seconds.

In the slalom event, the girls placed 6th with 77 points overall. The girls were led by Rowley in 1st with 1:06.69 minutes. She was followed by Elizabeth Hasseld in 18th with 1:15.52 minutes; Emily Bajko in 25th with 1:18.32 minutes; Stephanie Poindexter in 33rd with 1:26.29 minutes; Kelsey Poineau in 37th with 1:28.52 minutes; and Mary Gocha in 51st with 2:03.98 minutes.

In the giant slalom event, the girls placed 3rd with 62 points overall. The girls were led by Rowley in 1st place with a time of 26.72 seconds. She was followed by Poineau in 12th with 28.42 seconds; Gocha in 23rd with 29.83 seconds; Bajko in 26th with 30.25 seconds; Hasseld in 31st with 31.03 seconds; and Poindexter in 39th with 31.89 seconds.

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(02-15-3-168)

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(11-10-tf-168)

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(02-22-6-170)

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(01-18-tf-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT

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(11-1-tf-171)

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(9-15-tf-174)

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(3-31-tf-174)

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FARM EQUIPMENT

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the provisions of said Master Deed and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said Lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, March 3, 2006 at 11:00 A.M., and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Lien. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and more specifically described as follows:

Unit 57, The Edgewater Inn Condominium, according to the Consolidating Master Deed as recorded in Liber 306, Pages 540 through 570, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records, and amendments thereto, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 34; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendment(s) thereto; and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of the sale.

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Dated: January 25, 2006

Heather S. Frick (67985)

P.O. Box 309

Charlevoix, MI 49720

(231) 547-9950

L(01/25, 02/01, 02/08, 02/15, 02/22)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The **Dumont F. Hixson, Jr.** Trust u/a/d March 12, 2005, as amended.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this trust may be barred or affected by this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **DUMONT F. HIXSON, JR.**, who lived at 6033 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727 and died May 2, 2005. Mr. Hixson has no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of his death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust or estate will be forever barred unless presented to **PATRICK HIXSON**, the Successor Trustee of the trust, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

February 8, 2006

Christopher L. Banish, Atty.P(62565)

Hainer & Berman, P.C.

24255 W. 13 Mile Rd., Ste. 270

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

(248) 642-4100

Patrick Hixson

44045 Five Mile Road

Plymouth, MI 48170

Successor Trustee

L(02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01)

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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice **NINETY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR AND 83/100 DOLLARS** (\$99,354.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt,

or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 24, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court-house, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29" East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33.3 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet

to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence parallel with said line North 85°54'10" East 739.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: February 2, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC

by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)

109 E. Front Street, Suite 300

Traverse City, MI 49684

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made the 24th day of August, 1999, by Jeffrey L. Brooks, a single man, of 319 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727, as Mortgagor, to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, of 1031 May

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Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 30, 1999, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 370, Pages 943-948. There is claimed to be due on such Mortgage at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven and 90/100 Dollars (\$27,607.90), including interest at 8.900% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on **March 22, 2006**, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and also any such sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interests in the premises. Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 8 and 9, Block 1, Bowen's Addition to the Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 44, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale.

PARCEL 2: Commencing at a point 200 feet West of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 86 degrees 51'28" East along said East 1/8 line 50 feet to a point which is 2.45 feet Easterly as measured at right angles from the center line of the East Jordan-Boyne City Road, which point is recorded as being 50 feet South of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section and being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 03 degrees 54'24" West along said East 1/8 line, 18 feet; thence North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of said section, 51.96 feet to a T-iron stake on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of said section, 198.04 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 03degrees 54'24" East, parallel with said East 1/8 line, 18 feet; thence South 86 degrees 51'28" East parallel with the North line of said section, 198.05 feet to a T-iron stake on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing South 86 degrees 51'28" East parallel with the North line of said section, 51.95 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West.

All in the Township of Wilson, County of Charlevoix, Michigan.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 15th day of February, 2002, by Mark A. Capp and Corinne Capp, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 18, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 458, page 949, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice **TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE AND 06/100 DOLLARS** (\$213,631.06) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default,

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made the 24th day of August, 1999, by Jeffrey L

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Benefit Soup Supper

Share the Warmth Benefit Soup Supper will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Town Hall in Ellsworth. Soup, pizza, salad, bread and homemade dessert will be offered in exchange for donations to benefit Good Samaritan's "Utility Help Fund." For more information call Bill Broadwick at (231) 533-5552.

Yacht Club off-season event

The final February event in the Charlevoix Yacht Club's series of off-season presentations open to the public will feature David Tank. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue in Charlevoix. Tank's bio includes two America's Cup races and other professional competitions. He will present film footage of his racing adventures and answer questions about the world sailing circuit. For more information call (231) 547-9170.

Vertical Express for MS

The 21st annual Vertical Express for MS fund-raising ski event benefiting the Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis and its Michigan CAN DO Multiple Sclerosis wellness program will take place Feb. 24 at Boyne Mountain in Boyne City. Participants from across the state will ski to raise money and for a chance to win the

grand prize all-expense-paid trip to Vail, Colo. Teams and sponsors need to sign-up as soon as possible for the event. Raise funds for former Olympic ski medalist Jimmie Heuga's Center for MS and the Michigan life-changing wellness programs. The event is open to skiers and riders of all ages and abilities. For more information or to register log on to www.vertical-express.org or call Lisa Lamont at (248) 229-1993.

Preservation Society meeting

The next meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Boyne District Library, located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City. The program will be "Civil War History." The speaker is Patrick McCleary of Alanson, who has done extensive research on his civil war ancestors and belongs to several civil war groups. All society programs are open to the public and all visitors are welcome.

Auditions

The Little Traverse Civic Theatre is sponsoring auditions for the classic comedy, "You Can't Take It With You." Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in downtown Petoskey.

City council meeting

The special Charlevoix City Council meeting at which council will consider a development plan amendment for CPI Products Inc., located at 12501 Taylor Road in Charlevoix, has been changed from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 1 in council chambers at City Hall. For more information call (231) 547-3270.

World Day of Prayer

A service recognizing World Day of Prayer, will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 3, at the Community of Christ Church located at 202 Jordan St. in East Jordan. This ecumenical celebration is sponsored by churches in East Jordan. The public is welcome to attend.

Hawaiian Luau benefit

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

The highlight of this event will be the hot sounds of Mojo and the Boogie Man. Tickets are \$30 per person and will include hors d'oeuvres. Tickets go on sale Feb. 1 and can be purchased at the humane society located at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City.

For more information call the humane society at (231) 582-6774.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. March 8 and 15 in the lower level of the library.

The first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Child care training

Child care providers, parents and early childhood professionals are invited to attend a local child care training session sponsored by Traverse City based 4C Training. The following training session will meet new licensing requirements. A Look Into A Child's Mind will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. For more information call Carrie Ball at (231) 941-7767.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Mary's parish will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 in the church family center located at 1003 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. Dinner will include ham, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salads, desserts, breads and beverages. The cost

is \$8 per adult, \$6 for senior citizens, \$4 for children and \$25 for a family. For more information call (231) 547-6652.

Assistance for the homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynn Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is \$12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is \$40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Nancy Bottomley retires from health department



Nancy Bottomley

Nancy Bottomley, the health department's director of Adult Health and Aging Services, was honored at a retirement open house Feb. 3 at the Weatheravane in Charlevoix.

Bottomley manages home health and hospice programs for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"Nancy has touched so many lives in the 25 years she has worked for us," said Gerald Chase, health officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "We want to give advocates for older adults, clients' families and others the opportunity to wish Nancy well as she begins retirement."

When Bottomley first started working at the health department, in 1975, she was the only public health nurse in Antrim County. Her duties were varied, from well-baby care to school nursing to treating sick and disabled clients in their

"Nancy has touched so many lives in the 25 years she had worked for us."

Gerald Chase,
Health Officer,
Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency

homes. In 1979, she was promoted to Home Health Coordinator, a new position at the health department.

At the time, the health department did not offer hospice services, although she recognized the need for them, Bottomley said. In the mid-1980s, a hospice was getting organized in Charlevoix. Bottomley represented the health department on the Hospice Planning Board to establish Hospice of Northwest Michigan, then called Charlevoix County Hospice.

"By the early 1990s, more and more we found our home health clients wanted our nurses, therapists, and aides to continue to care for them when their doctors recommended hospice," she said. "We decided the time was right to launch a certified hospice program in the health department's four counties and we couldn't have done it without the volunteers from Hospice of Northwest Michigan. We've been partnering with them ever since."

The work of the nurses, therapists, aides, and the other members of the health department's home health and hospice teams are growing increasingly complex," Bottomley said. "Keeping up with the best practices for wound dressings, IV care, and medications is ongoing," she said.

"At the same time, the basics never change. It takes a special person to do what my staff does every day. Each member of our home health and hospice teams is a professional, with excellent clinical skills and the self-confidence to work independently. And they all have a big heart for our clients. They keep our clients and families the focus, despite the obstacles. I am very proud of my staff and I will miss them."

Health department home health and hospice staff are unique in the geographic area in that each one provides both skilled home health services and hospice services.

For more information visit www.nwhealth.org.

CHS Class of 1984 offers a \$1,000 scholarship program

The Charlevoix High School class of 1984 has started an annual \$1,000 scholarship program to benefit future graduates.

In 2004, while planning the group's 20-year class reunion, the reunion committee decided to create a scholarship as a way to celebrate and honor the anniversary of their graduation from Charlevoix High School.

The theme they chose for the scholarship is education and the importance of qualified, motivated teachers. Thanks to the generous donations, each year, from class members the program has evolved into an annual scholarship.

The first year, the group awarded two scholarships to 2004 graduating seniors including Alyssia McDonough who is attending the University of Michigan and Tess Hoagland who is enrolled at Grand Valley State University. In 2005, the award recipient was Anna Taylor who is currently attending

Michigan State University.

Seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2006 are eligible to apply. Interested applicants have to write a personal essay describing a teacher, coach or support staff member at Charlevoix Public Schools, that has impacted or motivated them in some way.

The essay must include details of how this person made a difference in their education and tell what qualities make them successful in their career as an educator.

A local selection committee of 1984 graduates will choose the best candidate based on their written statement. The recipient will be asked to read their essay and be presented the scholarship check by their "nominated educator" at the Charlevoix High School awards ceremony in May.

Interested seniors can pick up information from Deb Devitt at the high school counselor's office. Applications must be turned in to Devitt by April 13, 2006.



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Area meetings

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The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weatheravane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information, call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellow meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is a

Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. An

Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in cetering room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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Area law enforcement form drug task force

A new task force, named the Drug Death Team, has been formed as a collaborative effort with every law enforcement agency in Charlevoix County to vigorously investigate and prosecute the person(s) who deliver controlled substances to another person which ultimately results in death.

Formation of the new task force was recently announced by Charlevoix County Prosecutor John A. Jarema, who is working in conjunction with Charlevoix County Sheriff George

Lassater, Boyne City Police Chief Randall Howard, East Jordan Police Chief Dan Reece, Charlevoix City Police Gerard Doan and Lt. Aaron Sweeney of the Michigan State Police, Petoskey Post.

The team's formation, is a result of a new law passed in Michigan which became effective on Jan. 1. The new law states that it is a felony to deliver a controlled substance (except marijuana) to another individual, that is consumed by that person or any other person and

that causes the death of that person. The penalty is imprisonment for life or any term of years.

"This new law allows a prosecutor to charge the person who delivers the controlled substance to another person which results in death. Prosecutors now can effectively go up the chain of the delivery and prosecute all the persons who distribute drugs that resulted

in a death," Jarema said.

"In 2005, Charlevoix County had at least four deaths attributable to methadone. I have personally worked with federal prosecutors to charge one individual who delivered this to a young adult that died. This new law in Michigan mirrors the federal law. Now, I have the ability to prosecute these cases locally," Jarema added.

"The implementation of the DDT (Drug Death Team) allows a local police agency the resources of county-wide officers to assist the local agency in the investigation and prosecution of these cases. This is an example of law enforcement in Charlevoix County being pro-active in drug deliveries to bring persons who deliver drugs to swift justice."

Winter torpedo



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Danielle Schmidt finds out what it feels like to be a human torpedo as she flies down Mt. McSauba on her belly last week. Schmidt is just one of the members of the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix's kids club.

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Voters choose Saltonstall

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

After months of campaigning for the First District Charlevoix County Commissioner seat, the race has ended and the term of Connie Saltonstall begins.

Independent candidate Saltonstall won with 333 votes overall while Republican candidate John Haggard had 299 votes and Green Party candidate Ellis Boal had 43 votes.

Saltonstall, who won the election by a large margin, said she was surprised to have captured the majority of votes.



Connie Saltonstall

"I knew I had a chance but I really didn't want to be overconfident. It wasn't until the numbers came in that I said, 'I really did win,'" she said.

Saltonstall took the majority vote in Hayes and Bay townships as well as the City of Charlevoix. In Hayes Township Saltonstall received

101 votes, Haggard received 82 votes and Boal received 18 votes. In Bay Township, Saltonstall received 61 votes. Haggard received 40 votes and Boal received 4 votes. In the City of Charlevoix, Saltonstall received 86 votes, Haggard received 57 votes and Boal received 11 votes. Haggard carried the north side of Charlevoix Township, receiving 120 votes, while Saltonstall claimed 85 votes, and Boal received 10 votes.

These are unofficial totals. The Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers will meet at 1 p.m. today to verify this information and certify the election.

This election comes nearly a year af-

ter first district commissioner, Valerie Snyder, resigned and moved out of the area leaving the seat vacant.

Overall voter turnout was 17.5 percent of the 3858 registered voters in the four precincts. Saltonstall took 49.33 percent of the total vote.

Saltonstall thanked those who voted for her and said her first order of business when she takes office March 8 is to ask her fellow commission members to include summaries of the meaning and possible impact of resolutions prior to voting on them.

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Lockman requests modified injunction to sell assets

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Karla Sue Lockman, a Boyne City resident, charged with embezzling over \$750,000 from a local business, has requested an injunction freezing her assets be modified to allow her to pay her attorney fees.

"Significant preparation has already gone into this case. However, there is significant work yet to be done. Unfortunately, the defendant is without funds to continue the retention of an attorney, let alone come up with funds to pay other costs," Fred Gibson, Lockman's defense attorney from Clinton Township, states in his motion to pay attorney fees and costs from sale of assets.

Gibson declined to comment on the amount of money he is owed by Lockman at this time.

Lockman is charged with two counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of \$20,000 or more, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$15,000 fine or three times the amount embezzled.

According to Gibson, in light of the charges Lockman is facing, Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas previously entered an injunction

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Winter, women and wine



Photo by Julie Witthoht

Over 200 skiers and snowshoers attended the Women's Winter Tour at Castle Farms on Saturday Feb. 25. (Above) Pam Pynnonen of Petoskey and Jan Swiss of Haslett finish the trail and head inside for some tasty treats.



Don Hartwig, a representative for L. Mawby of Suttons Bay sets up a champagne tasting booth at A Winter's Night at the Castle which followed the Women's Winter Tour.

Photo by Julie Witthoht

City Council approves \$564,540 East Park design contract

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

On Monday night, Feb. 27 Charlevoix's City Council unanimously approved a contract for over \$560,000 with Pollack Design and Associates of Ann Arbor to provide professional services for the East Park renovation project.

Of that over half-a-million-dollar contract, the city will pay \$447,540. The project's state funding source, the Waterways Commission which has agreed to pay 75 percent of the park's renovations as they relate to boating, will pay \$177,000.

These fees are 12 percent of the \$4.7 million total East Park project cost. The fee schedule has been capped at 12 percent.

City manager Mike Wiesner said Pollack's fee is higher than the 7 to 8 percent range Waterways typically allows.

"I think it's fair," Wiesner said of the cost. "We hired him using a quality based selection process where you don't consider price, you consider product. Is he going to provide a high-end product? He better."

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Gregory Michael Wehh, 37, Boyne City. Consume liquor on highway property open to the public. Serve 24 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Karl Joseph David, 48, Gaylord. Insufficient funds more than \$100, but less than \$500. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 40 days, to serve 60 days in jail, 265 days held in abeyance; not to have a checking account; \$500 in fines and costs.

Robert Graham Ward, 23, Ellsworth. Operating while license suspended. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

David William Singer, 61, West Bloomfield. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 40 days on an electronic monitoring device, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Lynn Bennett, 37, East Jordan. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; not to enter Save A Lot; \$350 in fines and costs.

Lorelei Lyn Zamora, 43, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated; operator with no license or multiple license; and possession of license revoked/suspended/alters/ false ID. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 28 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,230 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Paul Johnson, 32, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail, serve 45 days on an electronic monitoring device, 78 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact

weekend; \$1,180 in fines and costs. Raymond William Wallick Jr., 60, Ellsworth. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 16 days in jail, serve 45 days on an electronic monitoring device, 71 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,035 in fines and costs.

Dale William Peppel, 53, Oak Park. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Dianna Lynn Miller, 41, Harrison Township. Operating while license suspended. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Raymond John Whisler, 24, Central Lake. Disorderly person. Serve 12 days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Korey Lynn Turner, 23, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Bruce Lee Simmons, 25, Boyne City. Disorderly person. Serve 16

days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs. Richard Allen Bjoren, 18, East Jordan. Operating minor with any blood alcohol content. Serve seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$680 in fines and costs.

Joseph Edward McCleese Jr., 39, Boyne Falls. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 92 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$500 in fines and costs.

Jordan David Spike, 22, Muskegon. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$830 in fines and costs.

Thordur Gudmundsen Purinton, 26, Boyne City. Motor vehicle operator without security. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Robert Charles Adams, 41, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve seven days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

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Joshua M. Motta, 21, Charlevoix. Sell/furnish alcohol to a minor. Serve five days of community service work; \$1,150 in fines and costs.

Robert Stephen Paul, 50, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,235 in fines and costs.

Births

Lucille Milan weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces was born Feb. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ferdinand and Mary Uy of East Jordan. Her sibling is A.J. Bartlett. Her grandparents are Thomas Fiel and Sue Moore. Her great-grandparent is Toni Fiel.

Shane Robert Meria weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born Feb. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jesse Meria of Ann Arbor and Shirley Hunter of Charlevoix. His sibling is Dallas Meria. His grandparents are Nancy Mullins of Charlevoix and Bob Meria of Ann Arbor. His great-grandparents are Jimmy and Karen Bowman of Charlevoix.

Correction

Due to a reporting error in an article by Courier editor Julie Witthoef that appeared on page 18 of the Feb. 15 edition of the Charlevoix Courier entitled "Beaver Island Preservation Association faces lawsuit," it was stated that the group's community center project had been scaled back under the design leadership of Slocum and Associates. The project is a little bit larger than the original design drafted by Cox Medendorp Olson Architects. The cost has been scaled back significantly.

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Embezzlement suspect seeks to sell assets to pay attorney costs

LOCKMAN

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Karla Lockman

under which funds from any sale of her assets must be directed to an account Gibson established and cannot be extracted without court approval.

Gibson would not comment as to whether Lockman has sold any assets thus far.

At 1:30 p.m. this Friday, March 3 Judge Pajias is expected to hear the motion to modify this injunction to allow her to use funds from the sale of assets to pay Gibson.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema plans to file a brief opposing this request and argue against it that day in court.

"How can you steal from someone and want to use the proceeds of the embezzlement trust to pay to get you out of trouble," Jarema said.

The alleged time period during which Lockman embezzled funds from Northern Preferred Title Company LLC took place between January and May 2005. At that time, she was a closing agent with the company and collected closing funds from purchasers and deposited them into the escrow account.

According to a press release from the Boyne City Police Department, a lengthy investigation determined a minimum of \$670,000 was converted into Lockman's personal bank account and was used to purchase a new home and furnishings, new vehicles, horses, trailers and other personal possessions or expenses.

Jarema maintains that she embezzled about \$775,000.

Two civil suits, which were filed in United States District Court Western District of Michigan in 2005 allege Lockman may have embezzled as much as \$975,023.64.

In previous interviews John Taylor, a representative of Northern Preferred Title Company LLC, said the embez-

zlement scandal forced the company to severely curtail its activities and 14 employees at the company's three offices have been laid off.

In December 2005, Lockman's

trial which was set for January 2006, was postponed to June 5 following a forensic evaluation which questioned the status of her mental health.

According to the report authored by Lockman's examining physician, Dr. Jeffrey Wendt of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Lockman meets the statutory criteria for legal insanity.

"To summarize, it is my considered opinion that Mrs. Lockman suffered from a substantial disorder of thought and mood, meeting the statutory criteria for mental illness at the time of the alleged offense. As a result of her mental illness, it is further my opinion

that Mrs. Lockman did not appreciate the nature and quality of her conduct, the wrongfulness of her conduct and could not conform her conduct to the requirements of the law," Wendt states in the report.

Gibson said a major issue in this case is Paxil, a prescription drug used to treat depression and anxiety disorders. Lockman was prescribed Paxil in August 2004. When her prescription was renewed by a physician in November 2004, Gibson said a mistake by a pharmacist resulted in her dose being doubled from 12.5 milligrams to 25 milligrams a day.

He maintains that it was during this time period when Lockman took double the prescribed dose of Paxil that the alleged embezzlement occurred.

"Once the error was discovered, she was brought back down and everything changed," Gibson said. "She came back to her normal."

Lockman remains free on a \$50,000 surety bond.

Jarema's office determined Lockman is a low flight risk and therefore will remain free on bond until her trial.

Connie Saltonstall elected to the Charlevoix County Commission ELECTION

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"So people have an idea of what is going on in the county," she said.

She attributes her win to first district residents wanting a fresh voice.

"I heard that over and over again. They feel I communicated with them with my brochure, mailings and meetings. They feel I'll do a good job and open things up," she said.

The term for Saltonstall's seat ends Dec. 31. Petitions to run in the August primary race for this first district seat must be filed by mid-May.

Haggard, who said he will consider whether he will run again in the August primary race, hopes Saltonstall will be able to work closely on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, Big Rock Point

and senior citizen issues.

"I wish her well. She ran a very good race and I ran a very good race and Ellis ran very good race," he said. "Hopefully she'll step into a position to look out for what is best for the county and get the resolution that I submitted to the board of commissioners passed and step forward on other important issues."

Haggard said he will remain active in political work throughout the county.

Boal, an attorney who ran for county prosecutor against John Jarema in 2004, said he is open to running for other political positions in the future.

"It's not that I didn't work hard enough and it's not that I made mistakes in the campaign," he said of the loss. "It was an issues oriented campaign unlike what we've seen in the county in the past. I congratulate Connie and wish her the best of luck."

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OPINIONS

Kudos to City of Charlevoix's cooperative effort with schools

Skiers and snowboarders have reaped the benefits of fantastic winter conditions at the local small, but mighty ski hill Mt. McSaubu.

With these fabulous conditions have come countless hours of work from staff and volunteers. Thanks to these individuals the runs at McSaubu have been open since late December without missing a day.

January's warm weather was matched by cold weather days perfect for snow making that were capitalized on by McSaubu staff members.

Most recently we learned of a cooperative program between the local schools and the City of Charlevoix to get students on the slopes.

On two different afternoons McSaubu was open in the morning to Charlevoix Middle School kids and on another, to those attending St. Mary School.

This is a trade the city, owner of Mt. McSaubu, makes with the schools. Under the agreement the city uses school gym space for recreation league sports while school students take advantage of its winter sports park.

It's great to see two entities like the school district and city working cooperatively for the betterment of children.

McSaubu staffers donate their time to make sure things run smoothly on the student ski days and city EMT Jeff Stevens volunteers his time to keep things as safe as possible.

The three-day event saw some major and minor injuries to students braving the slopes.

In spite of these bumps, bruises and breaks, we feel the opportunity for students to be introduced to the sports of skiing and snowboarding at both beginner and intermediate levels should be applauded.

EDITORIAL



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Adam Russell hones his snowboarding skills at Mt. McSaubu Feb. 22 in conjunction with the City of Charlevoix's cooperative effort with local schools.

These children often return on the weekend to participate in former Charlevoix High School ski coach Erik Lundteigen's weekend Fun Races. These races take place every other Saturday and are open to all ages and skill levels. Lundteigen and others have volunteered their time to make the program a reality.

The next race day is this weekend, from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the ski hill located off Mt. McSaubu Road.

Too often our local school district and municipalities are bogged down by business leaving "think outside of the box" projects like this on the back burner. Congratulations to those involved who have made this possible.

Election theory: Candidate with the biggest signs wins



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

The following article was written a week before the Feb. 28 election.

Predicting the outcome of elections is a chancy business.

Most often such predictions are on polling of potential voters or exit polls after voting. I believe I have discovered a new way to predict elections, and not surprisingly, it is based on the examination of biology and evolution. Specifically, how many kinds of female birds and mammals select their reproductive partners.

Why a male peacock has such an enormous and elaborate tail puzzled people for many years. The tail is large and heavy enough to complicate the bird's life. It's more difficult to fly with such a tail. It's more difficult to escape from predators. What value such an appendage might have remained a mystery until someone noted that, when choosing a male partner, female peacocks preferred males with the largest and most elaborate tail. Speculation suggests that they do so because being able to carry and display such a troublesome structure indicated that the male

bearing it was particularly healthy and might thus be a good choice as the father of offspring. Females clearly did the choosing, and once they had begun such choices, each generation was likely to be fathered by males with even more elaborate and larger tails.

If only peacocks showed such selection, the mystery would not be completely solved. But there are a large number of birds in which it has been clearly demonstrated that males with long and elaborate tails have more reproductive success than those with shorter feathers. Cruel experimenters have even modified the tails of male birds including swallows and African long-tailed widow birds, by either cutting of some of the tail feathers length or gluing on additional feather lengths. In all cases, males with the longest tail feathers were more attractive to females and produced more offspring in the next generation, assuring that long tail feathers would be inherited. There is even a tiny Peruvian hummingbird in which males have 12 inch long tail feathers that seem to perform the same function as the tail of a male peacock.

Birds are not the only creatures where males grow or display elaborate structures that seem to be attractive to females. Deer, elk and moose come to mind. A prehistoric Irish elk had antlers that spanned sometimes 10 feet, which must have been particularly fascinating to female elk at the time. All such male structures have mostly the

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function of assuring reproductive success by demonstrating that the male has sufficient energy to build and carry around elaborate, unnecessary things. Bigger or more expensive to make may be better.

If you like to consider people, think of BMW convertibles or Ferrari sports cars.

What does all this have to do with political elections? I note that the local candidates for First District Charlevoix County Commissioner have advertised their fitness for office with yard signs. One of the candidates has displayed larger yard signs than the others, and on that basis I am willing to predict that the candidate with the largest yard signs (not the most, but the largest) will be the winner.

Voters are not consciously choosing the largest yard signs, but it is difficult to find any evidence in recent national elections that they are choosing on the basis of substance rather than appearance.

Maybe voters are smarter than female peacocks and will not mistake size for substance. But if size really matters, our political future will have larger and more expensive yard signs. It's already true that nearly all winning politicians are those that spend the most money. Maybe we are not really any smarter or more observant than female peacocks.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letter to the editor

Senior center is a blessing

Editor:

One of the blessings of living in a town like ours is the Charlevoix Seniors Citizens Center and the programs it institutes for the benefit and pleasure of the community.

One such event occurred last Tuesday evening as they hosted a marvelous Valentine's Day dinner. A wonderful menu, quick, unobtrusive service, music by a live band, and great company were all afforded to those who made their

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City of Charlevoix proposes new sign ordinance

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Gerry Harsch

Nearly a couple decades after it was adopted, the City of Charlevoix's sign ordinance may get some aesthetic and functional restructuring.

A public hearing on

the proposed sign ordinance amendments is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on March 6 at City Hall.

Proposed changes include altered definitions, clearer intent and elaborating on the purpose of the ordinance from simply regulating outdoor signs to, as it is stated in the proposed ordinance, "Recognizing the mass communications needs of both businesses and other parties. Protecting property values and neighborhood character. Creating a more attractive business climate. Promoting pedestrian and traffic safety by reducing sign distractions, obstructions and other hazards. (And.) Promoting pleasing community environmental aesthetics."

According to Charlevoix City Planner, Gerry Harsch, there are nearly a couple hundred proposed changes to the ordinance amendments.

Who: Charlevoix City Council

What it is: Public hearing on sign ordinance

When: 7 p.m. on March 6

Where: City Hall

"It is essentially a rewrite of the entire ordinance, so the ordinance is significantly changed in terms of verbiage, but what is being provided for in the regulatory impact of the changes is not that great," Harsch said. "We changed things where we thought the definition could be made clearer."

He added, "It has not had a major revision since it was adopted sometime in the early (19)80s."

Another of the proposed changes to the ordinance is the issue of where billboards may be used within the city.

Harsch said, "Right now, there is no provision for highway advertising signs, which is considered exclusionary to anybody that would be concerned about the sign ordinance."

The state's City and Village Zoning Act states that a city cannot exclude a sign use as long as there is a demonstrated need and appropriate location for the sign.

"By saying in the ordinance (that) we do allow signs, they are limited to 32 square feet," he said. "We have included them in the ordinance, but regulated them to the extent that are only allowed in the industrial district."

According to Harsch, if passed, the only two places where a billboard would be allowed would be on one lot north of the city near the city limit and on the property occupied by Harbor Industries.

Harsch said since the current ordinance prohibits highway advertising signs, the city could be opening itself up to potential problems.

"This needs to be addressed," he said.

While there are many proposed changes to the sign ordinance, Harsch said the allowance of certain types of signs are some of the bigger changes.

"The fact that we are trying to address the issue of highway advertising signs is so we don't end up where the city is exclusionary about highway advertising. Until now, we couldn't regulate it because we haven't addressed it," he said. "Another significant change is providing for business center signs, where we don't currently, so at a shopping center we can have a legitimate sign for that as a center."

He added, "And then, we've basically tweaked some things such as wall signs to make them more realistic in keeping with what is actually the practice."

Harsch said, although he can't be certain, 25 years ago when the ordinance was originally prepared, it was probably done without the involvement of a professional as is the case in many small communities.

"That sign ordinance was probably prepared by a committee of people in the community, but there's been a lot of water over the dam as far as these types of ordinances go and we're more knowledgeable at this time and can write a little better ordinance," he said. "Frankly, the ordinance we have in place functions very well, we don't have any real problems with it."

But, he said, the attempt is to hedge any potential problems which could arise in the future.

As it stands, a sign ordinance allows a government body to have dangerous or unattractive signs removed or repaired and limit them from becoming obstructive or distracting.

Some things which could prevent a sign from being allowed in any district include any signs which are filthy, in disrepair, inconsis-

tent with standards set forth in the ordinance, are unsafe or appear to direct traffic. Except those which direct traffic on private property, deter intersection visibility, commercial advertising flags, banners, pennants, streamers airborne devices, portable signs and roof signs.

Some temporary signs, including real-estate signs, real-estate development signs, construction signs, political signs, yard sale signs and temporary event signs are allowed, each with certain restrictions, without first obtaining a permit.

In certain cases, such as "unique circumstances or physical conditions" the Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals may allow a variance from the sign ordinance so long as the applicant establishes, "strict compliance with its provisions (which) will render conformity unnecessarily burdensome."

After the public hearing, the city council could adjust the proposed changes before voting on them.

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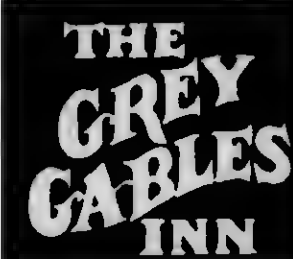
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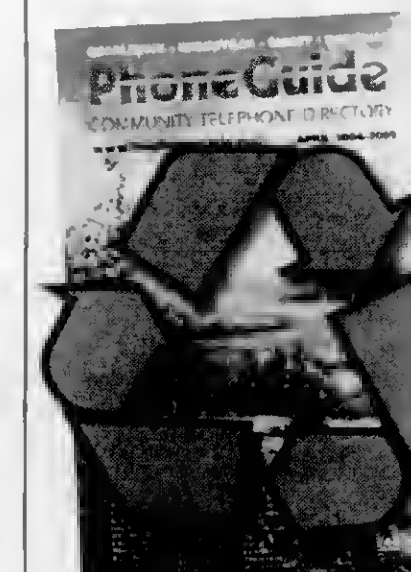
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COMMUNITY

Girl Scout troops rally for cookie sale fund-raiser

On Feb. 22 Charlevoix Area Girl Scouts gathered at the Charlevoix Middle School for their annual Cookie Rally — an event to kick-off for the group's annual cookie sale.

This year's cookie rally was billed as Cookie College, educating girls about the varieties available for sale while emphasizing safety protocols.

According to Charlevoix Community Cookie Chair, Stephanie Brown, the cookie sale is about more than making money for the projects, activities and events in which Girl Scouts participate.

"It's also about learning valuable life skills and business literacy," she said.

Through the sale Girl Scouts learn and practice skills such as money handling, budgeting and planning.

Girls learn the importance of

knowing their product and servicing customers with a friendly smile and get an appreciation for others with the Gift of Caring Program.

Through Gift of Caring, girls have the opportunity to help less fortunate members of the community or show appreciation for public service employees.

Each year, individual troops select a local non-profit organization to receive donated boxes of cookies.

This year, some of the donations will be going to the VFW, hospice, hospital volunteers, BASES, the Women's Resource Center Safe House and Good Samaritan Family Services.

There are eight varieties of cookies for sale including Samoas, Trefoils, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Dosidos, All Abouts, Lemon Coolers and the all-new Café Cookie. All varieties are \$3



Courtesy photo

Girl Scouts are eager to sell cookies after last Wednesday's Cookie Rally. (Above, from left) Gabby Waterman, Alicia Giudice, Ashley Sliwinski, Katlynn Melke, Danielle Staph, Nikki Speigl, Ally Pallagi, Melina Brown and Amanda Hodgkinson.

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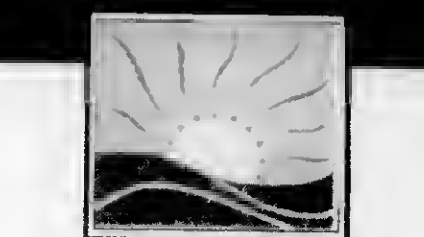
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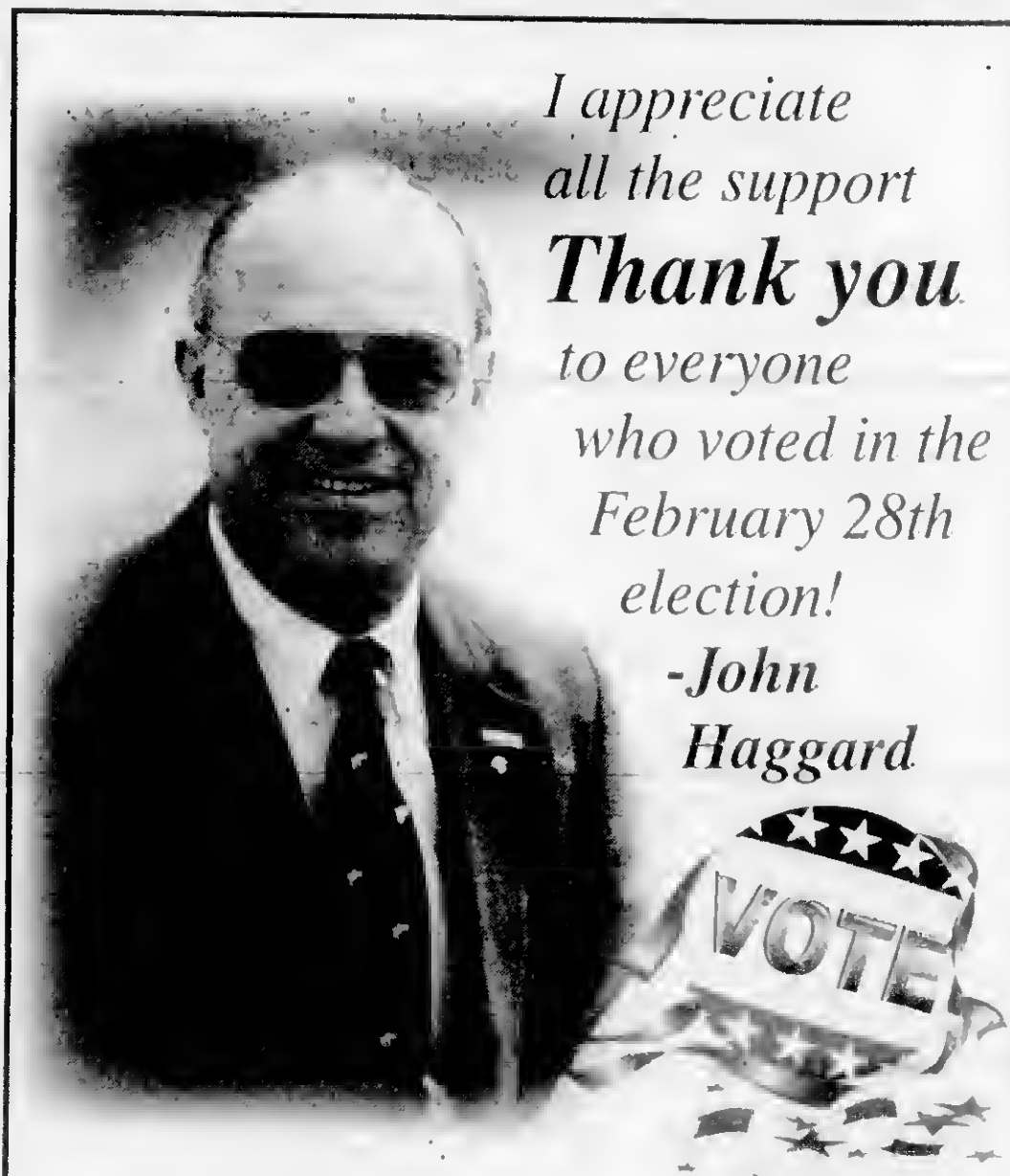
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Bethany Lutheran College performance

Jerusha Longren, the daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Longren of Charlevoix, a member of the Bethany Choraliers at Bethany Lutheran College, recently participated in the school's production of the "Pirates of Penzance." Bethany Lutheran College is located in Mankato, Minn.

Anderson University dean's list

Anderson University has announced its dean's list for the fall 2005 semester. To be named to the dean's list a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher. Local students named to the Anderson University dean's list include Candace Christine Boss and Nathan Kyle Turner of Charlevoix.

Ferris State University graduate

Nicholas L. Martinechek of Charlevoix recently completed the academic requirements to receive his bachelor of fine arts in industrial design from Ferris State University.

Kirtland Community College graduate

Dr. Charles Rorie, president of Kirtland Community College, recently announced that Jacklyn Riley of Charlevoix earned certification as a nail technician, graduating magna cum laude, after the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year.

Calvin College dean's list

Kate Leese, the daughter of Alan and Merri Leese of Ellsworth, a sophomore studying biotechnology at Calvin College was named to the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester. To be named to the dean's list a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher.

CHS band qualifies for states



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The Charlevoix High School Symphony Band received a first division rating at District Band Festival on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Petoskey Middle School in Petoskey. About 25 bands competed. This is the third year in a row the group received a first division rating. They qualified for the State Band Festival to take place in April.

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Obituaries

Cornelia Woodrich: March 24, 1909 - Feb. 13, 2006

Cornelia Barber Woodrich died on Feb. 13.

She was born March 24, 1909, in Hemlock, raised her family in Charlevoix, and moved to Florida in 1952. She moved to Lake Placid in 1990 and then to the Palms of Sebring. She was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church.

She entertained with her musical talent on the piano and organ all her

life. She will be greatly missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Elmer Barber and Edward Woodrich; a son, William Barber; a grandson, Douglas Barber; and a granddaughter Gayle Ann Barber.

She is survived by two brothers, Don (Clare) Garvey, Jerry (Claudia) Garvey of Bridgeport; a sister Mae Sinfeld of Saginaw; two sons, Eugene

(Arlene) Barber of Claremont, Calif.; Bruce (Susan) Barber of Longmont, Colo.; a daughter, Bonnie Keie of Lake Placid, Fla. and Charlevoix; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; five great, great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and the many friends she has made in her life.

A memorial will take place at a later date.

Leah Green: June 3, 1941 - Feb. 19, 2006

Leah G. Green, 64, died Sunday, Feb. 19, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Leah was born in Saginaw on June 3, 1941, the daughter of Harold and Grace Vorce. She grew up in Saginaw and graduated from Arthur Hill High School and Alma College. Leah was working in Petoskey the summer of 1962 when she met her husband, Nelson. Leah and Nelson were married in the Alma College Chapel on June 14, 1964.

Leah first taught at Arthur Hill Tech and then Westwood Heights Middle School. Leah was the director of the 4-H program in Charlevoix County for several years and then worked in

the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office as a child support investigator, a job she enjoyed very much, working with and helping people.

Leah became interested in the Northern Community Mediation program and was a part of the first class of mediators in 1994. Having taken additional training, Leah helped teach other mediators until this year when she was unable to do so for health reasons. In January, Leah was proud to receive an award created in her name, the Leah Award, for a person who has made a special contribution to the mediation program.

Leah was a talented musician playing the piano, autoharp and lap (mountain)

dulcimer. Her harmonies will be greatly missed. She valued sincerity, practicality, her many friends and a good loaf of homemade bread.

Leah is survived by her husband; two sons, Eric (Beth) Green, of Jenison and Heath Green of Benzonia; two brothers, Duane (Gloria) Vorce of Bay Shore and Gale (Zoe) Vorce of Leland N.C.; and two grandchildren Peter and Claire.

Cremation has taken place and a family and friends celebration of Leah's life will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northern Community Mediation.

Donald Jadwin: died Feb. 20, 2006



Donald Jadwin

Donald Allen Jadwin died at 10:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20 in Mt. Dora, Fla.

He continued to live a full life with his wife, Dona Jadwin, in Mt. Dora, Fla. eight months of the year and at his Charlevoix home on Lake Michigan four months of the year.

Joan Jadwin, the mother of Don's sons, Steven and Charles Jadwin, preceded Donald in death in 1988.

Donald was born in Holly and moved to a farm with his aunt and uncle in Palo. During the depression, he finished high school in Ann Arbor and enlisted in the army immediately thereafter, as the World War II broke out. In the army, Donald traveled halfway around the world and fought his portion of the war in India.

Donald returned after World War II

and entered Michigan State University on a land grant scholarship from the armed forces. There he met Joan Clare Heise of Charlevoix. After the two of them finished their degrees at Michigan State University, they married in Charlevoix and moved to Flint where they resided for the following three decades.

Donald and Joan raised two sons and completed their careers in the Flint area. Upon retirement, they returned to Charlevoix, their love of Lake Michigan and the northern forest. Joan Jadwin passed away almost two decades ago and Donald had the great fortune to meet and marry a past friend and friend of the family, Dona McEachem Zeis.

Don and Dona have had a delightful time living in Mt. Dora, Fla. and Charlevoix. Donald split almost all of his time between his work at Masonite Corporation and raising his sons in Flint. He participated in Indian Guides, the Boy Scout Program, and later with high school sports. As his sons entered college, Donald returned to Eastern Michigan University to retain a master's degree in social work. During this time,

he moved from a sales career to work at Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Flint, where he finished his working career.

Throughout his life, Donald has enjoyed both the outdoors and the indoors. He loved hiking, biking, boating and travel. He enjoyed woodworking and construction projects with his sons. In retirement, he continued to involve nature and religion in his life. He gained great joy following the artist and photographic endeavors of his wife, Dona Jadwin and reviewing the progress and growth of his sons, step-daughter and grandchildren. We will miss him as he moves from this life to the next.

Don is survived by his wife, Dona; sons, Steven (Pamela) Jadwin of Swartz Creek, Charles (Nona) Jadwin of Charlevoix; step-daughter, Peg (Ed) DuBuc of Flint; grandchildren, Laura, Elise, Daniel, Elizabeth and Rebecca.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Michigan, 902 East 6th Street, Flint, MI 48503.

A funeral took place Feb. 25 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Helen Zeitler: March 29, 1921 - Feb. 21, 2006

Helen L. Zeitler, 84, of Charlevoix, died on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A funeral took place on Friday, Feb. 24, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix with Paul Bradley officiating. Burial will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Helen was born March 29, 1921, in Pellston, the daughter of William and Ruth O'Neil. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1939.

Helen worked at the Fairbanks Bakery in Charlevoix and was a member of the American Legion Post #226, Auxiliary.

Helen married Robert A. Zeitler on May 24, 1940 in Charlevoix, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1983.

She is survived by her daughter, Roberta "Birdie" (Ken) Whitley of Charlevoix; sons, James (Tina) Zeitler and Gary "Tink" Zeitler of Charlevoix;

grandchildren, James and Jacqueline Zeitler, Julie Farmer, Gregg and Jason Whitley; nine great-grandchildren; half brothers, Donald Murphy of Charlevoix, James "Pete" Murphy of Pittsburgh; half sister, Sharon (Howard) Herriman of Charlevoix.

Helen's son William preceded her in death in 1970.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawrence Grate Memorial Fund at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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Obituaries

Mabel Faber: Sept. 26, 1920 - Feb. 22, 2006

Mabel V. Faber, 85, of Petoskey, and formerly of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Mabel was born Sept. 26, 1920, in Detroit, to Tunis and Mabel (Grindell) VanRosenberg. She grew up in Roseville where she graduated from Eastland High School in 1938. On Nov. 27, 1947, she married Gerwyn Faber in Wyckoff, N.J.

Mabel drove a bus for Roseville Schools Special Education, where she

loved working with the children. She moved to Charlevoix in 1986, to be near her family, and Gerwyn preceded her in death in 1992, after which she moved to Petoskey.

Mabel loved to sing, cook and was involved in doing church work. She loved her kids and grandchildren, and enjoyed her time spent at Bortz Health Care.

Mabel is survived by her daughter, Mae L. (David G.) Charbeneau of Petoskey; grandchildren, Gary

(Brenda) Ruehle of Charlevoix, Robert W. Charbeneau of Petoskey, Nicholas (Kelly) Rostar of Mancelona, Pfc. David K. Charbeneau of Petoskey, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mabel's son Joseph preceded her in death in 1971.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Donald Holecheck: Jan. 14, 1928 - Feb. 22, 2006

Donald G. Holecheck, 78, of Traverse City, died peacefully at home on Wednesday, Feb. 22 surrounded by his family.

He was born Jan. 14, 1928 in Howard City, the son of Glenn and Anna (Jones) Holecheck. He grew up in Norwood. His mother died when he was six, and his father married Ella Overmyer who was a wonderful mother to him. She died in 1999.

Don was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947. He took his training at Camp Polk, La. and was stationed at Ft. Lawton, Wash. as an x-ray technician and medic.

On Oct. 31, 1953 he married

Eleanor Heeres in Grand Rapids, and they made their home in Traverse City.

He worked at the Traverse City Dairy until 1961. Since then, he worked at Teboe's Florist where he could enjoy his love for flowers. Don enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. His yard and garden were his pride and joy.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; children Ilean Holecheck of Traverse City, and Ronald Holecheck of Grawn; grandchildren LeeAnn (Magnus) Johansson, Miranda Holecheck, Justin Holecheck and Hope Holecheck; 3 great-grandchildren; sisters Darlene (Edmond) Burke of Charlevoix and

LaRue Gill: Died Feb. 26, 2006

LaRue H. Gill, 95, of Charlevoix, died Feb. 26 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m.

on Friday, March 3 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Mary Willis officiating.

Visitation will begin at noon at the church.

Winchester Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Charlevoix man arraigned on prostitution and drug charges

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A Charlevoix Township man accused of providing oxycontin and methadone to at least one woman in exchange for sex was arrested and arraigned last week in Charlevoix County District Court.

Lloyd Joseph Waltonen, 42, was arrested by Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater on Thursday, Feb. 22 and was arraigned that day in Charlevoix County District Court on three criminal sexual conduct felony charges, one count of prostitution and a delivery of a controlled substance charge.

He is being held in Charlevoix County Jail with bond set at \$50,000 and will face a preliminary examination on March 7 in Charlevoix County District Court.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, more charges may be added.

According to summaries of testimony by two women in an affidavit of probable cause given by to Charlevoix County Sheriff's detective corporal Chuck Vondra, Waltonen forced oral and vaginal sex in exchange for oxycontin and methadone.

A search warrant executed at Waltonen's residence on Feb. 9 resulted in seizure of pill bottles labeled Lloyd Waltonen containing methadone, oxycontin, amphetamines and Adderall XR pills.

Jarema said information gathered in the investigation that has taken place thus far alleges incidents of exchange of pills for sexual favors dating back to 2001 and extend through 2005.

Waltonen was charged as a habitual offender for two prior felony convictions from the early 1990s when he was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon and a felony firearm violation. This means if found guilty of these charges he could face twice the maximum sentence prescribed.

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Shannon Dibble named MHSAA scholar-athlete

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Shannon Dibble
(MHSAA) scholar-athlete.

There are four eligibility requirements to enter the scholar-athlete contest. According to the MHSAA, a student must be a senior with at least a 3.5 grade point average who has received at least one varsity letter before graduation and is enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at an MHSAA member school.

Shannon Dibble, a Charlevoix High School student and daughter of David and Maria Dibble, has been named a 2006 Michigan High School Athletic Association

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Jim Kanine,
Charlevoix High School Athletic Director

"It's an enormous honor and it's very exciting," Dibble said. "And, I think it really embodies everything I've worked for throughout my high school career."

Dibble said the ability to show good sportsmanship while competing in sporting events in the good times as well as the bad is key to maintaining good character.

She added, "The bulk of the scholar-athlete contest application was a 500 word essay on the importance and value of sportsmanship in educational athletics."

Aside from maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, and being the 2006 Charlevoix High School co-valedictorian, Dibble has managed to earn four

varsity letters over the course of her four years on the basketball team and three varsity letters over the course of her three years on the track team.

She is also the National Honor Society president as well as the yearbook editor for the second year in a row.

While Dibble isn't sure which college she will attend, she plans to study

premed for a possible career in radiology.

Though only 32 students were chosen statewide, this year's MHSAA scholar-athlete contest yielded 2,145 applications from 470 schools. Of that, Dibble and fellow Charlevoix senior Nathaniel Sotuyo were two of 120 finalists chosen.

According to Charlevoix High School athletic director, Jim Kanine, the MHSAA made a great choice in Dibble and Sotuyo as finalists.

"They are as good as it gets in Charlevoix High School. And, they are as good as it gets anywhere else," Kanine said. "They just exemplify any

qualities you want to have in a son or daughter. They are just amazing."

He added, "They are involved in volunteer work and if you ask them to do something, they will do it."

The scholar-athlete award and the \$1,000 scholarship which accompanies it is the highest honor the MHSAA bestows, Kanine said.

Dibble will receive her award during ceremonies on March 25 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

The MHSAA is the private, not-for-profit organization which governs the athletic programs of 1,800 high schools as it pertains to common rules for eligibility and competition requirements.

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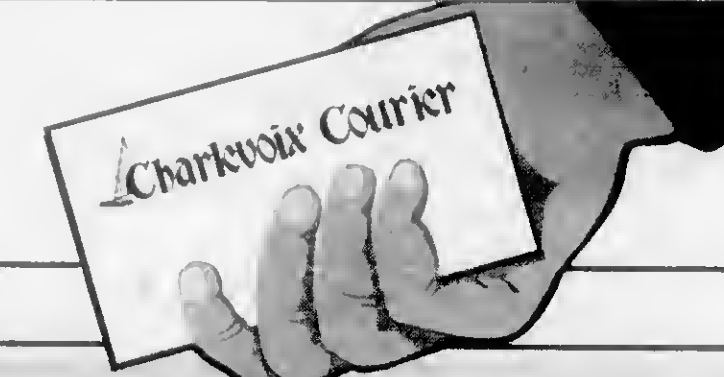
There will be a public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 Annual City Budget at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to inform citizens of local budgetary actions and provide the opportunity for participation in the local budget making process.

The proposed property tax millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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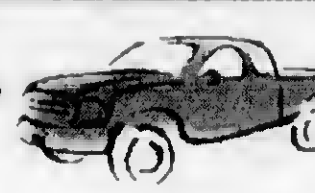
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New business aims to solve human resources headaches

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor



Shawn Hall

Big city human resources expertise is now available in Charlevoix.

Shawn Hall, president and founder of On-Call Human Resource Services, re-

located to Charlevoix from Grand Rapids in October 2005 and is now making her company's services available here.

"This is for companies that can't justify having a full-time HR person on staff. For a fraction of the cost they have someone with all the experience helping them," Hall said.

Hall, a member of the Society of Human Resource Management,

has been in the human resources field for over 15 years. In that time, she has worked for small and large companies including major retailers and manufacturers.

"I've done all of the school of hard knocks things," she said. With a long history in the field, she said she can now tailor her services to the needs of individual clients. Helping write employee handbooks, establish hiring procedures, polish job descriptions and keep clients in-line with applicable labor laws are just some of the services she offers.

She said she is available for quick questions or larger projects.

"It's just a big headache that I can take care of for them. Business owners have numerous responsibilities and it's usually only the most pressing issues that receive attention," Hall said. "So keeping up on the latest regulations surrounding employment isn't a high priority. Unfortunately, that could lead to

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Floyd and Nancy Wright, head of the committee to raise funds for the Boyne Rehabilitation Center, a subsidiary of Charlevoix Area Hospital, recently announced that the capital campaign is nearing its goal.

"We are delighted to be able to be this close to the goal and are pleased that we are now just \$50,000 short of the \$500,000 goal we set at the beginning of this campaign," said Floyd. "This committee, and the people of the Boyne City area, have responded remarkably to the challenge and the end result will be a facility that can accommodate more patients who have rehabilitation and physical therapy needs."

Charlevoix Area Hospital President, Bill Jackson, said, "We are so very pleased with the community response thus far and are hopeful that more people will

help to push this campaign over the top."

The expansion will double the size of the existing facility and will add important modalities not before offered on site, including a warm water therapeutic pool and expanded gym areas. The number of treatment rooms will be doubled, allowing 10 rooms for individualized care in a private setting. Industrial medicine patients will see improved and expanded space for evaluations and treatment and the pediatric treatment area will be greatly improved with additional space as well. The project is expected to be complete this spring.

Individuals or businesses interested in contributing to this project may call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation at (231) 547-8502 during normal business hours.

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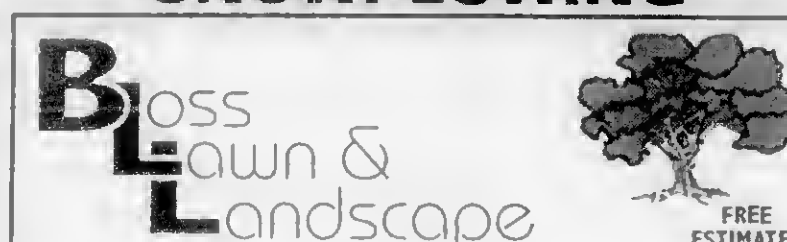
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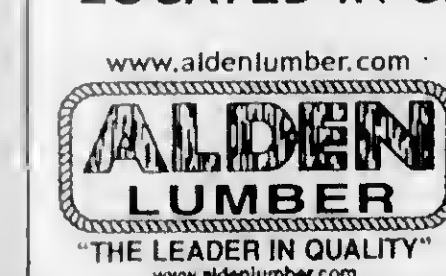
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Council overturns decision to hire HR manager

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor



Jim Shull

Charlevoix City Council reversed its decision to hire a human resources manager for the city.

Under miscellaneous business at council's meeting Feb. 20, first ward councilman Boh Timms requested information on overturning a decision council made at its Feb. 6 meeting.

At that meeting, a tie vote of council to approve a proposal from city manager Mike Wiesner to instate a human resources position was broken by mayor Norman Carlson.

Timms, who initially voted in favor of the new position said after

"I don't think it's something you have to have a high-paid person doing."

Bob Timms,
First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman

further review of the city's situation and the proposed position he changed his mind.

"I don't think it's something you have to have a high-paid person doing. It's more of a clerk duty than a supervisor type deal," he said.

Wiesner had requested council combine the current part-time airport manager's position with part-time human resources manager's responsibilities to create a full-time position. The proposed wage was \$42,214 with fringe benefits costing \$29,972.

Jim Shull, the city's airport manager who has worked there for a little over a year, currently works about 16 hours per week at the airport. He has said the job requires about 20 hours a week.

Wiesner's proposal was to tack on 20 hours a week which the airport manager would dedicate to human resources issues including worker's compensation questions, health insurance issues, completion of the city's employee handbook, drafting of job descriptions, maintenance of employment records and coordination of hiring.

Wiesner said this would reduce turnover in the airport manager's position and would better address holes in the city's existing human resources program.

Shull, 45, recently entered his resignation from the airport manager's position to accept a business manager's job at Ballard's Plumbing and Heating in Petoskey. His last day is March 10.

He said his resignation was not related to the city's discussions of the human resources position.

In spite of council's recent decision, Wiesner maintains that the city needs a human resources manager on staff.

"I see the need for day-to-day contact," Wiesner said.

But Timms said he feels the work the city needs done can be "farmed out."

The city currently employs 50 full-time staff members, 34 of which are affiliated with one of two unions as well as employing 75 seasonal workers. In 2005 the city issued 191 W-2s.

These duties currently fall primarily on the shoulders of Wiesner's administrative assistant Linda Weller who has worked for the city since 1978 and city treasurer Rick Brandt.

However, Weller said this is taking up 25 percent of her time in the off season and about 50 percent of her time in the summer. She said

her other responsibilities do not allow her to dedicate the time needed to human resources issues.

She said council's decision last week surprised her.

"I'm trying to evaluate other possibilities. This decision greatly affects everything I do with the city," she said. "God only made one of me."

First ward councilman Bill Haggard, who supports the city having a human resources manager on staff, said this recent decision leaves the city vulnerable.

"We are back to square one. I'm not sure exactly what will happen now," he said.

In this second council vote concerning the human resources manager's position, Timms along with third ward council member Shirley Gibson and second ward councilmen Gahe Campbell and Gene Beer voted against its creation. Haggard and third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain are in favor of creating the position.

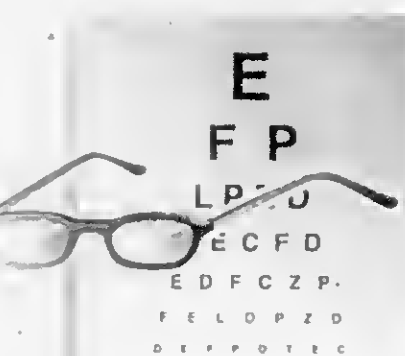
Northwest bands compete at festival



Courtesy photo

The Northwest Academy intermediate and advanced bands performed at the District II Band Festival on Feb. 24 and 25 in Petoskey. The Intermediate Band received two ratings of III and one II rating in concert and a II rating in sight reading for a final rating of III. The Advanced Band received two ratings of II and a I on stage and a rating of I in sight reading for an overall rating of II.

Band members pictured above are (front, from left) Jenice Kroon, Kellie Brethauer, Evan Themm, Amber Trudeau, Caitlyn Winnell, Kellie Young. (Back, from left) Sarah Brethauer, Lydia Weiso, Dan Schwartzfisher, Phoebe Allport, Anna Kroon, Sabine Hund, Amy Waldron, Devin Toton, Alanna Leslie, Grant Oliver, Jon Way, Tim Riley, Theresa Revitzer, Kevin Kreiser, Emma Maynard, Luke Herriman, Pat Hand, Alyssa Themm, Gary Toton and Director, Gary Stutzman.



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Northwest Academy seeks new school board members

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Northwest Academy of Charlevoix is accepting applications for two openings on its school board.

The deadline to file for candidacy is April 1 with a two-year term to begin by July 1.

The president of Northwest Academy's board, Joe Seidel said, "We are looking for any individual of good character. This person does not need to have any connection to the school."

Information about each candidate will be collected by Northwest Academy and sent to Saginaw Valley State University, which holds Northwest Academy's charter, for final selection.

Northwest Academy draws students from Petoskey, East Jordan, Atwood, Ellsworth and Charlevoix.

Current school board members include Treasurer Doug Way Jr., secretary Luann Griffin, vice-president Rick Beemon and board member Chris Martin.

School board meetings take place at 5:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call Northwest Academy at (231) 547-9000 or Joe Seidel at (231) 547-2181.

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Charlevoix student selected for Senate Youth Program

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Chuck Mason

For the second year in a row, Charlevoix is the hometown of one of only two students from Michigan selected for the United States Senate Youth Program.

From March 4 to March 11, Charlevoix High School senior, Chuck Mason, will be in Washington D.C. on a learning and sightseeing experience which is completely paid for by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. All 104 students chosen for the trip will also receive a \$5,000 scholarship to go toward undergraduate studies.

"I tried for it last year, but Chris Golski got the scholarship and went on to Georgetown," Mason said. "This year I applied and Jim Kanine and Mrs. Conway wrote letters of recommendation and I don't think they thought I would get it, and I didn't think I would get it."

Mason said he couldn't believe there was a chance of two students from the same city being chosen two years in a row.

"It's an amazing feeling to know that, what I've worked so hard for in all my life, has paid off towards my own advancement," Mason said. "I've probably been interested in politics since I was 12 or

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Chuck Mason,
United States Senate Youth Program participant

13 years old."

Mason said, while he's not sure whether he wants to go into political, social or psychological sciences, he does know he wants to do something where he can work with people.

"My parents taught me to have genuine compassion for people. Through them I learned that, having your own agenda is not always the best way of achieving what you want. Sometimes reaching out and helping other people is the best way to accomplish that and working through the social sciences is the best way it can be accomplished," he said.

Mason said if he takes anything away from this experience, he hopes it will be, "More understanding as to why and how things happen in our government. You watch the media every day and watch news and read papers and you only know so much because only so much information is given."

Mason said he looks forward to the many activities planned for the week in the nation's capital.

"There are many intellectually stimulating things planned. Different speakers come in, we'll see the Capitol Building, the White House, the Pentagon and at least a day will be spent in the Senate."

He added, "This is only a beginning and then you can leap off

from there. Hopefully this will help me establish a foothold."

The week in March will be Mason's fourth trip to Washington D.C.

"I've been there three times," he said. "Last year for the presidential inauguration, once in eighth grade for the regular trip and the other time was for a leadership conference."

According to the youth senate program Web site, the United States Senate Youth Program was established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution 324 and originated by three U.S. senators because they felt the "continued vitality of our republic depends, in part, on the intelligent understanding of our political processes and the functions of our national government by the citizens of the United States."

"The program is set up to educate those who might spend their lives working in the government and trying to do better," Mason said.

This program allows two students from each state to spend a week in Washington learning how the federal government works.

The students get to hear policy addresses by cabinet members, senators, and officials from the Departments of State, the Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

Two dogs killed in Norwood Township house fire Feb. 26

At 6:23 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 the City of Charlevoix Fire Department was called to a structure fire at 1161 Norwood Road in Norwood Township, the Bruce O'Conner and Paula Pace residence.

Firefighters arrived to find a fire in the kitchen of the residence. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire, but smoke damage affected the entire ground floor of the home. Damage to the basement was limited to water damage.

The fire started on the stove, when cooking was left unat-

tended.

No people were injured in the fire.

However, two dogs were killed due to smoke inhalation. Two cats survived the fire and the whereabouts of a third cat is unknown.

Banks Township and Charlevoix Township fire departments responded for mutual aid and water supply assistance.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff Department also responded and handled traffic control duties.

Firefighters were on scene for about two-and-a-half hours.

Official Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Monday, March 6, 2006, 7:00 pm

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix MI to receive public input on a proposed amendment to Title VIII, Chapter 99 of the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will revise the current sign ordinance in its entirety.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Synopsis Monday, February 20, 2006 - 7:00 p.m. 210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed accepting the settlement offer of \$2,300 from the Eveleigh lawsuit.
- Motion passed adjourning further consideration of the development plan review for 115 Pine River Lane (Rivulet Pointe Resort Hotel) pending further findings of fact.
- Motion to table the development plan review to March 6, 2006 meeting.
- Council referred the request from Devon Corporation for through-the-gate airport access agreement to staff for presentation at the next meeting.
- Motion passed approving the contract with Hydro Designs, Inc. to fully implement a cross connection program for the City water utilities.
- Motion passed to interview three candidates for airport consultant engineering services. The interview committee will consist of the City Manager, the Airport Manager, Council members Beer and Haggard, and Mayor Carlson.
- Motion passed to set a public hearing for March 6, 2006 for the proposed sign ordinance.
- Motion passed to reconsider the airport manager/human resources position.
- Motion passed dissolving the joint airport manager/human resources position.
- Resolution 2005-02-01 adopted, support of the public acquisition of the Big Rock Point property.

Council adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Kur released from Whistleblower's judgement in individual capacity

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Mary Beth Kur

Former Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Mary Beth Kur will not have a judgment against her pertaining to the Whistleblower's

Act lawsuit filed against her and the county.

An order dismissing Mary Beth Kur in her individual capacity, was signed by Thomas G. Power, a circuit judge in Grand Traverse County on Feb. 13.

This dismissal comes nearly nine months after two former Charlevoix County employees were awarded over \$1 million dollars in the settlement of the Whistleblower's Act suit they brought against Kur and Charlevoix County.

"I was pleased to see that the judge granted our motion," Kur said.

Kur said the judgment has been satisfied and this dismissal is merely a housekeeping matter.

"It's the final piece of paper after a trial is over with. It sets forth what the verdict is," she said. "The long-range practical effects of it, I guess, remain to be seen."

This most recent activity pertaining to the Whistleblower's Act case comes just weeks after one of the plaintiffs from the suit, Jacqueline Rozema, filed another lawsuit against the county requesting she be granted \$400,000 in damages for future health care costs.

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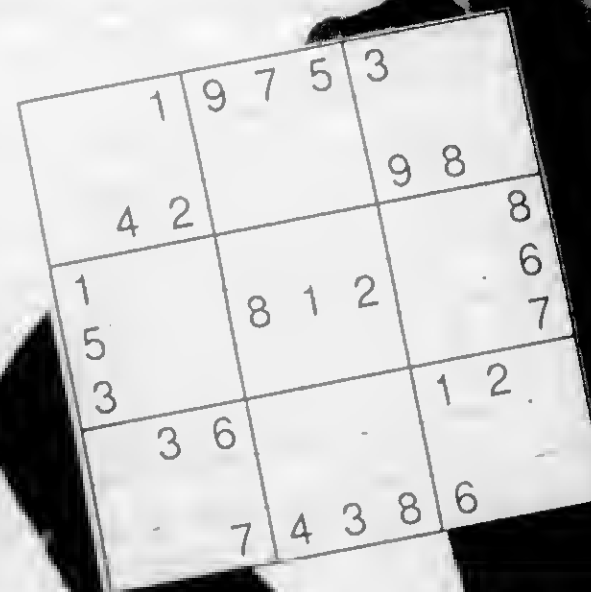
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Juniors: The time to plan for college is now



John Prescott
'Kids' corner'

As spring approaches, it is a critical time for high school juniors to begin to get into the "serious mode" for their college planning.

Too often juniors think that college is all about their senior year and they have an attitude of, "I'll get to that next year," when in reality, they are already late in the process.

At Charlevoix Public Schools, the High School Student Services Office informs students as early as their freshman year to attend "College Nights" in order to gain a better understanding of what colleges expect from them before they apply.

When it comes to college selection, the first thing that a student should be looking at is the program of study. Too often a student wants to attend a college for all the wrong reasons. It could be that they have seen the college's basketball or football team on television and think it would be really cool to be one of those students with their face painted holding the sign, "Hey mom, send money." Or sometimes it comes from family pressure. Though these

might be good reasons for some, they aren't the best for most students.

Students should begin to look for colleges that offer their program of interest. A good example of this is the student who wants to be a lawyer chooses a school with a good pre-law program. Caution should be applied here, because keep in mind, colleges are businesses looking for your money. They may not have a pre-law program, but they do have a "related program." Using our pre-law student as an example, this could be a social studies major with emphasis on the law of the United States, not a true pre-law program.

A close second to the college selection is the cost. In today's world, I hate to say that cost interferes with education, but it does. Too often students say they want to go out-of-state to attend college, but out-of-state tuition is nearly double or even triple in-state costs. Parents need to understand that college will cost money and for many this means incurring loans to pay for tuition and fees. It's a rare case these days to see a full, four-year all expense paid scholarship.

The junior year is the year the students should begin finalizing their searches and narrowing down their choices. It's good for students to have three types of choices for their post-secondary education. The first choice is the "dream school." This is the school that they have dreamed of

going to since they were little. The second choice is a school that would still fulfill their desired college major with maybe slightly lower admissions standards. The third choice is the college that still has their program of interest, but has an open-door admission policy.

As stated earlier, college will cost money and many people shy away from the private schools because of the cost of attendance. Parents and students should understand that though the initial cost might be high, there are many grants and scholarship programs available at these schools that are not available to students who attend public institutions. Every student is different when it comes down to what these schools will offer, and before you reject the private schools, parents should sit down and review some of the scholarships available to their child.

Size is also a factor to consider. Sometimes just the size of the school is too overwhelming for the student with in the past. It may have sounded great at graduation to be accepted at one of these schools, but when their classes are miles away from their dorm rooms and there are no friends to walk to class with, it sometimes seems easier to just come home.

The best way to avoid these mistakes is to visit the campus, and I

mean visit, not going to hang out with other students, but to really visit the campus. Parents and their student should take the admissions office guided tour of the campus. Request to sit-in on classes and see what really takes place in the college classroom. It is also wise to ask to speak with the instructor within the department that your child will be applying to in the future. For example, if your child wants to be an elementary teacher, ask the admissions counselor if you could possibly speak with the department chair or lead instructor for the department of education. When you make that contact, ask to speak with students in the program, and get their insight into how to better prepare for what lies ahead for your child.

The application process itself can be overwhelming for some. Some applications are very simple to do where others may require three essays to be written by the student as well as three recommendations from school staff and community members. Some larger schools will require this just to see how serious students are about attending their institutions.

The application process is becoming more and more technical each

year. Many schools have their applications on-line and some have done away with the paper applications. Students should be prepared to take some time to first review the application before filling it out. It's critical that they complete all parts of the application and not delay their acceptance by leaving something blank.

When students complete their applications on-line, the students typically will get a counselor verification page that they will take to their high school guidance office. The counselor will then verify the student's class rank, grade point average and list of classes and credits. The counselor will then forward that information and the student's transcript to the college.

Most importantly, the process should be started early. Applications are on-line and it is never too early to review what is going to be required, by going on-line and seeing what each college is going to request. If you have more questions contact your local school counseling office.

John Prescott is the counselor at Charlevoix High School. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-3222.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age-specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for March reading.

Harriet Ziefert, "Circus Parade."

Ages 2-5
Ziefert's whimsical characters portray the visual music that is the Circus Parade. The clowns, animals and children are all having fun as they march to the "rum-a-tee-tum" of the drums. This story is a fun-loving romp, full of anticipation, waiting for the circus.

Judy Cox, "Don't be silly, Mrs. Millie!"

Ages 4-6
This is the perfect book for a child hesitant to go to kindergarten. Mrs.

Millie is a silly kindergarten teacher who uses funny words throughout the day, evoking giggles from all her students. She starts the day by asking the students to hang up their "goats," and ends the day with a wave and a "butterfly." Of course, the children think she is hilarious and magically get through their day of learning and adventure with smiles.

Judy Allen, "Fantasy Encyclopedia."

Ages 8-14
This is a comprehensive guide to creatures and peoples from folklore and fantasy. There are beautiful drawings and photos to accompany each entry, some of which you will recognize. My favorite part of the book though, is each entry includes cross-references to books and mov-

ies where the creature is featured. A great read for lovers of this genre as well as for parents looking for the next good book for their child to read.

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City Council will not pursue sanctions from Eveleighs

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

In a 5-1 vote on Feb. 20 Charlevoix City Council accepted a \$2,900 payoff from Grewal and Associates P.C., attorneys involved in a land dispute between Charlevoix residents Robert and Mary Eveleigh and the city.

"Early on the city offered to enter into an order to dismiss the case without attorney fees. That was something their (the Eveleighs') attorneys (Grewal and Associates P.C.) should have obviously accepted," city attorney Jim Young said.

According to Young, this settlement agreement closes the appeal filed by the Lansing based law firm Grewal and Associates P.C. on Jan. 9 with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

This appeal followed a final judgment made by Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas on Nov. 4, 2005. In this judgment Pajtas determined that the lawsuit filed against the city by Grewal and Associates P.C. on behalf of the Eveleighs was frivolous.

In this final judgment Pajtas ruled in favor of the defendants and granted them sanctions including \$6,563.21 to the City of Charlevoix; \$3,300 to the Sheffer family that owned the Eveleigh property before them; and \$7,257.50 to Northern Michigan Title Company, the title company that handled the property split.

Under this ruling the city is entitled to collect \$6,563.21 from Grewal and Associates P.C. or the Eveleighs. City council's vote did not include pursuit of sanctions against the Eveleighs.

Mayor Norman Carlson said, "In their (the Eveleighs) mind they truly believe it was not frivolous. I would hope we take the \$2,900 from the attorneys and put the matter to rest."

However, third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain disagreed. He was the lone vote against the settlement because he feels the city should pursue sanctions against the Eveleighs.

"I'm tired of frivolous lawsuits and no one being held responsible. The city spent a lot of time explaining the facts to her (Mary Eveleigh)," Chamberlain said.

The Eveleighs sued the city and the other parties claiming their property was illegally split in the 1980s; thus making it difficult for them to sell it.

The couple considered a property sale about two years ago.

In a previous interview, Mary Eveleigh said, "It's a mess, in essence we don't have a marketable piece of property."

According to court documents, the Eveleighs claim the property they bought on land contract from the Sheffers at 208 East Dixon Avenue was illegally split in 1984 from another section of land owned by the Sheffers.

They claim the city did not take action on this matter when it was discovered and did not enforce its ordinances as a result. They further claim Northern Title did not conduct a thorough title search.

In a memo from city attorney Bryan Graham to city planner Gerry Harsch with regard to this matter he states that the city has no record of the split. But in 1985 the city recorded the division on the city tax roll and separately

assessed the parcels.

"The city cannot now take legal action to force the recombination of the parcels to their pre-1984 configuration," Graham stated.

Graham said the Eveleigh property is recognized as a non-conforming lot of record and can be sold as such. He said this designation does not limit use of the property.

"There was absolutely no basis for this lawsuit," Graham said.

But the Eveleighs disagree and feel the city acted unlawfully in designating the property as a non-conforming lot of record.

The Eveleighs claim the city also "invoked its zoning powers by creating spot zoning on the (Eveleigh) property from R-1 to R-2, thereby depriving them of their property."

The Eveleighs had visited the Charlevoix City Council on the matter in the fall of 2004. They claimed the previous owners of the property, the Sheffers, split the lot without going through the proper procedures that were in place according to city and state law.

However, after several meetings on the matter with the Eveleighs, Young informed them and city council that the lot was not illegally split according to laws in the city at that time.

There are different laws dealing with lot splits in place now, including the 1997 Land Division Ordinance that would make a split such as theirs illegal now, Young said.



Photos by Julie Witthoef

Students take the stage

Charlevoix High School's performing arts students took the stage in their director Connie Ford's original script and score "Isle of Tears" Feb. 25 and 26 at Charlevoix High School.

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SPORTS

Rayders to host basketball district finals

Haske: Team inconsistent leading into playoffs

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders upped their record to 11-7 overall and 8-5 in the Lake Michigan Conference with two more league wins, defeating Elk Rapids, 71-64 and Boyne City, 85-70. The Rayders also lost at Kalkaska, 81-69.

"We've been up and down all year," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "I don't know if it's our youth, our lack of a true big man or what, but we're hoping for more consistency."

The Rayders don't have much time left for improvement as they close out the regular season this week and host the districts next week for the first time since 1998.

It was a two-pronged attack that led Charlevoix past Elk Rapids as sophomore Dustin Dibble and junior Matt

Who: Class C District Tournament #91
What: Rayders open play at 6 p.m. March 6
When: March 6, 8 and 10
Where: Charlevoix High School
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Keith Haske

Kautz combined for 48 points in the win.

The Rayders led 21-11 after the first quarter but went cold and were outscored by the Elks in the middle two quarters, 38-

22. Charlevoix overcame the deficit in the fourth quarter with a 28-15 advantage to close out the game.

"We started the game flat, had two really ugly quarters and played a good fourth quarter," Haske explained.

Dibble finished with 25 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Kautz had 23 points, six assists and six steals. Mitch Crandall had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

At Kalkaska, the Blazers used a 23-14 second quarter lead to take a 12-

not on our game. It was very disappointing."

Dibble again led Rayder scorers with 23 points and seven rebounds. Crandall had 15 points and eight rebounds.

Charlevoix used a huge 32-12 third quarter advantage to come from behind and take control against Boyne City.

"I thought we played one of our best quarters of the season (in the third quarter)," Haske said. "And that was the difference in the ball game."

Crandall scored 18 points, Dibble had 16 and Kautz 14. Derek Friske

and Tyler Haske each scored nine. The Rayders played at East Jordan on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Results were not available at press time.

They close the regular season at home against unbeaten and Class D no. 1 ranked Bellaire at 6 p.m. this Friday, March 3.

Charlevoix hosts the district and opens play at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 6 against Harbor Springs.

The winner of that game will play Boyne City at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8. The district final will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 10.

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SPORTS

Rayder volleyball team enters districts on a winning streak

By SCOTT RICHARDS
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayder varsity volleyball team picked up two more victories as they head into district play.

The lady Rayders traveled to Harbor Springs on Monday, Feb. 27 to battle Harbor Springs and Grayling and came away with wins against both.

According to head coach Liz Grunch, she was pleased to see the team compete successfully in spite of the loss of Zita Anderson, one of the team's key players, who is recovering from an unplanned surgery.

Grunch had to call up Desi Faust from the junior varsity team and said, "She had to fill in some pretty big shoes, and she did."

Faust had 26 assists, 10 aces and 7 kills against Harbor and Grayling on Monday.

Anderson will miss the rest of conference and district play while she recovers.

The Rayders were perfect in all their matches against Harbor Springs with the scores of 25-11,

25-16 and 25-18.

Grayling also fell to the Rayders by scores of 25-8, 25-19 and 25-19.

The totals for Monday were Ashlie Bradley with 19 kills, 8 digs and 22 assists. Bethany Pearson had 11 digs, 5 blocks and 11 kills. Murphy Gillespie and Sally Haselschwardt each had 7 kills. Emily Heffling had 14 digs and Jourdan Holecheek had 5 kills.

The last Charlevoix volleyball Lake Michigan Conference game at 4:30 p.m. this Thursday, March 2 at Traverse City St. Francis.

They return to Traverse City St. Francis for districts. In their first match of the tournament they will face Suttons Bay at noon on Saturday, March 4 in a best of five game.

"Once the districts begin it's a one game season," Grunch said. "Whoever shows up with their best game is going to take it, it's not going to be easy, Suttons Bay is the team to beat."

If the Rayders win their district opener, they will face either Traverse City St. Francis or East Jordan later that afternoon.

Varsity girls' ski team finish in first place at championship

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix-East Jordan boys' and girls' ski teams competed at the Lake Michigan Conference Championships on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Boyne Mountain.

The boys finished in 4th place overall with a total of 117.5 points.

In the slalom event, the boys finished in 3rd place with 52 points. The team was led by Mac Brennan, in 7th place with a time of one minute and 6.74 seconds. He was followed by Cameron Attee in 10th with 1:07.77 minutes; Billy Brodin in 17th with 1:10.22 minutes; Nie Williams in 18th with 1:10.76 minutes; Geoff Baier in 21st with 1:14.10 minutes; and Tanner Fisher in 27th with 1:38.07 minutes.

The boys' B team was led by Michael Cardwell in 2nd with a time of 1:16.84 minutes. He was followed by Jason Palmrose in 3rd with 1:17.44 minutes; Zach Smith in 4th with 1:19.12 minutes; Logan Priess in 9th with 1:23.93 minutes; Ben Archer in 10th with 1:28.94 minutes; Jacob Crawford in 12th with 1:34.59 minutes; Andrew Boyer in 13th with 1:38.30 minutes; and Joe Hidakatsu in 14th with 1:39.21 minutes.

In the giant slalom event, the boys placed 5th overall with 65.5 points. The team was led by Attee in 14th with 49.58 seconds. He was followed by Brennan in 15th with 49.65 seconds; Brodin in 16th with 49.85 seconds; Cardwell in 20th with 50.79 seconds; Fisher in 22nd with 51.17 seconds; and Williams in 25th with 52.18 seconds.

The boys' B team was led by Baier in 2nd with 50.88 seconds; Smith in 3rd with 50.98 seconds; Palmrose in 4th with 52.16 seconds; Priess in 5th with 52.94 seconds; Archer in 8th with 55.53 seconds; Crawford in 10th with 59.30 seconds; and Hidakatsu in 12th with 1:00.66 minutes.

The girls finished 1st overall with a total of 65 points.

In the slalom event, the girls finished in 1st place with a total of 33 points. The girls were led by Katherine Rowley in 1st with 1:02.48 minutes; Kelsey Poinneau in 4th with 1:06.46 minutes; Elizabeth Hasseld in 12th with 1:10.47 minutes; Mary Gocha in 16th with 1:12.33 minutes; Emily Bajko in 17th with 1:13.23 minutes; and Stephanie Poindester in 25th with 1:22.26 minutes.

The girls' B team was led by Kristen Kovel in 2nd with a time of 1:25.32

minutes; and Hailey Crick in 3rd with 1:35.06 minutes.

In the giant slalom event, the girls placed 1st overall with a total of 32 points. The team was led by Rowley in 1st with 43.95 seconds; Poinneau in 2nd with 46.84 seconds; Bajko in 14th with 50.30 seconds; Hasseld in 15th with 50.88 seconds; and Poindester in 22nd with 54.39 seconds.

The girls' B team was led by Crick in 1st with 53.53 seconds, and Kovel in 2nd with 56.77 seconds.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Men's Senior League Feb. 20, 2006				R & C Roofing Feb. 20, 2006				Double Deckers - Feb. 19, 2006			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
B VanLoe & Sons	24	8	151	St. Mary's	151	299	151	Blanchard Crain	25	11	11
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	19	13	151	Robert Russell	515	203	515	Russell A & J	25	11	11
J Arnold Painting "A"	16	16	539	Roger Crain	539	198	539	Webb	23.5	12.5	12.5
Bud's Buds	16	16	198	Scott Kehrer	198	155	198	Stadel	20.5	15.5	15.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	15	17	155	Ray Browne	155	195	155	Thomas	20	16	16
J Arnold Painting "Z"	14	18	513	Larry Potter	513	195	513	Spencer	20	16	16
Selph Trucking	14	18	195	Young Al Hearts - Feb. 23, 2006	195	18	195	Russell C & R	19.5	16.5	16.5
The Flight Deck	10	22	18	W	L	Series	Game	Fitzpatrick Bindi	18	18	18
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
Scott Blechel	612	254	612	Spartans	24	8	24	Steen	18	18	18
Shawn Putman	609	222	609	Has Bennis	19	13	19	Ferguson	17	19	19
Tim Roth	592	222	592	Hall & Hall	18	14	18	Nordman	16	20	20
Del Hart	592	222	592	Alley Cats	16	16	16	Bradley	15	21	21
Church League - Feb. 22, 2006				Church League - Feb. 22, 2006				Church League - Feb. 22, 2006			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
Paul Bunyan Lanes	284	166	284	Irish Rollers	9	23	9	Kathy Bradley	541	201	201
Lakeshore Tire	247	203	247	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
Luthers	246	204	246	Series	Game	Series	Game	Roger Crain	517	193	193
Ferguson & Chamberlain	241	209	241	Tom Wanek	514	211	514	Ron Bindi	517	193	193
Shane Farm Insurance	239	211	239	Eldon Potter	477	178	477	Robert Russell	517	193	193
White Paine & Stein	215	234	215	Mo Dixon	494	175	494	John Browne	511	196	196
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
Paul Bunyan Lanes	284	166	284	Bill Zimmerman	478	182	478	John Ferguson	511	196	196
Lakeshore Tire	247	203	247	Irre Cellner	406	176	406	Carrie LaBlance	479	186	186
Luthers	246	204	246	Nancy Zimmerman	423	148	423	Susan Fitzpatrick	477	182	182
Ferguson & Chamberlain	241	209	241	Beverly Smith	423	148	423	Mary Jane Grunch	477	182	182
Shane Farm Insurance	239	211	239	Sue Lochner	445	145	445	Carle Spencer	456	181	181
White Paine & Stein	215	234	215	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			

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SPORTS

Two Rayder wrestlers qualify for state championships



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Mat Golovich was one of four Charlevoix High School wrestlers to compete at the Individual Regional Tournament Feb. 25 at Manton High School. Jeff Golovich and Jed Daman qualified for the state championship to take place March 8 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Entering with four and exiting with two, the Charlevoix Rayder wrestling team traveled to Manton High School on Saturday Feb. 25 for the Individual Regional Tournament.

Seniors Jeff Golovich, Jed Daman, Matt Novotny and freshman Mat Golovich all competed in the event. At 119 pounds, Mat Golovich started off the day wrestling the two time national freestyle champion Riley Ewalt, who is a freshman at Carson City with a record of 42-0. Golovich fell to Ewalt by pin. His second match was against senior, Josh Kotecki from Muskegon Catholic with record of 25-16. Golovich was pinned at 2:50 minutes.

Ending his season with 38 wins and 14 losses, Mat Golovich broke the school record for freshman wins when he passed 27 on Feb. 4. He qualified for regionals as a freshman and had 14 pins this season.

Wrestling at 145 pounds, Daman ended the day Saturday with a 3-1 record. His first match was against senior Mike Barnhart from Carson City (36-16). Daman won by decision with a score of 11-9. His second match was against senior Zac Maloney from Whittamore Prescott (53-0) and fell with a final score of 14-6. Junior Tyler Schuitman from Rogers City (41-15) came next and Daman defeated him by decision 8-4. Fighting for the third place medal and trip to the State Championships Daman outscored junior Rubin Flores from Holton (43-4) 7-5 during the last match of the day.

Daman's record is now at 48-8. Novotny wrestled at 152 pounds on Saturday. His first match was against senior Derek Russell from Kent City with a record of 43-4. Novotny lost by pin. Wrestling senior Shane Vigilante from Belmont (39-13), Novotny fell by decision

with a final score of 12-3.

Ending his career with 111 wins and only 62 losses, Novotny had 19 pins and a final record of 35-17 this season.

At a light 189 pounds, Jeff Golovich took on senior Ryan Dubie from Hesperia (31-18) on Saturday morning. Jeff Golovich won by major decision with a score of 10-1. Next came first seated senior Ben Dollinger from Carson City. Golovich fell 5-1. Wrestling senior Nathan Bayne from Holton (44-14), Jeff Golovich dominated with decision score of 12-5. In his final match of the day, Jeff Golovich wrestled Dubie again, pinning him in 2:58 minutes. This placed him third in regionals. With a current record of 47-5, Jeff Golovich will be traveling to the Palace of Auburn Hills on Wednesday, March 8, along with Daman, for the Individual State Championships.

Grant deadline for community foundations

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The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives,

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Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Emmet or Charlevoix County and have a non-profit tax status. The deadline for grant requests is April 3.

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2006-2007 Proposed BUDGET REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY - ALL FUNDS • February 23, 2006

There will be a public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 Annual City Budget at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to inform citizens of local budgetary actions and provide the opportunity for participation in the local budget making process. The proposed property tax millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available at City Hall or the Charlevoix Public Library for public inspection.

	GENERAL FUND	MAJOR STREET	LOCAL STREET	AIRPORT	ELECTRIC	SEWER	WATER	MARINA	DDA	CEMETERY TRUST	TOTAL	2005-06
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State & Federal Grants	287,900	231,300	70,800	943,300				6,421,000			7,954,300	9,291,600
Charges for Services	611,100				5,627,837	835,500	712,100	215,100		5,100	8,006,737	7,807,265
Fines & Forfeits	28,900				40,800	5,000	5,500				80,200	67,400
Interest & Rents	125,300	1,600	1,200	137,000	95,200	30,400	21,600	8,000	38,300	14,000	473,600	263,100
Other	19,900			7,500	2,100	95,400	2,000				126,900	132,000
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Fund Transfers	219,600	31,000	17,400		731,518	499,100	248,900		80,000	61,800	1,809,318	2,046,268
Appropriation-Surplus												
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$3,296,800	\$586,700	\$168,400	\$1,112,800	\$6,690,893	\$1,675,400	\$1,211,600	\$11,444,100	\$5,814,700	\$80,900	\$32,082,293	\$30,101,033
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Ragamuffins present Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company of Charlevoix will be presenting an "interactive" musical theater version of Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory, at 7 p.m. on March 3 and at 2 p.m. on March 4 at the United Methodist Church in Petoskey.

Both shows are sponsored by Petoskey Children's Nursery to raise funds and awareness of the school as a positive resource in the community.

Coordinator Karla Stokel experienced last summer's presentation of Willy Wonka in Charlevoix and couldn't wait to bring it to Petoskey.

"It's such a delightful event, and I

loved the idea of combining theater with activity. My kids are still talking about it even though they saw it last summer, and they can't wait to participate again," Stokel said.

Lead actress, Brittni Whittaker's light-hearted, sly portrayal of Wonka is well worth the ticket price.

"Her eye-movements, imperturbable facial expressions, impish smile and side glance, are reminiscent of Gene Wilder's classic performance," states production attendee R.G. Sell in a review of the show.

Aside from being entertained by a large cast of Oompa Loompas, audience members will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of different "chocolate factory" games, which of course includes eating lots of chocolate.

Ragamuffin Theatre will select volunteers for activities throughout the evening's program. Willing participants will then search for hidden golden tickets; build their own everlasting gobstoppers; and compete for prizes during the fizzy lifting liquid "burp" contest.

"Everyone will leave with a prize of some sort," said director Kathleen Whittaker. "This event is about discovering the beauty of pure imagination while celebrating the child within."

The classic story will be told in a creative new way and is not limited to children. Adults will be invited to join in the fun of creating memories with their children or grandchildren, by experiencing interaction similar to the productions main characters, Charlie and Grandpa Joe.

Tickets are \$10 each, and can be purchased on-line by visiting www.RagamuffinTheatre.com, or by calling (231) 348-6949. You may also purchase tickets at the door. However, seating will be limited each performance.



Courtesy photo

(Above) Andrea Rizzo plays the part of Violet Beauregarde in the Ragamuffin Theatre & Company production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory to take place at 7 p.m. on March 3 and at 2 p.m. on March 4 at the United Methodist Church in Petoskey.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2005-2006 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The following Budget Amendment #1 is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006:

			Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund Revenues	Taxes	Rv	1,728,500	1,774,946	46,446
	Licenses & Permits	Rv	8,500	6,500	(2,000)
	Federal Grants	Rv	0	15,796	15,796
	State Grants	Rv	276,500	295,802	19,302
	Charges for Services	Rv	642,500	565,997	(76,503)
	Fines & Forfeits	Rv	27,600	23,925	(3,675)
	Interest & Rents	Rv	116,500	126,374	9,874
	Other	Rv	4,900	37,698	32,798
	Fund Transfers	Rv	172,500	272,297	99,797
	RV Total		2,977,500	3,119,335	141,835
General Fund Expense	Legislative	Ex	51,000	54,235	3,235
	General Govt	Ex	488,700	493,383	4,683
	Public Safety/Health	Ex	1,158,000	1,158,522	522
	Public Works	Ex	158,200	169,566	11,366
	Recreation & Culture	Ex	963,600	1,070,631	107,031
	Other	Ex	170,100	62,140	(107,960)
	Fund Transfers	Ex	110,000	110,000	0
	EX Total		3,099,600	3,118,477	18,877
Major Street	RV Total		230,100	229,135	(965)
	EX Total		222,600	241,336	18,736
Local Street	RV Total		156,200	151,558	(4,642)
	EX Total		149,200	143,564	(5,636)
Airport Fund	RV Total		2,069,000	2,117,097	48,097
	EX Total		2,110,700	2,161,308	50,608
Downtown Development Authority	RV Total		4,742,900	730,562	(4,012,338)
	EX Total		4,543,037	602,166	(3,940,871)
PI#6 Infrastructure Improvements	RV Total		569,300	561,426	(7,874)
	EX Total		353,989	465,912	111,923
PI#9 Industrial Park Improvements	RV Total		5,000	4,500	(500)
	EX Total		2,000	27,263	25,263
PI#10 City Hall Improvements	RV Total		238,300	274,100	35,800
	EX Total		464,300	485,192	20,892
Electric Fund	RV Total		5,470,965	5,400,635	(70,330)
	EX Total		6,135,358	5,882,852	(252,506)
Sewer Fund	RV Total		893,300	1,198,841	305,541
	EX Total		1,192,900	1,224,157	31,257
Manna Fund	RV Total		10,800,600	256,760	(10,543,840)
	EX Total		10,751,400	144,043	(10,607,357)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total		1,269,400	1,607,544	338,144
	EX Total		1,200,077	1,334,714	134,637
Motor Pool	RV Total		460,100	495,348	35,248
	EX Total		568,200	581,779	13,579
DPW Site	RV Total		136,800	136,800	0
	EX Total		131,800	136,600	4,800
Perpetual Care Fund	RV Total		15,000	13,000	(2,000)
	EX Total		0	4,200	4,200

Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens have the opportunity to give written or oral comments and are welcomed. Richard Brandt, City Treasurer

Local scouts excel at Klondike Derby Feb. 18



Courtesy photo

The annual Boy Scout Klondike Derby took place on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers in Boyne Falls. Over 260 Scouts from five counties participated in the Northern District event. Following the derby, a snow shoe race was held. Pictured above is the overall winning first place participant Nicholas Snabes (left) and second place participant Kyle McGarey (right.)



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The Charlevoix Cub Scouts of the "Wolverine Patrol," Pack 11, braving zero degree weather, took first place in the Webelos Division at the Feb. 18 Klondike Derby. Scouts pull a klondike sled loaded with supplies, to several stations where they are tested on the skills they have learned, trying to earn as many "Gold Nuggets" as possible throughout the day. (Above) Collecting the most Gold Nuggets, are the "Fantastic Four" of the Wolverine Patrol, Charlevoix, Pack 11. (Front, from left) Kyle McGarey and Dan Scott. (Middle) Jeff Musser and Nicholas Snabes. (Back) Dan Riley, Den Chief, Troop 11.



Public Welcome!

Annual Meeting and Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 11, 2006

8:00-10:00am Pancake Breakfast

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Student built garage bids to be accepted

Bids are being accepted for the student-built garage during the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders annual home show March 10-12, at North Central Michigan College.

Students from construction trade programs in Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey public schools are involved in the project, along with teachers Tom Neidhamer, Brian Certa and Larry Liebler.

The 24-by-24 foot garage has a 5/12 roof slope, two windows, one entry door, one 8-by-15 foot overhead garage door, and will be rough wired.

Those interested in bidding can pick up the 2006 garage bid sheet at the Little Traverse Association of Home Builders' booth at the home show. Bids will be accepted from 6 p.m. Friday, March 10, until 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12. The minimum bid is \$6,000.

The winning bidder can have the garage constructed between April 15 and May 15, 2006, on their home site in Emmet or Charlevoix counties. The garage will be built by students and supervised by construction trades education staff provided by the participating schools.

Students and staff in the construction trade program, as well as numerous other career and technical education programs in area schools are supported by the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.



Courtesy photo

Little Traverse Association of Home Builders Garage Build Coordinator Carl Wager (second from left) goes over the garage build bidding project with construction technology teachers (from left) Brian Certa of Charlevoix High School, Tom Neidhamer of Boyne City Schools (seated center), and Larry Liebler from Petoskey Schools (standing right). Students in these three building trades classes are participating in the garage build, which will be awarded during the March 10-12 Home Show at North Central Michigan College.

Recycling fund-raiser at St. Mary School

Students and members of St. Mary School and church have been earning money by participating in the FundingFactory Recycling Program.

Students collect empty laser and inkjet cartridges and used cell phones from the community and send the waste products to FundingFactory in exchange for their choice of technology and recreation products, or even cash.

FundingFactory will send postage-paid shipping boxes for the return of collected cartridges and cell phones to companies interested in participating.

Community and business supporters can also drop off cartridges and cell phones at St. Mary School in the gathering space.

To learn more about supporting St. Mary School call Carl Shuttler at (231) 547-9441.

Church of the Nazarene Family Fun Night March 4

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene invites the public to attend a family fun night. Representatives of the church will provide a previewing of a new Veggie Tales video at 7 p.m. on Saturday March 4 at the church.

located at 12023 Waller Road in Charlevoix.

Prizes and refreshments will be offered.

For more information contact Jackie Gilmore at (231) 237-0533

Official Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE Charlevoix Township Board of Review 2006

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Rd., Tuesday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2006 assessment roll.

Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 13, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 14 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall.

Charlevoix Township Tentative Ratios and Multipliers are subject to change by the Assessing Office, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization.

Listed below are the Ratios and Multipliers		
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of: **VIRGINIA Y. OLSEN REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D 04/10/1998**

Date of Birth: 06/24/26

TO ALL CREDITORS: whose names and addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Trustee, **Virginia Y. Olsen**, who lived at 101 McSuba Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, died on February 3, 2006.

There will be no probate estate filed for Virginia Y. Olsen. Mrs. Olsen had no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of her death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Virginia Y. Olsen or the Virginia Y. Olsen Revocable Trust ("Trust"), UAD April 10, 1998, will be forever barred or affected unless presented to Successor Trustee, James J. Murray, Esq., 303 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 within 4 (four) months after the date of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. James J. Murray, Esq. (P40413) 303 Howard Street Petoskey, MI 49770 (231) 348-6413

James J. Murray, Esq. 303 Howard Street Petoskey, MI 49770 (231) 348-6413 L(03/01, 03/08, 03/15, 03/22)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 05-010908-DE

Estate of Terrence C. Purdie, deceased. Date of Birth: March 15, 1940

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Terrence C. Purdie, who lived at 901 Wilson Street, Boyne City, MI 49712, died September 1, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ranae Purdie, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the

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Ranae Purdie
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Kewadin, MI 49648
(231) 264-6512 L(03/01)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 06-010943-DE

Estate of Lillian M. Brown, deceased. Date of Birth: September 7, 1913

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lillian M. Brown, who lived at 00699 E. Deer Lake Road, Boyne City, MI 49712, died December 7, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara B. Messina, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 1, 2006

Barron & Engstrom, PLC
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P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950

Barbara B. Messina
03038 Boyne City/East Jordan Road
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-9360 L(03/01)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The **Dumont F. Hixson, Jr.** Trust u/a/d March 12, 2005, as amended.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in this trust may be barred or affected by this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

decedent, **DUMONT F. HIXSON, JR.**, who lived at 6033 Ferry Road, East Jordan, MI 49727 and died May 2, 2005. Mr. Hixson has no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of his death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust or estate will be forever barred unless presented to **PATRICK HIXSON**, the Successor Trustee of the trust, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

February 8, 2006

Christopher L. Banish, Atty. P(62565)
Hainer & Berman, P.C.
24255 W. 13 Mile Rd., Ste. 270
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 642-4100

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice NINETY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR AND 83/100 DOLLARS (\$99,354.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

Patrick Hixson
44045 Five Mile Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
Successor Trustee
L(02/08, 02/15, 02/22, 03/01)

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Parcel 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33.3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 74.05 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: February 15, 2006

ROBERT A. BANNER, P.C.
By: Robert A. Banner (P44709)
Attorney for Bay Winds Federal Credit Union
213 South Lake Street
Boyne City, MI 49712
PH: 231/582-1710
L(02/15, 02/22, 03/01, 03/08, 03/15)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The **Dumont F. Hixson, Jr.** Trust u/a/d March 12, 2005, as amended.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

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Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 24th day of August, 1999, by Jeffrey L. Brooks, a single man, of 319 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727, as Mortgagor, to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, of 1031 May Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 30, 1999, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 370, Pages 943-948. There is claimed to be due on such Mortgage at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven and 90/100 Dollars (\$27,607.90), including interest at 8.900% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on **March 22, 2006**, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and also any such sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interests in the premises. Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 8 and 9, Block 1, Bowen's Addition to the Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 44, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale. ATTENTION PURCHASERS: The sale in the event a third party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made the 24th day of August, 1999, by Jeffrey L. Brooks, a single man, of 319 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727, as Mortgagor, to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, of 1031 May Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 30, 1999, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 370, Pages 943-948. There is claimed to be due on such Mortgage at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven and 90/100 Dollars (\$27,607.90), including interest at 8.900% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on **March 22, 2006**, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and also any such sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interests in the premises. Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 8 and 9, Block 1, Bowen's Addition to the Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 44, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale. ATTENTION PURCHASERS: The sale in the event a third party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 15th day of February, 2002, by Mark A. Capp and Corinne Capp, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 18, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 458, page 949, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE AND 06/100 DOLLARS (\$213,631.06) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 31, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel 1: Commencing at a point where the North line of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West intersects the West line of the Deer Lake Road; thence West along said section line 200 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East parallel with said North section line 200 feet to the West line of Deer Lake Road; thence North along the said West line of the Deer Lake Road to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point 200 feet West of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence West 50 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence North 50 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: Commencing at a 1/2 inch well point at the North 1/4 corner of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 86 degrees 51'28" East along said North line of said section, 1308.91 feet to an iron stake on the East 1/8 line of said section; thence South 03 degrees 54'24" West along said East 1/8 line 50 feet to a point which is 2.45 feet Easterly as measured at right angles from the center line of the East Jordan-Boyne City Road, which point is recorded as being 50 feet South of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section and being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 03 degrees 54'24" West along said East 1/8 line, 18 feet; thence North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of said section, 51.96 feet to a T-iron stake on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of section, 198.04 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 03degrees 54'24" East, parallel with

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said

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Dated: February 22, 2006

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Auditions

The Little Traverse Civic Theatre is sponsoring auditions for the classic comedy, "You Can't Take It With You." Auditions will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in downtown Petoskey.

Genealogical society meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, March 2, in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library in Boyne City.

A special planning session will begin at 5:30 p.m. The regular meeting starts at 7 p.m. The group will be discussing Web sites and resources for genealogical research. All meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Jo at (231) 582-9602 or Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Republican's membership meeting

A Charlevoix County Republican's membership meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 at Grey Gables located at 308 Belvedere Avenue in Charlevoix. For more information call John Haggard at (231) 547-4046.

World Day of Prayer

A service recognizing World Day of Prayer, will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 3, at the Community of Christ Church located at 202 Jordan St. in East Jordan. This ecumenical celebration is sponsored by churches in East Jordan. The public is welcome to attend.

Family Fun Night

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene invites the public to attend a Family Fun Night. Representatives of the church will

provide a previewing of a new VeggieTales video at 7 p.m. on Saturday March 4 at the church located at 12023 Waller Road in Charlevoix. Prizes and refreshments will be offered. For more information contact Jackie Gilmore at (231) 237-0533.

Hawaiian Luau benefit

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will be hosting a Hawaiian Luau from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

The highlight of this event will be the hot sounds of Mojo and the Boogie Man. Tickets are \$30 per person and will include hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 1 and can be purchased at the humane society located at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City.

For more information call the humane society at (231) 582-6774.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. March 8 and 15 in the lower level of the library.

The first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Child care training

Child care providers, parents and early childhood professionals are invited to attend a local child care training session sponsored by Traverse City based 4C Training. The following training session will meet new licensing requirements.

A Look Into A Child's Mind will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. For more information call Carrie Ball at (231) 941-7767.

Garden Club speaker

The Practical Gardening Institute's Janet Macunovich will be a featured speaker at the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's meeting March 14 at the Community Reformed Church.

Macunovich and a group of renowned gardening experts will speak with local gardeners and garden lovers. Macunovich will combine design recommendations with practical advice on shade gardening and how to bring color home for our growing season's eight months of color.

Macunovich is an author and educator in landscape and garden design. She has been designing, planting and maintaining gardens and landscapes for more than 20 years. She is a founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute.

The event will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14.

For more information about Macunovich visit www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com or call (248) 442-7336.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Mary's parish will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 in the church family center located at 1003 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. Dinner will include ham, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salads, desserts, breads and beverages. The cost is \$8 per adult, \$6 for senior citizens, \$4 for children and \$25 for a family. For more information call (231) 547-6652.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is \$12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is \$40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated. A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Community Food Pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

Charlevoix Cinemall

NOW SHOWING
Pink Panther PG
Date Movie PG-13
Nanny McPhee PG
Wed 7 • Thurs 2 & 7
WEDNESDAY IS BARGAIN DAY!
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SENIOR MOVIES
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DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

Petoskey Cinema

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Firewall PG-13, Fri 7, 9 • Mon-Wed 7, 9 • Sat, Sun, Thurs 7, 9
16 Blocks PG-13, Fri 5, 7, 9, 15 • Mon-Wed 7, 9, 15
Sat, Sun, Thurs 11:45, 2:15, 5, 7, 9, 15
Curious George G, Fri 5:15 • Sat, Sun, Thurs 12:15, 2:15, 5:15
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Eight Below PG, Fri 5, 7, 15, 9:30 • Mon-Wed 7:15, 9:30 • Sat, Sun, Thurs 12, 2:15, 5, 7:15, 9:30
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Council hires Pollack Design to coordinate East Park renovations

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Peter Pollack

According to Peter Pollack, principal designer for Pollack Design Associates, he made high construction estimates in formulating the contract.

That means if construction bids come in lower than estimated the total charge will go down. However, if costs come in higher than the estimates his fees will increase accordingly.

Pollack has been closely involved with the East Park and Charlevoix Municipal Marina renovation projects since planning first began about five years ago. He handled all the initial planning meetings for the city and drafted preliminary designs.

Pollack said in this next stage, a team he has formed including five other groups will take the project through completion. Groups he is working with are architect, Mark Buday of Harbor Springs, Performance Engineering of Charlevoix, Acoustics by Design of Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor and Peter Basso of Novi who is an electrical and mechanical engineer.

City council authorized Pollack to begin work immediately. Now,

he and Brian Barrick, the East Park project manager for Pollack Design who has extensive experience in construction and landscape architecture, will begin creating construction design documents to prepare the project to go out for bids in June or July.

Aside from design and bid work, Pollack's firm and representatives of the five groups included in his team for this project, will also provide oversight during construction.

"We are interested in producing a product that is as good as it can possibly be," Pollack told city council. "The role of my team is to act literally as an intermediary between the owner (the city) and the construction companies."

Wiesner said he anticipates at least five contractors being hired to tackle both the marina and park projects. Pollack will make recommendations to city council as to who should be hired to handle park changes. City council will make that final determination.

East Park changes include demolition of the existing Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building and harbor master's headquarters and construction of a new harbor master's building and boater support facility at the foot of Clinton Street.

Construction on the harbor master facility is expected to begin Sept. 13 with completion in March 2007.

A new performance venue will be built at the south end of East Park. Demolition of the existing bandshell has been slated for Nov.

5, 2006 with construction of the new facility starting a week later, on Nov. 12, 2006.

The marina design contract with United Design Associates of Cheboygan was approved in February of 2005 for \$244,000.

The marina project will include replacement of the sea wall, removal of the existing 17 docks which at the furthest point extend 75 feet into Round Lake and replacement of those docks with a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220 feet into Round Lake at the furthest point.

Dock work is expected to take place from April 15, 2007 through May 27, 2007.

According to the preliminary project schedule, construction will begin with sea wall replacement preparation starting on July 23, 2006. Bids for this project will go out this month.

Wiesner said the construction start date will result in the late season loss of seven existing docks. On the flip side, he said the early start will allow for a cushion in spring 2007 which will allow contractors to lay sod in East Park in preparation for the grand opening of the completed project.

The final site review for the total \$8.1 million East Park and marina overhaul is expected to take place on May 27, 2007.

In December 2005, 75 percent of the two project cost, or \$5 million, was secured from the Michigan Waterways Commission. The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will pay for the \$3.1 million balance.

Historical society to present program on Mackinac Bridge

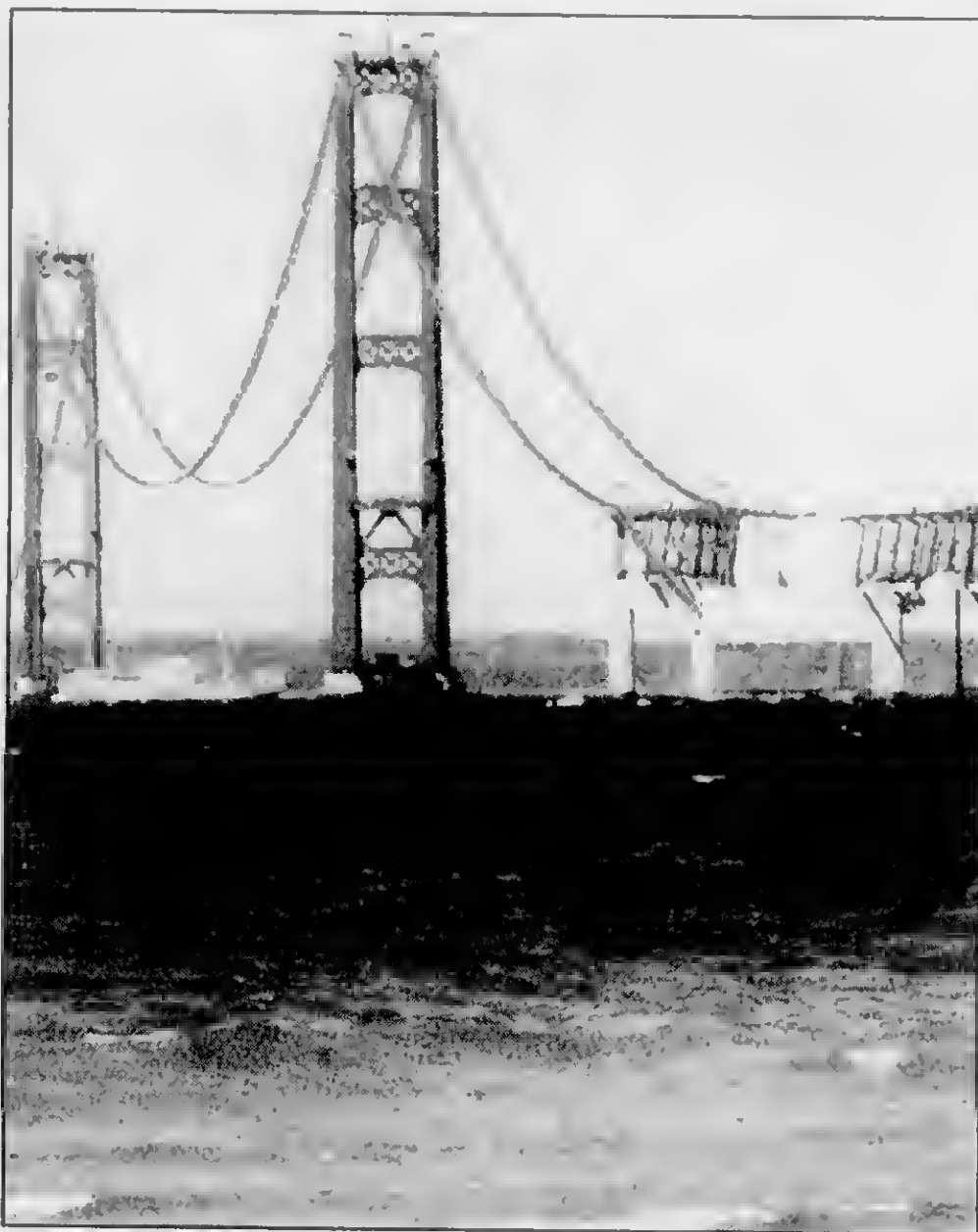


Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present a program on the history of the Mackinac Bridge at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7 at the Depot. Bridge authority chairman William Gnodtke of Norwood will speak on the construction and operations of the Mighty Mac, and will also touch briefly on the recent political controversy that could have affected the bridge's future. For more information call (231) 547-0373, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Official Notice

City of Charlevoix Public Notice - Board of Review Meeting

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 7, 8, and 9, 2006, to review the Assessment Roll in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 210 State Street, from 9-noon and from 1-4pm.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday and Tuesday, March 13-14, 2006, between the hours of 9am-noon and from 1-4pm, and on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 between the hours of 1-4pm and 7-10pm.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR MARCH 13, 14 AND 15 BY CALLING THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 547-3250. PER RESOLUTION #93-02-01, LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY PETITION THE BOARD OF REVIEW BY LETTER.

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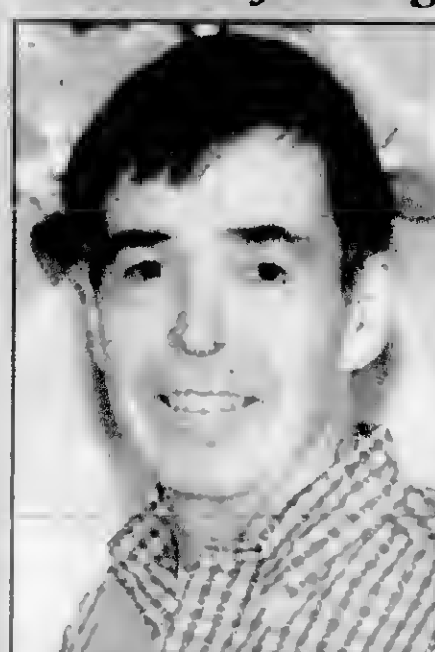
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New Courier publisher named

Doug Caldwell of Pennsylvania appointed

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

On April 1, the Charlevoix Courier will welcome a new publisher.

On Thursday, March 2, Schurz Communications Inc., an Indiana based news and information company in the process of buying Northern Michigan Review, the parent company for the Charlevoix Courier, announced that Doug Caldwell will serve as the newspaper's new publisher.

The ownership change from the Schaller family to Schurz Communications is expected to be complete by early April and Caldwell has said he will likely come aboard later this month.

The purchase of Northern Michigan Review includes the following publications: The Charlevoix Courier, the Petoskey News-Review, The Gaylord Herald Times, The Graphic, Super Shopper, PhoneGuide and Saturday.

Caldwell, 48, has served as publisher of the Daily American, a Schurz newspaper in Pennsylvania's Somerset County, for about four years.

At the Courier, he'll replace Ken Winter, the current publisher and Petoskey News-Review editor and publisher, who has worked with Northern Michigan Review publications for 34 years. Winter announced his plan to



Doug Caldwell

step aside in early February and will leave the company April 1.

Caldwell, a Texas native, visited Petoskey for the first time in late February.

His ties to the newspaper business started in his teens when he began working at Illinois weeklies owned by his parents.

Caldwell obtained a bachelor's degree - with a journalism major and psychology minor - from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

In 1987, Caldwell obtained his first publisher's position at the Evening

Call, an American Publishing newspaper in Du Quoin, Ill. It would be the first of several publisher and regional manager positions he would hold at newspapers around the Midwest before joining Schurz's Daily American as general manager in December 2001. He moved into the publisher's position four months later.

During Caldwell's time with the Daily American, the newspaper reached several milestones including completion of a \$2.4 million building project and an increased Internet presence.

Charles Pittman, senior vice president of newspaper operations for Schurz Communications, credited Caldwell with streamlining operations at the Daily American, producing a

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City of Charlevoix unveils its \$25 million 2006-2007 budget

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

East Park and marina improvements are the big stories in the City of Charlevoix's proposed budget for 2006-2007.

The proposed city budget for 2006-2007 shows a total of \$25 million in it, but \$13.7 million of that is money for capital improvement projects such as the marina and East Park renovations and \$7.9 million of that is from federal and state grants.

The marina and East Park projects are at the top of this list with a total cost of \$10,999,300. While this debt sits in the city budget, the state Waterways Commission will be paying for 75 percent of it and the Downtown Development Authority will cover the rest.

The second largest capital project is the airport clear zone purchase slated to cost \$967,500. According to city treasurer Rick Brandt these funds will be used to purchase property off Old Norwood Road in Charlevoix Township where Waste Management used to operate, to ensure nothing is in the way of the municipal airport

runway. Grants are paying for a large portion of that project as well with the federal government covering 90 percent of the cost and the state paying an additional 5 percent.

Some other projects in the capital expenditures list include Chicago Club area infrastructure improvements at \$539,800, electrical system improvements at \$370,000 and vehicle purchases for the city's motor pool at \$233,000.

In addition to a large list of capital projects, the budget has traditionally shown a fund transfer from the infrastructure fund of about \$100,000 into the general fund for stabilization.

Brandt said this will not happen in the proposed budget as the proposed operating millage has been levied at 9.05 mills, an increase of .55 mills bringing in an additional \$100,900. Consequently, the infrastructure millage is proposed at 2.4021 mills, or \$461,700, a reduction of .55 mills from 2005-2006.

"We can't levy more if we wanted to without a vote of the people."

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Hula gala

Kiana Kamalii of Walloon Lake performs a traditional hula dance at the Charlevoix County Humane Society's luau fund-raiser on Sunday, March 5 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. About 100 people attended and the society raised approximately \$4,000.

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OPINIONS

The First Amendment
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The not so sunny side of Sunshine Week



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

Government entities and I aren't exactly what you would call chummy. Though I assure you, my disdain for them began well before my journalism career.

For those of you rolling your eyes and reaching for the Pepto-Bismol, let me say this: this antigovernment rant has more to do with Sunshine Week and less to do with my frustrations — I think.

Sunshine Week lasts from March 12-18 this year. It is designated to increase awareness about the importance of openness in all levels of government, from accessible public documents, to

open meetings.

And, although we benefit anytime people demand more from their government, this week was designed not for journalists, but for the American citizen.

Your government has billions and billions of pieces of information on its roughly 320 million residents give or take a few million illegal aliens — that's the citizenship impaired for all you politically correct types.

The information ranges from who you are, what you do for a living and how much you earn, to how many children you have, how many times you've been stopped for speeding and what your mother's maiden name is.

We are even issued a serial number at birth like a piece of Tupperware or a spark plug. Somehow, people only find it horrifying when the "Social Security" number is tattooed on your forearm.

When city council awards a contract, when the county commissioners appoint someone, when township officials create ordinances, you ought

to know what the cost is, who the applicant is, where and why a meeting is being held.

According to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, any person (not in prison) may inspect, copy or receive a copy of a public record, regardless of age or residency.

And with all the information your supposed civil servants have on you, how much do you know about what they do in their tax funded offices and meeting halls?

Here is what you can know: Just about anything a councilman, commissioner or committee member has on the table in front of them during an open meeting can be requested by John or Jane Q. Public.

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The Freedom of Information Act states, "It includes letters, words, pictures, sounds or symbols, or combinations thereof, as well as papers, maps,

magnetic or paper tapes, photographic films or prints, microfilm, microfiche, magnetic or punch cards, discs, drums or other means of recording or retaining meaningful content."

Further it states, "'Public record' means a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body in the performance of an official function from the time it is created."

While the "public record" is probably only a few percent of what we should be allowed to see, it is a start.

Is the Freedom of Information Act little more than a dog and pony show intended to appease disgruntled taxpayers? Possibly. Granted, it's easy for me to lecture about the importance of keeping an eye on the government since I get paid to go to the meetings. And, more times than not, local government meetings make a root canal sound enjoyable, but that doesn't make them any less important.

Don't get me wrong, I don't think the Freedom of Information Act or open

meetings act are our great saviors. I defer to the Alcoholic's Anonymous slogan, "It only works if you work it."

Oh, officials may heap great, steaming shovels full of excuses as to why we shouldn't see these documents, why we shouldn't attend certain meetings, but that is to be expected.

That's how a democracy oppresses its citizenry, not with the loud end of a gun, but with the silent treatment.

A government employee once told me, "Some people are always looking for a hodgepodge." I'm much more afraid of the plain old man who lives off tax dollars and controls the information.

Sunshine Week may not be observed with cocktails and confetti, but it is definitely worth celebrating. For more information visit www.sunshineweek.org.

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Michigan winters past, present and future



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

This is a Michigan winter. One minute rain sweeps through, melting the walkways with the promise of spring, then a quick freeze, then snow, then another thaw. I'm not sure whether to plow or plant from one day to the next.

The weather has caught the attention of many and what used to be the topic of retired folk is now in the news and played out in our governmental realm as well. Yes, the climate is changing and we'll not see the likes of heavy 20 foot snowfalls and 40 below temps returning to northern Michigan.

OK, I've been known to exaggerate but I spoke with a local well-respected senior citizen, Winnie Green, the other day and she doesn't tell tales. As we talked about the weather, she shared with me the recorded 40 degrees below zero in Central Lake on Jan. 11, 1917, the day she was born. The doctor arrived to her home by horse and sleigh as roads weren't plowed back then. What few cars existed in our area were stored away during the winter months and sleighs were utilized instead. Being the concerned retired teacher, I quickly asked about snow days. Winnie replied, "If you lived on a farm you missed school, arrived by horseback or stayed with friends in town." Teachers of course would find lodging in town next to the school.

Living in the Great Lakes region it is becoming apparent how we are affected by the changing climate due to the Greenhouse Effect. The discussions about global warming are complex, challenging and controversial.

The best I can understand is that energy from the sun controls the earth's weather. The earth's surface heats up from the sun and in turn, the earth bounces it back. Our activities on earth have led to a buildup of greenhouse gasses, mostly carbon dioxide. Some of this heat the earth radiates is staying in our atmosphere, retaining it like the glass panels of a greenhouse. So to put it simply we are retaining heat like some of us retain water.

Speaking of water, the Great Lakes are very sensitive to climate changes. With increasing warmth in our atmosphere, our future will probably see warmer summers, more rain in the winter, evening temperatures will rise slowly, migratory birds will return earlier and with increasing water temperatures that could mean fewer trout and more blue gills. Does that mean our new state fish may become the blue gill?

If our lake levels decline, irrigation and drinking water will continue to

be an issue. Winnie reports that the Shook family farm is concerned about the lesser amounts of snow this year because that means lack of moisture for crops. The government and politicians are meeting to discuss climate concerns related to our Great Lakes. There is talk of utilizing crops such as switch grass, corn and poplar trees to produce ethanol fuel as this source does not emit significant amounts of carbon dioxide.

According to Judith Monroe, who heats her home by burning corn, corn can be replaced in 180 days. Compare that to trees which will take 30 years to replace. And then we wonder why are we paying the cost of importing oil when we have resources right here at home. New technology and innovation will help in tackling our fuel resources issue.

A lot has happened since the Industrial Revolution — some good, some not so good. Carbon dioxide would be at the top of my "not so good"

list. Many individuals committed to developing new technology and policies are encouraging. We all need to help reduce emissions that are harmful to the atmosphere. I've decided to do my part in reducing environmental stress by replacing worn out appliances with new energy efficient ones is a start. I'll continue to re-cycle, plant trees, walk or bike when I am able, and by some day replacing my car with a hybrid and by supporting our local Shade Tree Commission by planting trees.

We all need to do our part. The environment can improve over time if we take steps to do so. I'll take my philosophy from Winnie Green, "Get involved, work together and take one day at a time." Now that's good fuel for thought.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

Dove hunting doesn't make sense

Editor:
 I'm a pro-hunting Michigan resident. I am also for keeping Michigan's 100-year-old ban on shooting doves. Shooting doves doesn't make sense,

especially since they pose no danger, are not a viable food source and are not overpopulated. And there are 40 other bird species to hunt. The pro-dove shooting crowd is trying to make folks like me out to be anti-hunting, but that's not true. I have tremendous respect for Michigan's hunting heritage, but dove shooting has not been a part of that heritage for a century. I believe in traditional Michigan values. Michigan values say there are a few things we shouldn't kill — bald eagles, endangered species and our official bird of peace, the mourning dove. Real sportsmen don't shoot doves. That's why polls show over half of Michigan hunters are against lifting the ban and why we should vote 'no' on the dove shooting initiative in November.

Dan Drost
 Charlevoix

Fantasy condo development
 Editor:
 Is fantasy condo development coming to Charlevoix? The question comes up around a three-story structure, proposed for a .7 acre site on

Pine River Lane. The building will have 12 apartment/kitchen suites and be operated condo-style. The developer says each individual owner will have the option of renting his or her suite when not staying there.

Pine River Lane is the predominantly residential street parallel to the channel leading visitors toward Lake Michigan. It provides a charming introduction to Charlevoix and a valuable contrast to the busy hotel intersection of Pine River Lane and Bridge Street.

The Pine River neighbors, and the other neighbors to the north on Dixon Avenue, think the project, at three stories, monolithic. So close to lot lines and only 25 feet from the sidewalk, is too hulking and out-of-character with the street and the neighborhood. Please redesign, they said, a condo project with more open spaces, larger setbacks, and a more residential feeling; any necessary zoning change for this kind of development will be encouraged by us, they added.

Although the street is predominantly residential, this particular parcel is C-1, commercial. This came about years ago when the widow, Mildred Campbell, hoped there might be small shops built on the steeply sloping channel bank part of her property. She asked for

the re-zoning, but the project never matured. She later traded that part of the property to the city.

Now comes the fantasy part. Gentle reader, please stay alert. The developer, Catt Acquisitions, is quite frank in saying that to achieve their profit goal they want to build the biggest volume building that the site can possibly hold. Their problem is that condo, multi-family apartment buildings are not allowed in the C-1 district. The Catt Co. thinks it sees a way around the problem. They will pretend their multi-family apartment condo is a hotel, permitted in C-1. They will further pretend that they don't have to follow the hotel zoning code for sizes because Pine River Lane isn't the hotel district. Clever, huh?

The Charlevoix Planning Commission, the first step in the permitting process for this project, already has bought this fantasy hotel idea, even though the characteristics of a real hotel are not present. In a real hotel, the architecture follows the business model. Since they want to attract the traveling and vacationing public, real hotels have an open, welcoming, easily identified, easily navigated, vehicular and people entrances. Inside the entrance, is a reception area with a reception desk and an attendant on duty continuously. A real motel has these features, plus car parking near the rooms. A real resort, has these features plus amenities such as tennis,

private beach and water sports, golf, lawn games, a restaurant, shops, etc. In contrast to these descriptions, this project looks like, inside and outside, a multi-family apartment building, condo, locked and fenced. Such a project should be in R-4, not C-1.

What will the city council members do when they decide to vote on this project? Stay tuned. I hope the council won't tie logic in knots, or wink at zoning regulations, or abandon common sense and go fantasy. Is a locked, fenced condo really a motel?

Isn't the best idea an orderly, controlled, growth of the city, achieved by following the zoning codes?

Steven Hansen
 Charlevoix

National debt
 Editor:
 The current National Debt (the total of all of the previous annual deficits combined) is at \$8.2 trillion. That is a figure that's hard to imagine. To put that figure in perspective, it means that every American citizen, baby, child, teen, man and woman, owes the government \$156,000 in order to pay off this huge mortgage.

The current administration has increased this national debt by \$3 trillion. That's an increase of 40 percent in five years. Please think about this as the current Congress requests another \$781 billion to pay off government responsibilities.

This deficit does have an impact on the average family. It drives up interest

rates, which impacts future mortgage payments resulting in higher interest payments. Now add in the problems with Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Then ask yourself, do we really need another tax cut?

Regardless of political party affiliation, I urge citizens to take a hard look at what we have gifted to our grandchildren and to future generations. Please let your representatives in Washington know how you feel. It's time we ask politicians to get serious about fixing this problem.

Boh Heath
 Charlevoix

Federal government benefits
 Editor:
 President Bush does not approve of federal government retirement or medical entitlements for United States private citizens. Does he approve of federal government retirement and medical entitlements for United States presidents?

Ray E. Peltz
 Charlevoix

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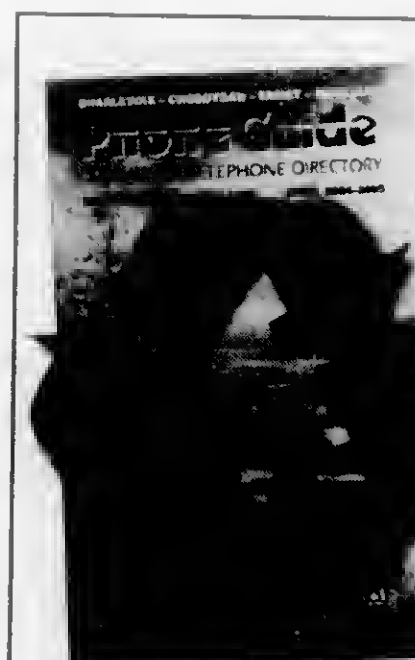
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Friends of the Library to host history of the Library of Michigan program

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton Street, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will host Fran Pletz who will share her research on the history of the Library of Michigan.

Originally a territorial library containing the laws and government documents for use by the territorial council in 1828, the Library of Michigan became the state library in 1837 when Michigan became a state.

Having served on the Board of Trustees of the Library of Michigan for 15 years, Pletz is uniquely qualified to discuss the development of the collection in Lansing, the commitment of the state to information services and the construction of the spectacular library building at the campus of the state capitol.

The public is invited to attend and to discover the wealth of resources which are available to every citizen of Michigan at our state library and which can be accessed at our own Charlevoix Public Library.



Courtesy photo

Shown above is the atrium of the Library of Michigan. Fran Pletz, a Library of Michigan board member, will be the guest speaker at a March 14 event hosted by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the evening.

Congregational Church to host chili cook-off March 10

The First Congregational United Church of Christ located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix (1 block west of Bridge Street) is having a Chili Cook-Off at 6 p.m. on Friday night, March 10.

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Charlevoix High School students attend civics commission seminar



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While at the Capitol, students visited with Sen. Jason Allen and Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer. Pictured with Allen and Elsenheimer are: Michelle Lemond, Matt Novotny, Juli Neidert, Dan Elliott, Sally Haselschwardt, Nate Gilmore, Chuck Mason, Logan Niswander, Isaac Matchett, Nate Sotuyo, Genevieve Kohanny, Shannon Dibble, Kirstin Dupuis, Kenny Anderson, Shannon Gillespie, Elysse Michuna and Annemarie Conway.

On Feb. 28, Charlevoix High School students participated in the House Civics Commission seminar at the Capitol.

The Michigan House Civics Commission is an initiative of the Civics Institute, which believes that one of the best ways to teach civics is to engage students in governmental processes like creating, discussing and defending ideas for new laws.

With that in mind, teachers can download curriculum to use in class that can lay the groundwork for getting involved. To go a step further, students can vote on bill ideas at www.civicscommission.com, and can even create ideas for new laws and testify about them to the commission, at a

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Bruce and Barbara MacArthur, residents of Charlevoix for over 60 years, have announced the engagement of their daughter Karen MacArthur to William E. Schuiling.

Karen has been involved in the Charlevoix community all of her life. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and spent 15 years in Washington, D.C. on the Hill.

Schuiling retired full-time to Charlevoix from the Washington DC area about 14 years ago and over that period has been involved in many philanthropic activities.

The latest from the couple was a substantial donation to the Petoskey American Red Cross for the relief of the Hurricane Katrina victims.

The couple are planning a June wedding in Charlevoix which will be their permanent home.

They will be honeymooning in Neuchâtel, Switzerland where Schuiling went to school and lived.

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Obituaries

Catherine Rogers: Dec. 23, 1950 - Feb. 25, 2006

Catherine P. Rogers 55 of Orleans passed away on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus in Grand Rapids from a three-year fight with ovarian cancer.

She was born on Dec. 23, 1950 in Dearborn, the daughter of Barry and Patricia Robbins Wood. Cathy graduated from Charlevoix High School with the class of 1969. Cathy was employed at Provia Software of Grand Rapids and had previous worked at Ionia County National Bank in Ionia as well as working at the YMCA of Ionia and Grand Rapids. She had also taught at the

Douglas J. Academy in Lansing and owned and operated Country Charm Beauty Salon from her home.

Cathy loved camping, traveling in her fifth wheel, crocheting, sewing, quilting, and most of all her children, grandchildren and friends.

She was married on March 20, 1971 in Charlevoix to Daniel Rogers and he survives along with their children; Stephanie and Marty Weese of Orleans and Erik and Nicole Rogers of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Catherine is survived by five beautiful grandchildren Madison Weese, Kamryn Weese and Olivia Weese, Karsyn Rogers and Jordan Rogers

and her parents Barry and Patricia of Charlevoix.

Catherine is also survived by one brother Del and Cindy Wood of Perry; sisters, Terri Slaughter of Ogden, Utah, Shelly Wood of Traverse City and Leslie and Paul Fabiano of Lansing.

Funeral services took place March 1 at Shiloh Community Church with Pastor Ken Harger officiating. Interment will follow in Woodard Lake Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Shiloh Community Church. Condolences may also be given to the Rogers family at www.jfh.com.

LaRue Gill: March 22, 1910 - Feb. 26, 2006



LaRue Gill

LaRue Gill, a lifelong Charlevoix resident, died Feb. 26 after a long illness.

She was born March 22, 1910, in Charlevoix, the daughter of William and Katherine

Higman. She attended Charlevoix schools and graduated salutatorian of Charlevoix High School Class of 1928.

She married Alfred "Bud" Gill on April 9, 1932. They operated Gill's Appliance Store in Charlevoix for several years and later she was the receptionist at Charlevoix Abstract and

Engineering Co., retiring in 1975.

She was a member of Charlevoix Chapter No. 72 Order of the Eastern Star and had been worthy matron of the chapter. In retirement, she was active in the Past Matrons group and also in the Charlevoix Historical Society. She was also one of the founding members of the Charlevoix High School Band Boosters, The Mary Burns Circle of the First Congregational Church and the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann Puffpaff (Fritz) of Charlevoix, and Sue Breidenstein (Robert) of Boyne City; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Anna Olmstead, of LaCrescenta, Calif.

A daughter, Katherine Donaldson of Tucson, Ariz., preceded her in death as did her husband; granddaughter,

Colleen; parents; two sisters, Elizabeth Gerrie and Bonita Henley; her brother, George; and her beloved stepmother, Milada Hignau.

The family requests no flowers and suggests memorial contributions to the LaRue Gill Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, Mich. 49727; or to the Lawrence E. Grate Memorial at Charlevoix Area Hospital; or to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

A funeral service took place on Friday, March 3 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix of which she had been a member since her childhood. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Arrangements are in the care of Winchester Funeral Home.

Everett Combest Sr.: Oct. 28, 1914 - March 1, 2006

Everett L. Combest Sr., 91, of East Jordan died on Wednesday, March 1, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services took place on Saturday, March 4 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James Jordan of the Lighthouse Missionary Church officiated. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Everett was born on Oct. 28, 1914 in Pana, Ill., the son of Frank and Melvina (Grossert) Combest. On June 12, 1943 in East Jordan, he married Yvonne McWatters.

Everett worked for many years as a milk truck driver for the Michigan Milk Producers, fondly known as the

"Whistling Milkman." He later went to work at the East Jordan Iron Works for a few years and then at the City of East Jordan where he served as sexton of Sunset Hill and many local cemeteries for 11 years. Yvonne and Everett served as caretakers of Elm Point for two years. Everett also worked seven years as a school bus driver for East Jordan Public Schools, retiring in 1988.

He served on the East Jordan Fire Department for eight years. He had been a member of the East Jordan Snowmobile Club.

Everett enjoyed tinkering. He loved to fix things and build homes and windmills for family and friends. He enjoyed playing the harmonica, western

square dancing, reading his Bible and going to the "Open Door," a Christian coffee house in East Jordan.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Combest of East Jordan; six children, Jean (Red) Lent of East Jordan, Ruth (Glenn) Crain of Charlevoix, Linda (Alvin) Merrill of East Jordan, Beatrice (David) Russell of East Jordan, Marilyn (Don) Williams of East Jordan and Everett (Amanda) Combest, Jr. of East Jordan; 20 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Effie Kern of Converse, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers; and three sisters.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or the Lighthouse Missionary Church.

daughter Kathleen Lewis of Charlevoix. He is also survived by a grandson, Michael McCann of Charlevoix; sisters, Alice J. Deering of Northport, Lucille McSawhy of Peshawbestown, Dorothy (John) Gee of Benzonita; and many nieces and nephews. Art was preceded in death by brothers, Bennett, Fred, Raymond, Albert and Gilbert; sisters, Florence, Lydia and Josephine.

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Arthur Lewis: Feb. 16, 1923 - March 5, 2006

Arthur Harry Lewis, 83, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, March 5, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Mass of the Resurrection took place on Tuesday, March 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. James K. Gardiner officiated. Interment will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Art was born Feb. 16, 1923, on High Island, the son of Harry and Josephine (Wabanimkee) Lewis, and grew up on

Beaver Island. He served in the U.S. Army infantry during World War II as a staff sergeant in the African Middle Eastern Theater and was awarded three bronze stars. As an adult, he traveled the country before settling in Tacoma, Wash. He returned to northern Michigan in the early 1980s, and was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Art was married to the former Martina Tookolo, and is survived by their

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 15th.

The Easter Bunny is coming to Charlevoix! The Fifteenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 2:00pm in East Park. Prior to the Egg Hunt Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant will host the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11am to 1:30pm. Children may have a free photo taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera, and then the whole family can stay for a special lunch. Call 547-4311 for lunch reservations or the Chamber of Commerce at 547-2101.

"Make It Michigan" - Michigan's Fun Kick-Off

This exciting event, sponsored by Michigan Festivals & Events Association (MFEA), will kick off the 2006 Tourism season April 28 - 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. Bring the kids for the carnival midway beginning Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30. Saturday, April 29 will offer a Michi-

gan Fun Art Fair from 10am - 5pm.

A highlight of the event will be FLA-VORS OF MICHIGAN: A Wine, Brew & Food Infusion from 10am - 6pm featuring the best the state has to offer in wines, craftbrewed beers and cuisine. Your child can be dubbed a knight at the Kid's Kingdom where there will be jugglers, magicians and more. "We wanted to kick-off the festival, fair, event season and showcase some of the fabulous family fun Michigan residents have just hours away," Sue Bila, Executive Director of MFEA, explained. "As families start planning their summer activities, we thought this would be a great way to help our hundreds of members tell families where things are happening and help them enjoy Michigan's tourism, heritage, and culture. Make it Michigan!" For more information call 989/845-2080 or visit www.michiganfun.us.

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Northwest Academy Auction/Dance is March 18th

This exciting annual event will be held at 1st Baptist Church, M-66, Charlevoix from 7pm - 12pm. The school band will provide the music. For further information call 547-9000.

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March 10	Mysteries of the Night Sky Lecture at NCMC 348-6602
March 12-18	Friske Orchards Customer Appreciation Week 599-2604
March 18	Northwest Academy Auction/Dance 7-12pm 547-9000
March 23-24	Books are Fun Spring Book Sale - Hospital Guild 547-9751
March 23-25	Bowl for Kids' Sake - Big Brothers & Big Sisters 800-968-2447
April 4	Steve Goslee's - Getting There is 1/2 the Fun Program 547-0373
April 15	15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt 547-2101
April 28-30	"Make It Michigan" - Michigan's Fun Kick-off 547-2101

The next Retail meeting is March 16, 2006 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant at 8:45 am.

Please note that the next Business Breakfast is on the second Friday of the month, May 12 at Grey Gables Inn at 7:30am. Business Breakfast is NOT held in April.

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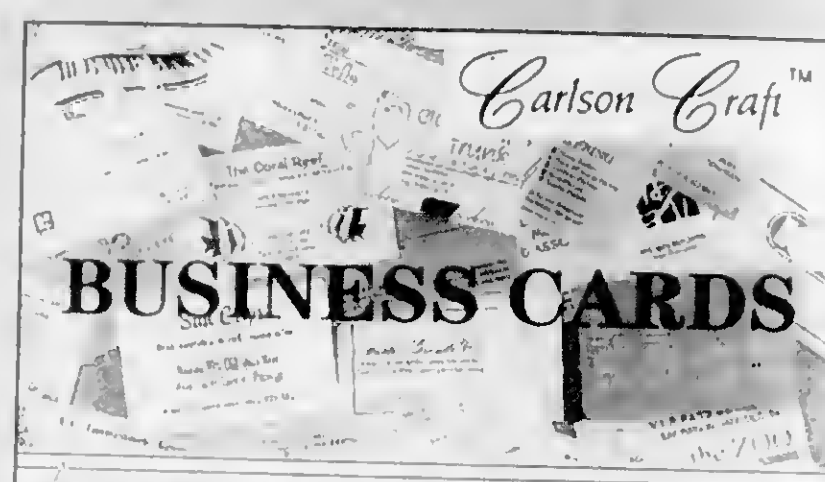
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Local author publishes third book 'Field Guide to Optical Thin Films'

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Ron Willey

Chances are you don't even know it's there, but thanks to the work of scientists like Ron Willey of Charlevoix, astronomers can see the stars and

you can take better photographs of your family.

Willey, a local author, has just published his third book entitled, "Field Guide to Optical Thin Films." The book covers one of the more specialized occupations in the world.

"It is an esoteric field as there are probably only 1,000 or 2,000 people in the world who work in the field at the engineering level,"

he said.

Willey said while most universities have a copy of his work, this isn't the kind of book that you pick up for a little light reading.

"This is the technology that I have been working on for decades. Optical coatings is a field that relates, in this case, to things as exotic as the Hubble space telescope and military guidance, but also as mundane as eyeglass anti-reflection coatings," he said.

Willey said the book came about as a compilation of notes from lectures over the years.

"I've taught courses in this field for many years. I taught at the Florida Institute of Technology years ago and have given talks throughout the country and Europe," he said.

Willey fancies himself somewhere between an engineer and a scientist.

"My whole career has been geared toward optical instrumentation, which in the early days

was associated with missiles and military optical systems," he said. "But, sometimes it gets involved with commercial products as it relates to optical instrumentation."

According to Willey, one of the simplest applications are in telescopes where the mirrors have to have a metallic coating deposited on the glass to make it a mirror. "Our bathroom mirrors probably have an aluminum or silver coating on the glass, while Hubble is probably the same with a more sophisticated coating," he said. "The other extreme is where you want to eliminate reflections. Like on a camera, the two problems are loss of light to the film and ghost images."

Willey said the optical thin film can eliminate ghost images while ensuring the proper amount of light reaches the film. The films are also used in television cameras, color projectors and entertainment lighting where certain types of light need to be reduced.

"Another application is filters for the telecommunications world. These are very high-tech optical coatings used to isolate one channel from another," he said.

When someone has use for a coating, the wave length or color of the light is determined and a coating is designed to specification.

Willey's first book, published in 1996, was entitled, "Practical Design and Production of Optical Thin Films" and his next venture is working with his wife to publish her mother's memoirs.

Willey was born in Colorado, raised in Richmond, Va., educated in New England and lived in Florida for 32 years before moving to Charlevoix 11 years ago.

Willey Optical Consultants will hold a week-long course on Optical Thin Films in June at the Edgewater Inn.

As many as two dozen guests are expected to attend from all over the world.

Triathlon clinic at Harbor Health and Fitness

Harbor Health and Fitness will host a free triathlon clinic at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15.

Experts will be on-site to discuss the upcoming Second Annual Women's Non-competitive Tri*4*Fun Sprint Triathlon to take place on Friday, May 19.

The event will include a scenic 20K hike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim.

A limited number of entry forms will be available at the March 15 pre-clinic. Those interested in volunteering for this event are also asked to attend.

The triathlon is a fund-raiser for two local cancer support groups.

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Judge denies Lockman's modified injunction request

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Karla Sue Lockman

Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas denied an injunction modification request made by Karla Sue Lockman, a Boyne City resident

charged with embezzling over \$750,000 from a local business. Lockman requested the modification to allow her to pay for the services of her attorney, Fred L. Gibson. On March 3, Judge Pajtas cited the United States vs. Monsanto of 1989 which states, "There is no exemption from... forfeiture or pretrial restraining order provisions for assets that a defendant wishes to use to retain an attorney."

Gibson said he did not take Lockman's case simply to line

"The defendant has a right to counsel, but not at the expense of the victims."

John Jarema,
Charlevoix County Prosecutor

his pockets, but he did anticipate getting paid for his services.

"I am very concerned about Mrs. Lockman," he said. "And she is without funds to further my retention."

Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, said the defendant is charged with embezzling, "an enormous amount of money."

"The defendant now wants to sell the assets which were obtained with money that we allege was obtained illegally to pay for her defense," he said. "The defendant has a right to counsel, but not at the expense of the victims."

Pajtas said, it has not been determined that Lockman's assets were derived from ill-gotten gains.

He added, that, though the

Lockman case differs from the Monsanto case, his initial injunction will stand.

Under the existing injunction, funds from the sale of any of Lockman's assets must be directed to an account created by Gibson and cannot be used without permission from the court.

Lockman is charged with two counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of \$20,000 or more, from Northern Preferred Title Company LLC. This crime is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$15,000 fine

or three times the amount embezzled.

Lockman is alleged to have embezzled funds in the months of January and May 2005 while acting as a closing agent with the company.

Two civil suits, which were filed in United States District Court Western District of Michigan in 2005 allege Lockman may have embezzled as much as \$975,023.64.

Northern Preferred has since severely curtailed activities and laid off 14 employees.

In December 2005, Lockman's trial which was set for January 2006, was postponed to June 5 following a forensic evaluation which questioned the status of her mental health.

According to the report authored by Lockman's examining physician, Dr. Jeffrey Wendt of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Lockman meets the statutory criteria for legal insanity.

Gibson said a major issue in this case is Paxil, a prescription drug used to treat depression and anxiety disorders.

Lockman was prescribed Paxil in August 2004. When her prescription was renewed by a physician in November 2004, Gibson said a mistake by a pharmacist resulted in a doubling of the dose.

He maintains Lockman took the double dose of Paxil while the alleged embezzlement occurred.

Lockman remains free on bond while awaiting the trial scheduled for June 5.

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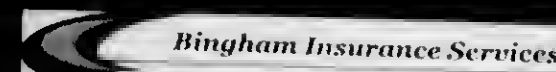
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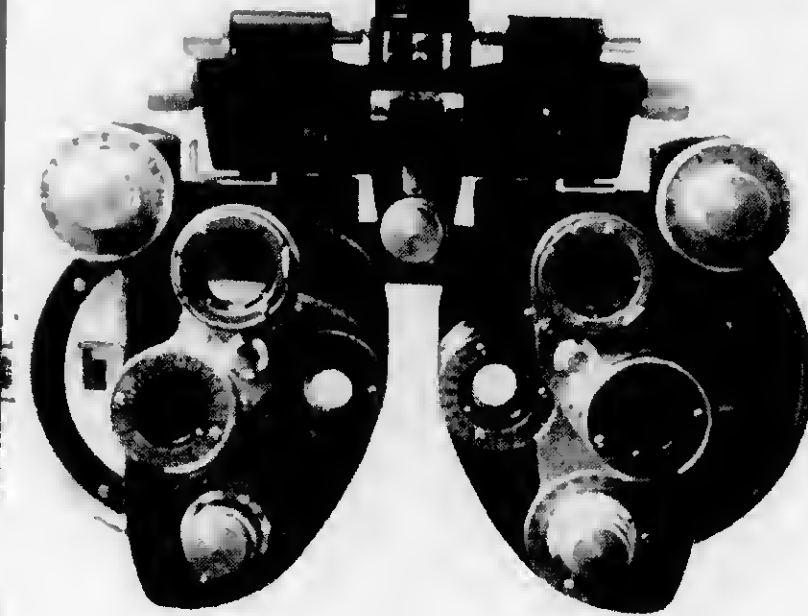
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Tree Web Site, www.crookedtree.org then double click "Teacher Connection."

Young writers' works of both poetry and prose will be judged in each of three divisions: elementary school, middle school and high school. The winning pieces in each division in both poetry and prose will be published in the Petoskey News-Review on April 14.

Awards in each of the categories will be presented at an awards reception to take place from 2 to 4

p.m. on April 15 at the arts center.

At the reception, winning authors will have an opportunity to read their work publicly. Refreshments will be served.

Entries by the young writers in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will be accepted, on-line only, during a 10-day period this month.

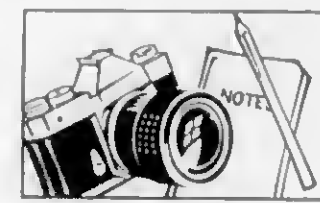
For more information, contact Mary Wiklanski, Cultural Coordinator at Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-5731.

Minor snowmobile accident reported off U.S. 31 South

At around 10 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to Charlevoix Area Hospital where Jason Michael Manore, 34, of Charlevoix, was being treated for an injury he received March 1 while riding his snowmobile.

Manore was riding through a field south of Old U.S. 31 South when he attempted to go between two trees. He was knocked off his sled bruising his left side.

Manore was treated and released for minor bruises.



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Elsenheimer backs M-75 trunkline into Charlevoix

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

While a solution to the disrepair of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is several years away, the ground work for making the project a reality is being done now.

State representative Kevin Elsenheimer is working with the Michigan Department of Transportation and local agencies and residents to have the county road transferred to the state. Parties involved are hoping this will increase project funding sources and lessen the burden on the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

Pat Harmon, manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission, said an estimate for the project at this time is \$5 million.

"That's a lot of cash. The government isn't allotting us that kind of

money," he said. "If they can get money appropriated to reconstruct it, that's great. Otherwise, it's going to take a long time to do it."

While the Charlevoix County Road Commissioners have not discussed this possibility, Harmon said he is in favor of turning the road over to the state if the repairs will be made.

He said currently the Michigan Department of Transportation contracts with the road commission to maintain state roads located in the county. So, the agreement would not result in local layoffs.

Elsenheimer said in order for the project to be eligible for federal funding ownership of it will have to be transferred to the state.

Elsenheimer's interest in this project first peaked when he was approached by John Haggard, chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican Party.

Haggard said the proposal is to extend M-75, which loops between Boyne Falls, Boyne City and Walloon Lake, into Charlevoix by converting Boyne City-Charlevoix Road into an M-75 trunkline.

Haggard said in considering the project, he hopes the state will see value in connecting Young State Park, located off Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, to U.S. 31 which borders Big Rock Point, the former nuclear power generation site being decommissioned and considered for purchase by the state.

Elsenheimer said another potential benefit would be the road's accessibility in the winter to commercial traffic including trucks with heavy loads.

While connecting state parks and increasing commercial traffic are two possible benefits, Elsenheimer said his focus is also on safety.

"Upgrading that road would make

it safer for everyone traveling it," he said.

Harmon said the road is still safe to travel at the posted speed limits but in many places along the 17 mile route from Boyne City to Charlevoix the blacktop is breaking up and the surface isn't smooth.

Work that needs to be done includes undercutting the sub-base in about two to three areas and laying new gravel on the shoulder. However, Harmon said the bulk of the cost is in the 3 inch blacktop surface that needs to be laid across the entire length of the road.

Harmon said if the county tackles it, the project will likely be done in five phases over 10 to 12 years.

The road is the next priority for the county. Right now its major focus is on completing Thumb Lake Road in Boyne Falls. This project is expected to be complete in summer 2007.

Elsenheimer said his progress may

be no faster than the county's.

"We have no illusions about this happening quickly. These things take years. But the project has to start somewhere and I've decided to start it," he said.

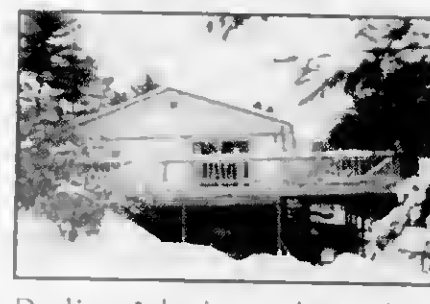
Currently, Elsenheimer is initiating discussions with engineers from the Michigan Department of Transportation who will review the proposal with the hope of getting on the department's five-year plan.

He expects this to be discussed by the Michigan House Appropriations Committee and the department of transportation in the next three to four months.

Elsenheimer will be available at office hours to talk with residents about this project and others at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 24 in the first floor conference room at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix.

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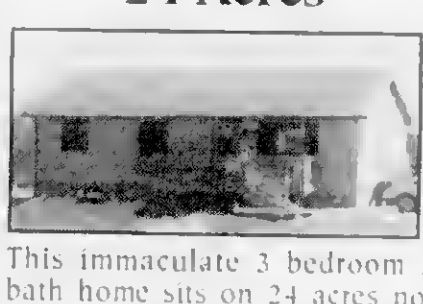
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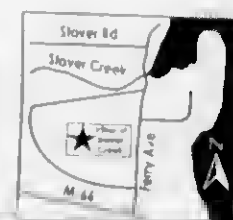
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Strife continues in Norwood Township

Sadie Bartosik lone 'no' vote in appointment of Way to planning commission

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Denny Way

The Norwood Township Board appointed one of its members to the township planning commission during the Tuesday, Feb. 28 meeting.

A 4-1 vote was sufficient to appoint board member, Denny Way, to fill the vacancy left following the removal of former commission secretary Sadie Bartosik.

"My position is to follow the ordinances and laws of the township clearly. I have no agenda and I have nothing that would construe any conflict of interest," he said. "I feel good. I'm ready to get to work, I'm ready to get down to business and I feel like I can be an asset to getting some things accomplished."

Way is resigning from the Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals to prevent any conflict with his appoint-

ment to the planning commission. According to Bartosik, a Norwood Township Board member, she voted against Way because she feels she was removed from the planning commission improperly.

Bartosik stressed that her vote had nothing to do with Way's capability to serve on the planning commission.

"I think my rights were violated — my rights to due process," she said. Bartosik said she still isn't sure whether she will pursue any legal action on the matter.

"It doesn't seem fair to punish the township for something that wasn't their fault," she said.

Norwood Township attorney, Jack Turner, said he is unaware of any illegalities on the part of the township board pertaining to Bartosik's removal.

"Based on the information that I've reviewed, the township followed proper procedures," he said.

According to Norwood Township Planning Commission Chairman, Chuck Cleland, the planning commission was established pursuant to state law and is responsible for, among other things, involving citizens in planning activities.

"If (planning commission) is responsible for writing a master plan for the township, it is responsible for updating the master plan once every five years," he said. "It is responsible to examine applications for special-use permits and other permits to make sure they are in conformance with the master plan. And, the planning commission also writes, adopts and recommends the adoption by the township board of provisions of the zoning code."

Cleland added, "He (Way) will be one of seven commissioners whose duty it is to provide those services to the people of the township. I hope he'll serve the people."

Cleland said the planning commis-

sion still does not have an official secretary since Bartosik was removed by the township board, but that should be taken care of at a meeting to take place at 7:30 p.m. tonight, March 8 at the Norwood Township Hall.

"We do not have a secretary at this point because I didn't want to elect a secretary until such time as we had a full compliment of commissioners, which we now do," he said. "The commissioners will be selecting a secretary at the next meeting and we may also hire a stenographer to take minutes. But, nonetheless, we will have a secretary."

He added, "Marion Light was good enough to volunteer to take minutes at the last meeting so we could pro-

ceed. She acted as a citizen volunteer and would accept no money for her services. I will likely have someone act in that capacity for the next meeting."

Cleland said the township's master plan is one of the biggest projects the planning commission will be working on in the near future.

"We're trying to revise our township master plan, which is probably the biggest and most important task a planning commission has to undertake. And we have, of course, had some difficulty due to some various distractions," he said. "We have a difficult situation in our township and I hope that the future will bring us better government."

Northwest Academy fundraiser to take place March 18

The Friends of Charlevoix Northwest Academy are sponsoring a fund-raiser to benefit the school.

The party will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the First Baptist Church located off M-66 in Charlevoix.

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Hugh Mason

Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority approved distribution of \$25,000 to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 27 in spite of talk last year opposing the continued allocation.

"We are funding the chamber to the same tune we did last year when we put them on notice that it was a one-year commitment," said Downtown Development Authority member, John Yaroeh. "And now we're funding them without someone earmarked to handle the downtown."

The funds, which were made available in January when the authority approved its budget, will be directed to a number of events including \$3,000 to the Taste of Charlevoix which will take place June 17 and \$5,200 to fund the summer concert series. The cash commitment also includes a \$1,400 stipend to be given on a monthly basis from April 1 through March 31. These funds were not earmarked for any one event.

Last year, the Downtown Development Authority gave the chamber the same amount of money with \$20,000 of it directed to the downtown coordinator's position and \$5,000 to the summer music series.

"There is no downtown coordinator but funds are needed to promote projects," city mayor and authority member Norm Carlson said.

Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, Hugh Mason, said the way in which the downtown coordinator's position will function in the future will

likely be determined by a study the city will pursue through the state's Blueprint Program.

The Blueprint Program, which is steered by The Michigan Economic Development Corporation which has its headquarters in Lansing, is aimed at boosting Charlevoix's economic climate and is an offshoot of the popular Cool Cities initiative.

In a previous interview, city planner Gerry Harsch said Charlevoix's two major economic issues are a lack of vacant space in downtown and the seasonal nature of business.

The program cost is about \$30,000 and if an application the city plans to submit in this month is denied, funds will have to come from elsewhere.

Last year, when the authority funded the summer concert series authority members stressed it would be a one-time allocation.

However, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority Hugh Mason said the group opted to fund the program again this

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John Yaroeh,
Downtown Development Authority member

year.

"We are hoping it won't continue and they'll find a way to fund it," he said.

In formulating the authority's 2006-2007 budget the authority members were given documents outlining chamber budget expenses.

"But that really didn't mean too much to us. Most of their funds go to salaries," Mason said. "We feel the chamber does add to the

strength and improvement of the downtown and smooth operations of it. It's a necessary important part of the downtown and we want to help them as much as we can."

Information submitted by chamber president Jacqueline Merta shows the chamber's annual budget is \$300,000. Of that, the business' projected salary and wage expense for 2006 is \$126,000. That is 42 percent of the total budget.

According to Mason, the \$1,400

monthly stipend the downtown development authority approved was not earmarked for anything in particular and can be used for operational expenses at the chamber.

"I don't think we're a bank supplying money to the chamber to fund all their normal business issues. This funding is specifically for the downtown," Carlson added.

According to city treasurer, Rick Brandt, the majority of downtown development authority funds come from the capture of taxes. The authority also levies 1.3631 mills on properties within its district which generates about \$37,000. They also maintain a lease with the Beaver Island Boat Company.

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ISD receives \$90,000 research grant from the state

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District received \$90,000 to assess the strengths and weaknesses of services intended for early childhood education and care in the area.

According to Michigan Department of Human Services director, Marianne Udow, the Great Start Collaborative Grant from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) will allow the Intermediate School District to improve upon its already high caliber programs as well as act as a funnel for numerous programs.

"It's so important to focus on our youngest citizens so we make sure that all children in our state have a great start in life and that's what the ECIC is all about," Udow said. "That's why a year ago the governor signed the agreement that formed the ECIC."

Udow said 85 percent of a child's brain has developed by age three.

"We know what happens in those early years has a permanent affect on what happens in later years and we hear from so many of you in schools about how many of our children come to school unprepared to learn and not ready to succeed," she said. "We need to do more to help those children and help their parents prepare them to be ready for school."

The Early Childhood Investment Corporation has three areas of focus.

"First of all it has been set up to be a clearing house of information about early childhood. Information that can be used by families and communities. We want to make sure that people know where they can get information they need," Udow said. "The second purpose for the ECIC is to be a focal point in state government for work on early childhood and the third part is to support Great Start collaboratives."

She added, "We know that there is a tremendous amount of work going on across the state. Char-Em (Intermediate School District) is an amazing, shining example of those assets."

There are over 90 programs aimed at helping children under age five in the area.

Udow said the grant will also be used to study what programs there are and who is being served.

"We need to figure out where the assets are, and what they are doing to support children and families," she said. "We're not just looking at preschool programs, although they are important. We're looking at the whole gamut of early childhood care and development. We're looking at nurse family partnership programs, we're looking at programs that focus on health care and programs that focus on parenting education."

She added, "The needs assessment is intended to do that kind of work to help us make sure that we do have the programs needed."

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is among only 14 of 57 Intermediate School Districts in the state which received this grant.

Mark Eckhardt, superintendent of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, expressed his gratitude to Governor Granholm and the Michigan Department of Human Services and the Early Childhood Investment Corporation for the funds.

"Early childhood and helping young parents to be even better parents has long been the focus of the Intermediate School District and our community partners," he said. "The funding that we are so gracious enough to receive from the state will help strengthen this early childhood initiative we call Stepping Stones to School. We feel it's very important to this because we know that children will come to school better prepared to learn. And, our schools, our businesses and our communities will ultimately reap the benefit from our focus on young infants in the family."

According to Mike Foley, chief operating officer of Early Childhood Investment Corporation, of the 38 grant proposals submitted, Char-Em's was ranked the best.

"It is just an incredible testament to all the work you do here," Udow said. "You can really be a beacon for others."

Foley said the assessment of existing and needed services throughout the area will help the state better understand where to focus funds.

"You've done some of that work already, but we want a real careful assessment in every one of these communities that's receiving these dollars so we can see where the gaps are and so you can assess how well everyone's collaborating and working together," he said. "And when that's all done, we're going to be in a position where we will receive good, comprehensive information."



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above, from left) Mike Foley, chief operating officer of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Mark Eckhardt, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District superintendent, Marianne Udow, Department of Human Services director and Early Childhood Investment Corporation board member, Jan Fowler, coordinator of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Early Education Department, Pat Fralick, director of Family Health Nursing, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, and Kathy Kundrat Head Start Program director, for the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency-Head Start/Early Head Start accept a \$90,000 grant from the state.

According to a press release from the Department of Human Services, the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, which Gov. Granholm announced in her 2005 State of the State Address, is developing the framework for effective early childhood development and care programs through partnerships with local collaboratives around the state.

The local Great Start collaboratives

will use the grant money from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation to conduct a community assessment and develop a strategic plan for the development of a comprehensive system of early childhood services and supports, accessible to all children from birth to kindergarten and their families.

According to Udow, children who participate in high-quality early child-

hood development programs are better prepared to enter elementary school, are more likely to pursue secondary education and have lower dropout rates and higher high school graduation rates.

For more information about the Early Childhood Investment Corporation and Great-Start collaboratives, visit Project Great Start on the Web at <http://www.michigan.gov/greatstart>.



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Proposed federal funding cuts have local implications

ISD's Safe Schools Program may take a hit

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

If the proposed 2007 White House budget remains unchanged, local drug education programs such as the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's program to help ensure safe and drug free schools could suffer.

According to the drug rehabilitation group, Narconon, the White House budget contains a proposal to cut \$322 million from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities programs nationwide.

"Any cut would obviously impact our programs, but it would be up to us to manage how they would be impacted," said Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Safe Schools coordinator, Dennis

Halverson. "To be able to react to similar reductions, we would need to be flexible so other services wouldn't suffer."

Halverson said there are 11 districts in the Intermediate School District which receive this money primarily based on student count. Beaver Island receives the smallest of the grants at \$255 a year, while Petoskey receives the largest grant with \$5,800.

"Charlevoix is somewhere in the middle with \$2,954," he said.

The federal funds, which could be cut by as much as 21 percent nationwide, are used for preventative types of programs such as alcohol and drug prevention education, but up to 20 percent of the grant can be used for security purposes.

Halverson said the Intermediate School District manages the money for the schools and makes sure new programs are being pursued.

"If it goes into effect in Charlevoix, it will affect each district differently," he said. "If these cuts are imposed, we're going to be looking at the district very closely for other funding mechanisms to

ensure the schools can continue to provide these programs."

He added, "We're not going to throw the towel in on any efforts to reduce drug and alcohol abuse in the schools."

Executive director of BASES, Scott Kelly, said while many cuts to drug education programs could affect his organization, this one won't.

"We should be fine since our funding comes from other sources than the federal government," Kelly said.

According to the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools (OSDFS), the organization through which the funds are released, it is responsible for administering, coordinating and recommending policy to improve the quality and excellence of programs and activities designed to accomplish several things. These things include: providing financial assistance for drug and violence prevention activities and activities that promote the health and well being of students in elementary, secondary and other places of higher education.



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Safe Schools Coordinator for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Dennis Halverson, researched the potential impacts of proposed cuts in drug use prevention education from the 2007 White House budget.

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Charlevoix City Council postpones decisions

New sign ordinance and development plan tabled

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The future of signs in Charlevoix and that of a proposed hotel resort remain uncertain.

At its meeting on March 6 Charlevoix City Council hosted a public hearing to consider a revised sign ordinance and a development plan. However, unanswered questions related to both topics lead council to vote unanimously to postpone their decisions on both, indefinitely.

The first decision was to delay the development plan review for a proposed hotel resort to be located along Pine River Lane. This project will be back in council's hands once a determination is made by the city's zoning board of appeals as to whether the project adheres to the definition of hotel/motel in the city's zoning ordinance.

Bob Grzech, an attorney with the Charlevoix office of Running, Wise and Ford, representing a resident group opposed to the project

as presented, submitted the appeal to the zoning board. He argues this project doesn't fit the definition of hotel as outlined in the ordinance.

This evaluation will likely take place at the board's March 15 meeting.

"Our hands are tied until the ZBA meets and comes back with an opinion," city mayor Norm Carlson Jr. said.

The city planning commission has recommended approval of the development plan which shows a 12-unit resort hotel to be built at 115 Pine River Lane, overlooking the Pine River Channel.

In this proposed development, each of the units would be sold individually and would possibly be included in a rental pool.

The proposed resort hotel, to be developed by Catt Acquisitions of Gaylord, would span over 30,000 square feet and would have 24 underground parking spaces. The lot is 7 tenths-of-an-acre of land and is owned by Peter Carey, Julie Bandfield and Randy Carey.

The property is zoned commercial and the city's zoning ordinance allows for hotels/motels in this district.

Doug Mansfield, president of the project's architectural firm, Wells Mansfield, has said there

exists similar uses in the same area, like Pointes North Inn and the WeatherVue Terrace.

According to the ordinance, hotels must have a central lobby or office area from which users enter and exit supervised by a person in charge at all hours.

The office area for this project is located in the parking level.

Mansfield said there will be an on-call box and a manager in residence seven days a week.

City planner Gerry Harsch has revised findings of fact related to the project addressing resident concerns as to its impact. Seven residents with property near the proposed project submitted concerns in writing.

Residents argue that the proximity of the project to their homes could pose a risk to their homes' structure during the construction process. Other concerns include soil erosion issues, light pollution, a potential impact on traffic flow, mechanical noise, trash removal, walls and fencing.

Light pollution was also a topic of discussion during a public hearing for the city's proposed sign ordinance.

First ward councilman, Bob

Timms, said internally, or backlit signs, can be more aesthetically pleasing than uplit signs. He said currently, sign lighting in Charlevoix can distract drivers and poorly direct light.

"These darn things shine right in your eyes and no one seems to give a hoot," Timms said. "If they were internally lit, I think we would be better off."

Mayor Carlson agreed. But no direction was taken on the ordinance as Charlevoix's age-old battle to keep billboards out of town resurfaced.

In 1997, Harsch was told by city attorney, Jim Young, that the ordinance needed to be revised to include billboards so it wouldn't be deemed exclusionary.

"If we don't have some provisions for them we could end up with billboards in places we don't want them," Harsch said.

Provisions for billboards in the proposed ordinance allow for them on the north side, of town along U.S. 31 bordering the city's industrial district and on the south side along U.S. 31 near the airport property. The maximum allowed size for these signs is limited in the proposal to 36 square feet.

"That's not a billboard, that's a sheet of plywood," Carlson said.

The size issue quelled the fears of some including Timms who said, "A sign of that size, I wouldn't be too worried about."

However, second ward councilman, Gabe Campbell, would rather nix the concept entirely.

"I don't want to see it in if we don't have to," he said.

City resident and planning commission member Francis Flanders agrees.

"If we add zoning language for billboards we will get applications for them. And then we'll have to deal with them. I think there is enough case law to defend that position," he said.

Since 1997 when staff was directed to address billboards in the ordinance, numerous cases have come through the State of Michigan in which courts have upheld a municipality's right to exclude the signs.

Young was directed to review existing case law with regard to billboards and advise council as to whether they can exclude them from this revised sign ordinance.

Council didn't set a date for this review to be considered.

April conference to bring fireworks over Round Lake

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor



Dan Barron

A fireworks show over Round Lake in April?

No, the Venetian Festival isn't moving its annual July event to spring. Rather, the Michigan Festivals and

Events Association is planning a spring conference to take place April 27-30 in Charlevoix.

"This will bring life to the downtown. It's great for retailers, restaurants, bars — especially at the end of April," Tracy Sell, president of the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau said. "This is a big event, in the time of the season when it won't impact other tourists or summer residents."

On Feb. 27, Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority members voted unanimously to give \$1,000 to the Convention and Visitors Bureau to partially fund bringing a barge to Charlevoix for the proposed April 29 fireworks shoot. The total cost for barge use and relocation from Beaver Island is about \$5,000. Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc. has given \$1,000 and the bureau is funding the balance.

"For \$1,000, no pun intended, we're going to get a lot of bang for

Who: Michigan Festivals and Events Association
What: Conference including public events
When: April 27-30
Where: Castle Farms and East Park

our buck," said Dan Barron, president of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc. and a member of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

Barron abstained from the Downtown Development Authority vote. The final vote was unanimous to donate \$1,000 to the effort.

"This is what we've been trying to do all along. Get these shoulder seasons moving. I'm all for that," said Fred DiMartino, a member of the Downtown Development Authority.

According to Barron, the Michigan Festivals and Events Association boasts the largest membership of any events association of its kind in the United States. Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc. has been an association member since 1999.

Colonial Fireworks Co., the business that handles the famed Venetian Festival fireworks show, has offered to donate \$25,000 in fireworks for the occasion.

The show is expected to be similar to the stadium shoot Colonial does during the Venetian Festival.

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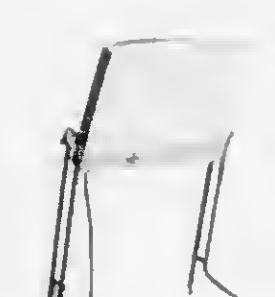
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SPORTS

Rayder basketball win district opener

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Despite an up and down regular season, the Charlevoix Rayders showed they were back at home — figuratively and literally, with a 69-62 win over Harbor Springs March 6 to open district play.

The Rayders were playing at home in their own gym as Charlevoix is hosting the district tournament for the first time in years. They were also playing in post-season tournament play where the Rayder program has reigned supreme, winning six of the last seven district basketball championships.

"Well, it's March madness," coach Keith Haske said. "It's an exciting time of year and something we always look forward to."

The Rayders host Boyne City in game two of the district games, beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. today, Wednesday March 8. Charlevoix has beaten the Ramblers twice this season.

Against Harbor Springs, Charlevoix trailed by six at the half, at 34-28, and fell behind by nine to begin the second half, before

mounting a decisive comeback. As it has been most all season long, it was the sharp shooting of the Rayders' wings, juniors Mitchell Crandall and Matt Kautz and sophomore, Dustin Dibble, that got the team going.

Dibble hit a three-pointer, followed by a Kautz bucket to cut the lead to 37-34 with 5:13 minutes to play in the third quarter.

Crandall then took over. Having missed the regular season finale against Bellaire with an ankle injury, he was scheduled only to play briefly in the Harbor game, but adrenaline earned him.

Crandall buried a three-pointer to tie the game at 37-all. The Rams answered with a lay-up to retake the lead, but Crandall then sunk another three, followed by an old-fashioned "and one" three-point play and then a tip-in to give Charlevoix a 45-39 lead with 2:35 minutes left in the quarter.

"(Crandall) really came up big for us," Haske said. "We didn't expect him to play that much. As much as we played him, he'll be sore tomorrow and probably questionable for Wednesday."

In all, the Rayders went on a 17-2 run in five minutes, led by Crandall's 11 points.

The Rams wouldn't say die, however, cutting the lead to 47-44 at the close of the third quarter. They took the lead briefly at 55-53 with 4:59 minutes left in the game but a Mike DiMartino basket off a feed from Kautz re-tied the game seconds later.

Trevor Mays sunk a free throw with 3:53 minutes remaining which gave the Rayders a lead they never relinquished. Kautz nailed a key three-pointer to push the Charlevoix advantage back to five at 63-58.

Crandall grabbed two key rebounds off Harbor Springs misses down the stretch and sank four of four free throws in the last minute of the game to seal the win. Crandall finished with 21 points, 17 of which he scored in the second half. Kautz scored 19 while Dibble added 10.

In the previous week, Charlevoix closed out the regular season with a 12-8 mark with a 71-48 win over East Jordan and a season-ending

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Michael DiMartino fakes a shot as a Ram defender tries to stay with him during Charlevoix's district opener against Harbor Springs Monday night. The Rayders play Boyne City tonight.

Charlevoix Area Community Pool offers snorkeling lessons and practice

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will offer a snorkeling day at the pool prior to spring break for those who would like to practice or learn how to snorkel.

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Rayders claim first game in the district tournament BASKETBALL

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63-59 loss to Class D second-ranked Bellaire.

The Bellaire game was close throughout with seven ties and numerous lead changes. Charlevoix led late in the third quarter, at 36-34, but an Eagle run to end the period put Bellaire up, 41-38 at the buzzer.

In the final stanza, the Rayders fell behind by eight at 52-44 but seven straight Charlevoix points scored by Dibble, brought the game

to within two, at 55-53 with 1:31 minutes left. The Rayders would get no closer though.

Dibble finished with 31 points and Kautz tallied 13.

Against the Red Devils, Charlevoix blew a close game wide open with a 29-13 third quarter surge. Kautz led the Rayders with 22 points while Dibble had 14. Freshman Justin Friske grabbed seven rebounds in his varsity debut.

Crandall had six rebounds. Ty Haske dished out six assists.



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Youth hoops

The fifth and sixth grade participants on the Charlevoix Youth Basketball green team took first place overall for the season. They are (from left) Cristin Cole, Emily White, Paige Montgomery, Shelby Isaac, Mersadz Schmidt, Nicole Bryant, Molly Jaekel and coach Mike Schmidt.

Brown University names Scott Friske its 'Rookie of the Week'

Early this month, Brown University freshman forward Scott Friske of Charlevoix was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week for the third time this season after helping Brown to a 69-64 victory over Cornell.

Friske exploded for 23 points against the Big Red on 7 of 9 shooting from the field, including 1 of 1 shooting from behind the three-point arc. He also converted 8 of 9 free throws, grabbed five rebounds

and handed out two assists against Cornell.

Friske has started 19 of 24 games for the Bears and is averaging 8.3 points per game, third on the Brown team. He ranks second on the Brown team with 4.6 rebounds per game and is shooting a team leading 50 percent from the field (67 of 133). He scored a career high 26 points against Quinnipiac earlier this season.

Brown wrapped up its 2005-2006 season March 4.

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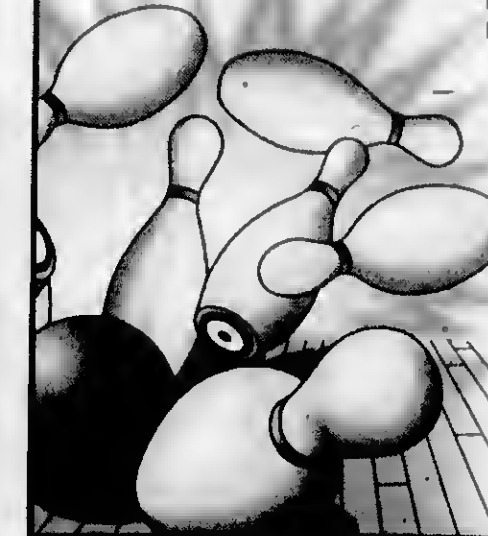
Harbor Springs Boys Class B-C-D 1st Place
Petoskey Boys Class B-C-D 3rd Place

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Men's Senior League Feb. 27, 2006				State Farm Insurance Lakeshore Tire				Zettie Kilson Audrey Trimble Shirley Flower				D'Leary Bradley Herboldshelmer			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
B VanLoon & Sons	27	9	201	R & C Roofing	27	9	201	Paul Bunyan Lanes	17	11	Jeff Novotny	19	29		
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	22	14	175	St. Mary's	22	14	175	Grey Gables Inn	16	12	Chris Mikulski	19	29		
J Arnold Painting "A"	19	17	175	Chuck Stein	555	247	628	Charlevoix Foot Clinic	15.5	12.5	Tim Bradley	18	30		
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	18	175	Jim Potter	628	213	576	Green Lakes Concrete	14.5	13.5	Butch Hart	17	17		
Bud's Buds	17	19	175	Randy DeYoung	576	209	209	Birdies Beauty Shoppe	14	14	Kathy Bradley	390	165		
J Arnold Painting "Z"	15	21	175	Larry Darrah	209	209	209	Oleson's Food Store	13	15	Cindy Novotny	408			
Selph Trucking	15	21	175	Young All Hearts - March 2, 2006	W	L	Series	DM Construction	12	16	Kathy Hill	383	145		
The Flight Deck	11	25	175	Greg Stachler	229	225	225	Central Drug Store	10	18	Andi Cunningham	143			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Del Hart	599	225	225	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES							
Greg Stachler	229			Jon Kiemann	584	219	219	Paul Bunyan Lanes	36.5	11.5					
Del Hart	599			Has Beens	225			Novotny	29	19	Diana Spiegel	552	202		
Jon Kiemann	584			Alley Cats	225			Hill Martineck	28	20	Mary O'Brien	505	188		
Del Hart	584			Past Times	17	19	19	Hart	27	21	Jane Holm	175			
Scott Dixon	566			Mistite	15	21	21	Golovich	19.5	28.5	Annette Hosler	473			
Church League - March 1, 2006	W	L	Series	Twilighters	15	21	21								
Paul Bunyan Lanes	295	205	205	Irish Rollers	10	26	26								
Ferguson & Chamberlain	283	217	217	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES											
Luthers	276	224	224	Don Wells	520	200	200								
Mark White Paint & Stain	259	241	241	Eldon Potter	498	182	182								
				Mo Dixon	498	182	182								
				Ralph Kilson	454										



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the week: Don Wells with a high game of 200 and a high series of 520. Congratulations!

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Charlevoix High School career day



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(Left) Journeyman electrician, Scott Chanda with Sky Electric in East Jordan, shows some career day onlookers at Charlevoix High School some of the basics of electrical work. (Right) Mike Schmidt, a painter at Pat McKeown's auto body shop shows some students some of what 24 years in the industry has taught him during career day March 2.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Stumpwork artist to teach needlework class for the Jordan River Arts Council

Michigan fiber artist Kathy Fenchel will be a featured teacher as part of Jordan River Arts Council Show, "Rare Threads with Another Twist."

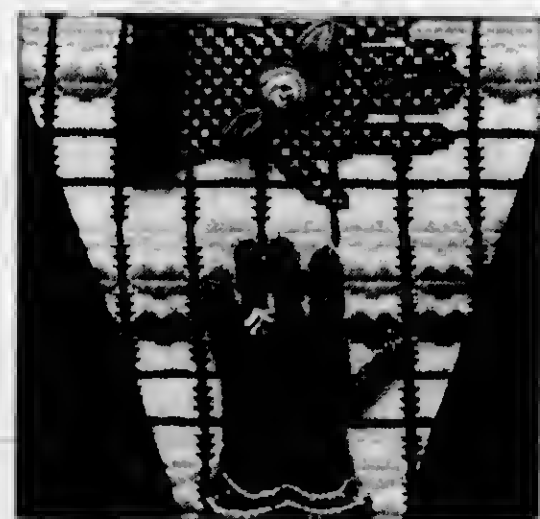
Fenchel is a nationally recognized fiber artist and a veteran of The Carol Duval Show where she demonstrated the timeless art of stumpwork embroidery.

Stumpwork is a form of raised embroidery that was only done for a period of about 50 years in the mid-1600s. It is often enhanced with beads or small jewels. The modern application for this type of embroidery is embellishment for small fabric boxes, pin cushions and quilts.

It is important to Fenchel that each student understand various stitching techniques and how they can be developed to suit the students' skill level, aesthetic tastes and creative talents.

Fenchel conducts a weekly canvas-enhancement class in the Detroit area and travels throughout the U.S. teaching her designs for both the Embroiders Guild of America, the American Needlepoint Guild and in needlework shops.

Fenchel's featured class for Jordan River Arts Council is "Raspberries for Lunch." Students will be introduced to several needlework techniques that will easily translate for use on other needlework



Courtesy photo

(Above) Stumpwork techniques are the specialty of Kathy Fenchel who will teach a needlework class on March 26.

projects. The class will be offered at the Central Lake Governmental Center in Central Lake on March 26. Registration is limited.

To register for workshops contact Donna Miller at (231) 599-2982 or e-mail birdr61@aol.com. For additional information call Sylvia Walworth at (231) 599-3065.

Registration forms and more detailed information about the workshop is available on the arts council Web site www.jordanriverarts.org.

The Jordan River Arts Council is located at 301 Main St. in East Jordan, however classes will take place at other locations.

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ATTENTION STUDENTS who attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Charlevoix: Did you attend the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade between 1973 - 1988? If so, or if you have the contact information or someone who did, you are encouraged to contact Cheryl via email at Tchrwheat@yahoo.com by March 18 in regards to the creation of a student memory book.
(03-08-2-076)

FREE FINANCIAL Fitness/Credit Education Workshop. 5 week session now forming to start March 6 in Petoskey. Monday evenings 6-8 p.m. Call Alice at Northern Homes CDC to register. Toll Free: 866-637-1834.
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(03-01-2-086)

HELP WANTED - Two part-time positions as receptionist/coun-ter person. One part-time position as baggage handler. Please send cover letter and resume to Island Airways, 111 Airport Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.
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(03-08-1-134)

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(02-22-6-170)

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(01-18-tf-170)

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(11-1-tf-171)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the matter of: **VIRGINIA Y. OLSEN REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D 04/10/1998**
Date of Birth: 06/24/26

TO ALL CREDITORS: whose names and addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Trustee, Virginia Y. Olsen, who

lived at 101 McSaubia Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, died on February 3, 2006.

There will be no probate estate filed for Virginia Y. Olsen. Mrs. Olsen had no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of her death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Virginia Y. Olsen or the Virginia Y. Olsen Revocable Trust ("Trust"), UAD April 10, 1998, will be forever barred or affected unless presented to Successor Trustee, James J. Murray, Esq., 303 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 within 4 (four) months after the date of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

James J. Murray, Esq. (P40413)
303 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 348-6413

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303 Howard Street
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LEGAL NOTICE 210**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 06-010951-DE**

Estate of Mary Jo Henderson
Date of Birth: November 4, 1928

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Jo Henderson, who lived at 09110 Quarterline Road, Hayes Township, MI, 49720, died July 9, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Anne M. Kantola, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

March 8, 2006

Barron & Engstrom, P.L.C.
Edward F. Engstrom, Esq. (P42437)
309 Petoskey Avenue, P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9950

Anne M. Kantola
09110 Quarterline Road
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-5540

L(03/08)

LEGAL NOTICE 210**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 06-010954-DE**

Estate of Thomas Bartholomew Kruczkowski, deceased.
Date of Birth: September 1, 1938

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TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 2, 2006, the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Thomas Bartholomew Kruczkowski, who lived at 8614 Pincherry Rd., Charlevoix, Michigan, died February 21, 2006.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to Rudolph T. Kruse, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 8, 2006

Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
1404 Bridge Street, Ste. 101
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-1111

Rudolph T. Kruse
2832 Peach Tree St.
Hemet, CA 92545

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 06-010945-DE**

Estate of Regina P. Vvirski, deceased.
Date of Birth: July 12, 1913

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Regina P. Vvirski, who lived at 13300 Waller Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, died January 3, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Diana K. Svoboda, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 8, 2006

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4059

Diana K. Svoboda
13300 Waller Road
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-1105

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 06-010946-DE**

Estate of C. Marguerite Ikens
Date of Birth: May 23, 1916

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, C. Marguerite Ikens, who lived at 314 Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720, died February 10, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donna L. White, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

March 8, 2006

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4059

Donna L. White
13215 Maple Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-6618

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF SALE**

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice NINETY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR AND

83/100 DOLLARS (\$99,354.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 24, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court-house, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the South-every line of a 32 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29" East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33.3 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to

a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence parallel with said line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: February 2, 2006
Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made the 24th day of August, 1999, by Jeffrey L. Brooks, a single man, of 319 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727, as Mortgagor, to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, of 1031 May Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 30, 1999, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 370, Pages 943-948. There is claimed to be due on such Mortgage at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven and 90/100 Dollars (\$27,607.90), including interest at 8.900% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on **March 22, 2006**, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said mortgage, together with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and also any such sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interests in the premises. Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 8 and 9, Block 1, Bowen's Addition to the Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 44, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. Property may be redeemed by paying the amount of the bid at the foreclosure sale and any unpaid encumbrances on the property from date of sale.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a third party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: February 15, 2006
ROBERT A. BANNER, P.C.
By: Robert A. Banner (P44709)
Attorney for Bay Winds Federal Credit Union
213 South Lake Street
Boyne City, MI 49712
PH: 231/582-1710
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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF SALE**

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 15th day of February, 2002, by Mark A. Capp and Corinne Capp, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 18, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 458, page 949, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE AND 05/100 DOLLARS (\$213,631.06) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 31, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel 1: Commencing at a point where the North line of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West intersects the West line of the Deer Lake Road; thence West along said section line 200 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East parallel with said North section line 200 feet to the West line of Deer Lake Road; thence North along the said West line of the Deer Lake Road to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point 200 feet West of the Northeast corner of the North-1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence West 50 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence North 50 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: Commencing at a 1/2 inch well point at the North 1/4 corner of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 86 degrees 51'28" East along the North line of said section, 1308.91 feet to an iron stake on the East 1/8 line of said section; thence South 03 degrees 54'24" West along said East 1/8 line 50 feet to a point which is 2.45 feet Easterly as measured at right angles from the center line of the East Jordan-Boyer City Road, which point is recorded as being 50 feet South of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section and being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 03 degrees 54'24" West

along said East 1/8 line, 18 feet; thence North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of said section, 51.96 feet to a T-iron stake on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of section, 198.04 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 03 degrees 54'24" East, parallel with said East 1/8 line, 18 feet; thence South 86 degrees 51'28" East parallel with the North line of said section, 51.95 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West.

All in the Township of Wilson, County of Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject

premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: February 9, 2006

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. Classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. March 8 and 15 in the lower level of the library.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Caregiver conference

As part of its "Life Lessons Educational Series" Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is planning a "Care for the Caregiver Conference."

Four area non-profit agencies, which include The Friendship Center, Living Room, Adult Day Services, Independence Village and The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, are collaborating with Hospice of Little Traverse Bay for this event.

The conference will offer education as well as interesting and fun activities for the attendees to take part in. The free event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 at The Friendship Center in Petoskey. Transportation will be provided, if needed, by Independence Village and The Friendship Center.

Attendees will be able to choose from various educational sessions and services like massage and manicures throughout the day. Topics to be offered include "The basic how-to's of caregiving," "Financial, legal and advanced directives planning," "Don't compromise your calories: what you eat really matters," "Self care and stress management," "Alzheimers/ Parkinsons/Dementia and memory impairments," "Managing difficult behaviors," "Caregiver resources," "Reiki: What it is and how it works," and "Is Yoga for me?"

Lunch will be provided by The Friendship Center at no cost to attendees. Informational tables with representatives from various local agencies will be on-site to provide information and answer questions about the services and products available for caregivers in both Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

The conference is aimed to serve those caring for someone who is disabled due to chronic disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, memory impairment, advanced age or terminal illness.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required for transportation, respite care, or to sign-up for

a chair massage or manicure during the conference.

For more information or to register contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825, or visit www.hospicetlb.org.

Child care training

Child care providers, parents and early childhood professionals are invited to attend a local child care training session sponsored by Traverse City based 4C Training. The following training session will meet new licensing requirements. A Look Into A Child's Mind will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. March 11 at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix. For more information call Carrie Ball at (231) 941-7767.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Mary's parish will host their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 in the church family center located at 1003 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. Dinner will include ham, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salads, desserts, breads and beverages. The cost is \$8 per adult, \$6 for senior citizens, \$4 for children and \$25 for a family. For more information call (231) 547-6652.

Comedy Troupe

The Little Traverse Civic Theatre's Second Sunday Improvisational Comedy Troupe will perform at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 at the City Park Grill located at 432 East Lake Street in Petoskey.

Garden club speaker

The Practical Gardening Institute's Janet Macunovich will be a featured speaker at the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's meeting March 14 at the Community Reformed Church.

Macunovich and a group of re-

nowned gardening experts will speak with local gardeners and garden lovers. Macunovich will combine design recommendations with practical advice on shade gardening and how to bring color home for our growing season's eight months of color.

Macunovich is an author and educator in landscape and garden design. She has been designing, planting and maintaining gardens and landscapes for more than 20 years. She is a founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute.

The event will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14.

For more information about Macunovich visit www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com or call (248) 442-7336.

Irish lunch

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a traditional boiled Irish lunch in recognition of St. Patrick's Day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17.

The center is located at 06906 Norwood Road. The cost is \$5 per person.

For more information call (231) 547-5361.

Northwest fund-raiser

The Friends of Charlevoix Northwest Academy are sponsoring a fund-raiser to benefit the school. The party will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the First Baptist Church located off M-66 in Charlevoix.

The evening will include non-alcoholic beverages, hors d'oeuvres, cash raffles, silent and live auctions, and dance music provided by the Northwest Academy Jazz Band.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available by calling (231) 547-9000.

Retired Federal Employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, March 21, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, the featured speaker will be Betsy Hanson from the American Red Cross. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Books Are Fun

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is hosting a spring "Books Are Fun" sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 23 and from 7 to 11 a.m. March 24 in the large classroom near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The sale will include premium hardcover books, gifts, toys, stationery and educational products for children and adults at discount prices. For more information call Peg Mitzi at (231) 547-0631.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays.

All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated. A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Community Food Pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

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SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse of life in Charlevoix during the 1940s



Marilyn
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'Days
gone by'

I am amazed at the amount of work that went into making the 1940 directory of Charlevoix which I am using to tell about the people I knew at that time. One man went to every house and business in town, writing the data down, including all the rural areas. It would have been a monumental task. There are only a few of these books around, and I wanted to share these memories of the people who lived here when I was a young girl.

Some of these Charlevoixians were Irvin Racignol and his wife, Marvel. They lived at 211 E. Garfield Avenue. He worked at the Petoskey Cement Company. He ran the railroad engine which moved the empty and full rail cars around the premises.

Esther Radle was a widow (Charles E.) who lived at 403 Mason Street. Her son, Edward lived there also, as did daughter, Marjorie. Dale remembers one summer when Ed worked for the city recreation department. On Saturdays, he would take a group of town kids on a hike out to

the old Charlevoix Lime Kiln, where St. Mary's Cement Company is now. They had fun playing on the old abandoned foundations, and quarry.

Arthur and Violet Ranger had a board-ing house in the summer time, at 209 Lewis Street. Mrs. Ranger had a large commercial stove in her kitchen, and she served meals to her guests. Their children were Virginia and Arthur A. (Alvin). Mr. Ranger took care of the Goldman family's large yacht. Dale remembers that when World War II was over, Charlevoix had a whole day of celebration on Bridge Street.

Art had a Model A pickup, with a whistle which he attached to the exhaust, and a big bedspring that he pulled behind the car. This was during the parade which the town had because they were so happy that the war was over. The other towns around were quiet, but Charlevoix celebrated into the night. People lined the sidewalks and the parade kept on. Art's father, Roy Ranger, had a wood working shop at 209 Belvedere Avenue, where he lived.

George M. Rassieur lived at 405 Mercer Boulevard in the summer, and also in St. Louis, Mo. in the winter. He was an attorney. George was a good friend of my dad, and we would go over there often. He would cook for us, and I remember especially his tiny flaky biscuits, and the wonderful salad he made. He would rub the inside of a wooden bowl with a garlic clove, and then add the delicious ingredients. Very tasty for a little girl.

Louis Rassieur and wife, Lilie, owned the house on top of the hill next to Mt. McSaubia, toward town. The house was built in 1929, and is now known as Turtle Hill. Edward Rassieur lived at 505 Mercer Boulevard. Theodore Rassieur lived at 501 Mercer Boulevard. They also lived in St. Louis, Mo.

Elmer Reed and his wife, Viola, lived at 103 Green Street. He was a meat cutter, and worked at Curtis Market. He had red hair, and everyone called him "Red." Their children were Robert and William.

Charles Reinhart and his wife, Elizabeth owned the Charlevoix Hotel at 206 Antrim Street. Their son was Charles William, who was in my class in school. John Reinhart and wife, Birdie lived at 603 State Street. Lyman Reinhart lived at 203 Lewis Street. Mary Reinhart was a widow (Alexander) and lived at 207 E. Dixon Avenue.

James J. Reis lived at 208 W. Dixon Avenue and also Cincinnati, Ohio. He loved boats, and also drove fancy convertible cars, which he brought up every summer. He truly enjoyed Charlevoix's summers.

Floyd Rice and his wife, Tillie lived at 301 Stover Road. He was an operator at the city power plant. Their son Ernest W. also lived there.

Arthur T. and Julia Richardson lived at 103 W. Garfield Avenue. He was a carpenter. Daughters Edna and Delora lived there also. Delora worked at the

Kroger store, and later was the book-keeper for Maxbauer's Dairy, when Dale's dad was the manager. When Dale bought the dairy, she continued to work for him. Charles Richardson was a sailor, and lived at 901 Bridge Street. Ward and Doris Richardson lived with their children, R. Louis, Carol L., and John at 204 E. Upright. He was a boat builder.

John B. Rickard and wife Blanche, lived at 207 W. Garfield Avenue. He was a trucker. Their children were Robert, Richard, Howard, Beverly, Jean and David.

Rev. Harold Ringenoldus and wife, Dorothea lived at 313 W. Garfield Avenue. He was a pastor at the Barnard Reformed Church. The church was later moved to town, and is the present Community Reformed Church. The parsonage at 313 W. Garfield Avenue was owned by Fred and Etta Trimble. Dale's dad was the church treasurer, and many times he would have Dale hand deliver the \$13 dollar monthly rental check for the parsonage to Fred and Etta, who lived at 304 W. Garfield Avenue. The parsonage was practically new. Mr. Trimble was a good carpenter, and built it for rental purposes.

Glenn E. Rose and wife, Ida, lived at 107 Mason Street with their children, Donna, Patsy and Charles. He was a policeman at the time. Glenn would tell the story of how sometimes in the summertime, he and a couple other officers

would spend the night on the big sand dune between 431 and 505 Michigan Avenue, providing police protection. The people living there were wealthy, and wary of kidnapping. The police had a good view of what was going on down the entire street. The sand dune that comes out to the road is still there. It has a stone fence in front of it at the curbside.

At that time, the Chicago Club also had a policeman standing on the sidewalk on the hill leading to the depot. Later, Glenn became sheriff. He ran against my grandpa for years, but couldn't beat him. When Grandpa retired in 1955, Glenn was elected. Glenn's children were my second cousins, and Patsy and I were good friends in school. She was in my class. Ida was a telephone operator for Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

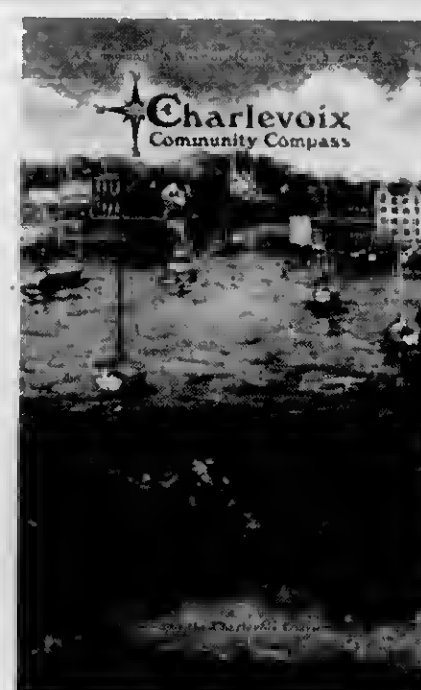
Simon and Lizzie Rose owned Rose Barber and Beauty Shop at 102 Bridge Street, which was adjacent to the channel on the east side of the street. They lived at 302 Mason Street. Simon was a diver in his younger years. There is a picture of him in his diving suit in the archives at the Charlevoix Historical Society.

We had such interesting people in town then, and with everyone knowing everyone else, it was a most interesting time of life.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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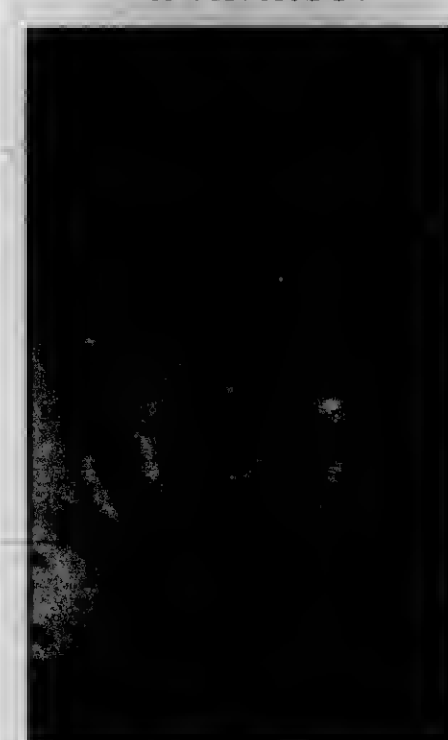
Irish festival



Charlevoix schools will be hosting an Irish festival filled with music.

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Fundraiser



A fundraiser has been set for an area autistic child to pay for his therapy.

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Next week

Charlevoix basketball, library and school board.

Smoking ban may return

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Public Health Clean Air Act of 2005, a measure which would disallow smoking in certain businesses of more than one employee in Charlevoix County may soon be back before the Charlevoix County Commissioners.

Newly elected First District County Commissioner Connie Saltonstall hopes to have the regulation on the agenda of the March 22 meeting of the board of commissioners.

"The last time it was voted on, it was a three to three vote, which meant it didn't pass," Saltonstall said. "Josh Barnes (former first district commissioner) voted against it,

and by my voting for it, I think it will pass four to two."

The proposed 2005 regulation does not apply to restaurants, bars and other food service establishments and certain gambling and casino operations since other laws already affect those establishments. Businesses operated out of private residences will also be exempt, except for those used for childcare, health care or adult day care businesses.

In response to concerned business owners and citizens, the board of health made changes to the original wording of the clean air act to allow smoking in businesses which employ one person as well as smoking for businesses with vehicles used by

one person at a time.

The new wording also allows smoking break rooms as long as they are sufficiently ventilated.

Saltonstall is reintroducing this regulation because the health of Charlevoix citizens is important to her.

"I think secondhand smoke is a serious health issue," she said. "But, businesses that are sole employees are exempted from the regulation."

She added, "I don't think that someone should have to quit their job because someone else at their workplace decides to do something injurious to their health and the health of others. Secondhand smoke has been proven to be a health risk."

Following much debate by

county officials and citizens back in November 2005, the County Board of Commissioners voted to pass the smoking regulation in order to allow the other counties covered by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to adopt it if they so choose.

The other counties covered by the health department are Antrim, Emmet and Otsego, all of which adopted the regulation.

The commissioners then deadlocked with a three to three vote which exempted Charlevoix County from the clean air act.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. on March 22 in the commissioner's room at the county building.

Get out your green Friday

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy all that Charlevoix restaurants and pubs have to offer this St. Patrick's Day.

Whether you prefer corned beef and cabbage with some traditional Irish tunes, or buckets of green beer with rocking contemporary music, Charlevoix has you covered.

The day before St. Patrick's Day, the Charlevoix Senior Center is hosting a luncheon starting at 11:30 a.m. for \$5 for adults.

Additionally, Jeff Sprecksell, manager of Stafford's Weathervane, said they will continue their tradition of fine food and entertainment.

"The chef is going to be doing a 75 pound corned beef round, fresh house made soda bread, lamb stew and green

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Photo by Kent Ludwig

District champs

The Charlevoix Rayder varsity basketball team won district finals with a score of 70 - 60 against the East Jordan Red Devils on Friday, March 10. They are pictured from front row, left to right: Managers River Gauthier, Justin Erskine, Charlie Hamilton, and Billy Roloff, Brad Cyr, Tyler Haske, Dustin Dibble, Dan Swenor, Darron Munson, Cliff Jones, and Justin Friske. Back left to right: Assistant coach Bret Erskine, assistant Jim Gels, Kyle Jones, Austin Wilhelm, Corey Gotshall, Michael DiMartino, Trevor Mays, Mitchell Crandall, Derek Friske, Matt Kautz, head coach Keith Haske, and assistant Brian Hawkins. Charlevoix went on to play Rogers City in a regional semifinal game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. The scores were not available by press time.

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On the record

District Court
The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Lewis Andrew Sevanski, 33, Vanderbilt. Accumulation of garbage-sanitary code. Serve 180 days in jail, 180 days held in abeyance, to serve six months on probation, clean up property; \$300 in fines and costs.

Elizabeth Mary Shomin, 36, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, submit to PBT/Urine test, to attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Frank J Roselli, 58, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, to serve six months on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Gregory Vern Smith, 25, Gaylord. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

hol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes, to attend Impact weekend; \$980 in fines and costs.

James Richard McClelland, 21, Mancelona. Operating while license suspended. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 15 days in jail, 78 days held in abeyance, to serve one year on probation; \$300 in fines and costs.

Starlyn May Hill, 26, Elmira. No operator license on person. Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs. Michelle Christine Mailloux, 36, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,535 in fines and costs.

Thomas Keith Dixon, 31, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 12 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 70 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,380 in fines and costs.

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lines and costs.
Michael John Rostar, 28, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 294 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes, to attend Impact weekend; \$1,535 in fines and costs.

Joshua Lee Marvin, 24, East Jordan. Attempted resisting and obstruction. Serve 88 days in jail with credit for 28 days, to serve 60 days in jail; \$1,250 in fines and costs.

Phillip Bourdeau Navarre, 48, Jackson. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve nine months on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$980 in fines and costs.

Edward A. Chapman, 26, Charlevoix. Check insufficient funds less than \$100. Serve 12 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court
The following cases were recently

heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Gary Lee Brodin, 63, Charlevoix. Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault). Sentenced to nine months in jail with credit for 15 days, nine months held in abeyance, to serve 24 months on probation; \$820 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Solo Sales & Marketing, 3076 Leisure Lane, Boyne City, by Lawrence R. Olliffe
Cloud Nine, 240 South Lake St., Suite F, East Jordan, by Kevin A. Dillard

M. J. C. Racing, 9396 Park St., Ellsworth, by Clarrisa LaVanway and Jeff Skeel

Nu-Ware Drywall, 301 Front St., Boyne City, by Kevin Fineout
James Day Painting, 626 Grant St.,

Apt. 5, Boyne City, by James F. Day and Teresa R. Howard

Lucas Contracting, 410 W. Robinson, Charlevoix, by Anthony and Melissa Lucas

Beeznik Dezigus, 326 East Division St., Boyne City, by Nicholas O'Kelley

Spoiled Dog Furnishings, 4284 Maple Ridge Road, Boyne City, by Chad Ernst and Erin Belleau

Rose Garden Poetry, lot 48 Manning Drive, East Jordan, by Nina Kenny

KJD Consulting Services, 12825 Castle Pines Drive, Charlevoix, by Kelly J. Dunlop

Buckhole Design Service, 03412 Springwater Beach Road, Boyne City, by William Buckhole

Marriages
The following people were re-

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cently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jeremiah Wayne Cutler, 27 and Jamie Lynn Cook, 20, both of Charlevoix

William Patrick Gibson, 28 and Trista Lynn LaBean, 25, both of Boyne Falls

Raymond Jacob Greensky, 26 and Amanda Jean May, 26, both of Boyne City

Matthew Terry Smith, 22 and Ruby Louise Glazier, 32, both of Charlevoix

Divorces
The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jacob Porath vs. Kendra Joy Porath
Ellen Schuiling vs. William Schuiling

Births

Ashton Parker Blackford weighing

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immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff,

Petoskey. Great grandparents are Roland and Irene Petoskey from Levering and Albert and Kathaleen Merrill of Petoskey.

Laney Joy Smith weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces was born March 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sarah Smith of Charlevoix and Rich and Carol Bachus of Harbor Springs.

Siblings are Thomas James and Destiny Marie. Grandparents are Mark and Darlene Simpson of Charlevoix. Aunts are Amber and Melissa of Charlevoix.

Isaiah Schmidt weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce was born March 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Courtney and Marge Schmidt of Atwood.

Collin Michael Sutton weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces was born March 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Amanda Sutton of Boyne City. Grandparents are Thomas and Marcia Sutton of Boyne Falls and Ken and Terrie Hunt of

The photo information states her name is Pam Pynnonen. Her name is Pam Pynnonen-Moyer.

we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event. It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Area restaurants, bars to celebrate St. Patrick

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beer. And, the food is all complimentary," Spreckell said. "The food starts at 5 p.m. and goes until it is gone."

Christ Martin will entertain in the bar starting at 8 p.m.

"He plays piano and sings," Spreckell said. "Friday should be a big night."

There will be Irish theme music as well as other favorites.

The Weathered is open until midnight and there is no cover charge.

"This is for the locals. We've always been doing something here for the past 10 to 15 years and we've been doing the free food for the past three years or so," he said.

For a quieter St. Patty's night with

the family, you might want to try Nanny's or The Villager Pub, both of which will be serving Irish oriented cuisine.

The Townhouse will offer hors d'oeuvres from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with green beer as the evening progresses.

If you're in the mood for something a little more rocking, The Flight Deck will feature the band The Push with their green beer, corned beef and cabbage.

"They (The Push) do a lot of today's stuff," said Flight Deck staff member, Chad Odell. "They're pretty big around here."

The Push will play from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The Grey Gables Inn will have a DJ with Irish music and dancing, a late night happy hour, prizes and drink specials.

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OPINIONS

Do private businesses deserve tax money?

Surprise, surprise, the Downtown Development Authority gave the Chamber of Commerce another \$25,000 handout.

We support the DDA's mission to better Charlevoix, but wince when they give cash to private enterprise.

It could be argued, since the chamber's job is to promote Charlevoix, the DDA is merely promoting the city. We argue the DDA sets an unnerving precedent, and wonder how the contributors to the DDA's coffers feel about doling their green to the chamber year after year.

The chamber's budget is around \$300,000 with \$126,000 of that for salaries. With \$174,000 leftover, why can't the chamber swing \$5,200 for concerts?

The chamber isn't the bad guy. Sure, they can ask for money all day, but the DDA has the power to say no.

In a previous editorial we stated, "The chamber needs to report back with specific-

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ity as to how that money is being spent."

We were wrong. Corporate welfare is never the answer whether or not they account for the money. While \$25,000 isn't enough to make or break the chamber, it isn't chicken feed.

The city also gave the Mason Street building to the chamber for \$1 a year — not exactly a cash cow.

If the chamber's income won't cover their obligations, perhaps they should look at restructuring. The burden shouldn't fall on the taxpayers.

Maybe they're on to something. After all, the downtown businesses promote the area. Perhaps the ice-cream and apparel shops deserve a \$25,000 treat.

We don't claim to have the answer to this quandary, but when it comes to tax dollars, there is no such thing as asking too many questions.

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Evenday a new holiday we all could get behind



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Two years ago at this season I proposed a new worldwide holiday on the occasion of the spring equinox.

It was meant to celebrate the idea that on that day everyone, all over the earth from the equator to the poles has the same number of hours of light and darkness. With the sun on that date positioned precisely over the equator, we are all equal in its light. I suggested, at that time, that we could surely use a holiday that unites all citizens of the earth. And nothing is so ultimately important to us as the sun, which provides essentially all the energy that fuels life and growth on our globe. Even fossil fuels like petroleum and coal are products of that sun which shone on earth millions of years before humans arrived on the scene.

It is safe to say that the idea has not yet caught on. I can only assume that it has not had sufficient advertising. I suggested two years ago that we call

it Equal Day. Maybe it needs a somewhat catchier name. Evenday carries the same idea in a more complex way. Since the exact time of the sun's location over the equator is sometimes on March 20 (as it is this year) and sometimes on March 21, we might need to make annual adjustments of the holiday. I will firmly resist placing it on the nearest Friday or Monday in order to establish a long weekend. Some things, like the placement of the sun, are too important to be moved for our holiday convenience.

In our northern hemisphere of the earth, Evenday will mark our emergence from winter into spring, a most welcome change. On the southern half of the earth the March Evenday will precede their descent into winter from autumn, but there must be reasons to celebrate that transition as well. The larger problem may be finding a way to appropriately celebrate this international day.

The participation of schools will be vital. Only when every primary school class takes note of Evenday will it begin to find a place in the broader culture. A celebration of equality in every grade of every school would not be out of place. There could be equal signs everywhere and 12-12 might become as well known as 24-7. I stand ready to help our local schools in any way they might desire.

Maybe our stores could hold Evenday sales, and temporarily price everything at the same level. If we can only get Wal-Mart to agree, the holiday could almost instantly become a part of worldwide culture. Restaurants could for one day sell all meals for one price. Fast food emporiums could do the same.

A single holiday that includes every political, religious, ethnic and economic group on earth might cause us all to think differently about equality. And who could object to a holiday based on the location of the sun?

When the equinox arrives on March 20 this year, give some thought to how you could celebrate it. What can you do on that day that will enhance the idea of equality for all? Even if the day happens to be cloudy, look up occasionally.

We know the sun is up there somewhere even when we don't see much of it. Take note of the times of sunset and sunrise on March 20. And tie the idea of life-giving sunlight to the idea of our worldwide equality in the light of that sun.

Celebrate Evenday.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Project is wrong

The Charlevoix Pine River Lane fantasy motel project [Rivulet Point] has been referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals by the neighbors.

The neighbors think the project is wrong for two reasons. First, its size and shape make it out of keeping with its lot and with the primarily residential character of the street. Secondly,

the Rivulet demands are making a joke of the Charlevoix zoning regulations, those who wrote them and those who work to enforce them.

Too harsh? Remember, please, the city's official position that Rivulet's units are "designed as transient accommodations." The "occupants will be automobile transients." Let us imagine a group of 12 sincere and honest couples who each buy one of

these 1,000 plus square foot suites with kitchen, several bedrooms and others for the purpose of renting them out as motel rooms. We will leave aside the fact that there is no main entrance, no lobby and no reception desk.

What will their business plan have to be in order to just cover expenses

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The First Amendment
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Letters to the editor

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— no profit making? I have done a "back of an envelope" calculation using these assumptions: unit price \$800,000, 30 year mortgage, occupancy rate of 127 days each year, association expenses and management company fee of 50 percent of bookings. I get a daily rate of \$1,000.

This is not a realistic Charlevoix motel business plan. The Rivulet won't be built like a motel and I don't think the owners would want to run it

like a motel. In short, it isn't a motel. It is, in fact, a multi-family apartment condo building proposal.

I think we can have two mottos — "Charlevoix the Beautiful" and "Charlevoix the Square Dealing." Steven Hansen Charlevoix

Thanks for abusing drugs

This letter is directed to all the people who use, abuse and sell pharmaceutical pain pills and muscle relaxers as an illegal trade. Thanks to you it is almost impossible and embarrassing to get pain medication from doctors

for those who really need it.

I am recovering from a serious lower back injury. Without prescription pain medication I literally could not get out of bed.

I recently had to see another physician for a medication refill while my doctor was on vacation. Even though I brought my own documentation of my injury and previous prescription information, the doctor I saw basically rolled his eyes and said, "I'm only going to give you ten pills," and that was of a lower dose than what I had been previously prescribed.

By Sunday night I was back to taking handfuls of over the counter

Motrin.

When I was able to see my regular doctor I explained to him what had happened.

He stated that because of the increase of illegal street use and federal tracking of prescription pain medication doctors don't want to risk criminal prosecution.

So who suffers? Me.

I don't blame the doctors for being suspicious. I'm not mad at them. I am really mad at you idiots selling pain pills on the street and even more mad at you morons buying it to get high.

Michael A. Barger Ellsworth

Great job on McSaubia

Editor:

I would really like to thank Bo Boss, Jim Boss, Chuck Meier and the rest of the Mt. McSaubia crew. This has been a very crazy winter and they have spent countless hours working to keep the hill open. On behalf of all the skiers and boarders who enjoy the winter more because of them. Thank You!

Erik Lundteigen Charlevoix

Watershed council monitoring area streams

The Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council has coordinated and sponsored the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program for over 30 years.

Presently, volunteers monitor 35 lakes spread throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Montmorency counties, collecting baseline data, characterizing lake ecosystems, identifying specific water quality problems, determining water quality trends and informing and educating the public regarding water quality issues and aquatic ecology.

Monitoring water quality does not ensure clean water, but provides

valuable information to help protect and improve water quality in the lakes of Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula.

Because streams potentially impact the water quality of the lakes that they flow into, the watershed council applied for and in early 2005 was awarded a two-year grant by the Michigan Clean Water Corps to kick-start the new Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program.

"For several months after receiving the grant award, we were busy structuring the program, developing a quality assurance protection plan,

purchasing necessary equipment, and recruiting volunteers," said Kevin Cronk, research and monitoring coordinator at the watershed council.

"By September, 2005 everything was in place and volunteers began their maiden voyage into stream ecosystems by first receiving a training provided by Watershed Council Staff at the Freshwater Center in Petoskey and then going into the field to collect data."

Presently, the program focuses on streams that flow into Mullet Lake, Lake Charlevoix and Torch Lake. A total of 15 sites are being monitored

on seven streams. These represent only a small fraction of the streams found in the watershed council service area, but include streams that have potential water quality issues or areas of concern as expressed by local residents.

As the program's foundation strengthens, it will be expanded to include more of the over 2,500 miles of streams that crisscross the council's coverage area.

Those interested in learning more or becoming involved should contact Kevin Cronk at (231) 347-1181 ext. 109.

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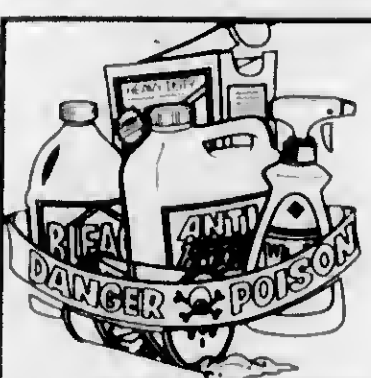


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Resch — Bergeron

Heather Resch and Max Bergeron have announced their engagement. The couple is planning a Saturday, Sept. 3 wedding at Greystone Mansion in Honor.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Patti Jo Resch of Charlevoix and Jeff and Becky Resch also of Charlevoix.

Heather is a 2001 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science business administration for human resource management.

She is currently working for Bluegreen Vacation Club as a supervisor.

She is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management and American Marketing Association.

The groom-to-be is the son of Keith and Berta Bergeron of Lincoln, Neb.

He is in the United States Coast Guard and is an aviation maintenance technician in Traverse City.

Planned Parenthood awarded money for two of its education programs

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan has been awarded \$3,390 in support of two of its education programs: Motivation, Esteem and Respect in Teens (MERIT) and Out Of The Locker Room (OOTLR).

Support comes from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Eugene B. Renkiewicz Memorial Fund.

Motivation, Esteem and Respect in Teens, an intensive, 10-session program presented to boys ages 11 to 14, to help prevent risk taking behaviors such as early sexual activity and substance use. The program combines discussion, activities and group process to motivate students to take responsibility for their actions and strive to set and achieve personal goals, which include remaining abstinent.

Out Of The Locker Room is a six-hour program which uses interactive exercises, role plays and discussions to provide information and skills on topics including relationships,

sexually transmitted infections and contraception, abstinence, sexual limit setting, communication and laws regarding sexual assault, consent and dating violence.

Both programs will be presented in schools throughout Charlevoix County and combined, will reach over 290 students.

"We are very grateful to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for its long-standing support of the programs that we provide," said Lori O'Neill, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan's director of education. "This funding will allow us to continue to deliver high quality educational services that help area youth make responsible choices. We're thankful for the opportunity to support these youth during a critical time in their lives."

For more information about these programs, contact Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan at (231) 347-9692.

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Grant Newcomb, Carrie Musser, Brittni Bonar, Kayla Eggers and Nataleigh Musser practice pennywhistle for the Irish Folk and Music Festival to take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at the Charlevoix High School.

Schools to host Irish festival March 22

Charlevoix middle and high school band students will be presenting an Irish Folk and Music Festival at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 at the Charlevoix High School.

Under the direction of Charlevoix Public Schools band director Jayne Bennett they will perform penny whistle, Irish dance, storytelling, hammered dulcimer and bodhran drums. Art students will also be displaying Celtic designs.

There will be guest performances

by Irish folk duo "Switchback," Irish folk singer, Sean Ryan and harpist, Jan Goodwin.

Over the last few months instructors have been brought in to teach the students Irish instruments and dance.

Bennett said the students are excited about sharing what they've learned with the community.

It is requested that those who attend the event wear green. At 7 p.m. on Tuesday night, March 21 all Irish lovers are invited to a Hooley,

an old-fashioned Irish jam session at the Weatheravne Restaurant in Charlevoix. Musicians are invited to bring instruments and join in the fun.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Charlevoix Education Foundation and Michigan Council for the Arts provided grants to help with the cost of the event.

Attendees are asked to donate \$5 each and \$15 per family at the door.

Consumers Energy awards \$1,900 in grants to five groups

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded \$1,900 in grants to five community service organizations in Charlevoix and Emmet counties to recognize outstanding volunteerism by four utility employees and two utility retirees.

The Volunteer Investment Program grants recognize: Charles Barsy, a technician at Big Rock Point, who provided 48 hours of volunteer service over the past year with the Boyne Area Hockey Association in Petoskey. Barsy served as assistant coach for a boys' team. A \$400 grant will be used to reduce playing costs.

Also recognized was Jim Wilhelm, a decommissioning worker at Big Rock Point, who performed 280 hours of volunteer service over the past year with Boy Scout Troop 7 in Petoskey. Wilhelm served as quarter master, merit badge counselor and as a member of the parent committee. A \$550 grant will be used to purchase camping equipment.

Also recognized was William J. Trubilowicz, decommissioning project manager at Big Rock Point, who provided 100 hours of volunteer service over the past 12 months with Charlevoix Public Schools. Trubilowicz served as vice-president of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education. A \$250 grant will be used to help implement an upgraded Web site for the school district.

Also recognized was Tim Petrosky, area manager of Big Rock Point, who performed 50 hours of volunteer service over the past 12 months with the CharEm United Way in Charlevoix. Petrosky served as board president and assisted with fund-raising activities. A \$200 grant will be used to support local non-profit agencies.

Also recognized were Jerry L. Corley and Charles E. MacInnis, retirees, who provided a combined total of 1,100 hours of volunteer service over the past year with the Top of Michigan Trails Council in Petoskey. Corley served as president and co-chair of the Boyne City-to-Charlevoix trail committee, and MacInnis served as vice-president. A \$500 grant will be used to fund operations and advocacy activities.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Consumers Energy. It provides funding to areas including education, the environment, Michigan growth and enhancement, culture and the arts, social services and emerging issues. For more information about the Consumers Energy Foundation and its support of America's Promise, visit www.consumersenergy.com/foundation.

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Obituaries

Clifton D. Watros: Died Feb. 27, 2006

Clifton D. Watros 65, of Stanwood, formerly of Charlevoix, died on Feb. 27, 2006 in Grand Rapids. Services were held in Rogers Heights.

Joanie Finnie: May 13, 1933 - March 4, 2006

Joanie Finnie, 72, of Hastings, died Saturday March 4, 2006 at her residence.

She was born May 13, 1933 at Pennock Hospital in Hastings, she was the daughter of Ralph and Rhea (Faust) Hess.

Joanie graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1951 and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1955 and a masters degree from Western Michigan University in 1977.

She was married to Dr. Gordon M. Finnie in Petoskey in 1956. Dr. Gordon M. Finnie preceded her in death on July 15, 1970.

Joanie, Gordon and family lived in Hastings many years. Joanie was a loving mother, grandmother and friend. After 28 years of teaching in Hastings school system, she retired

in 1997.

Joanie was an active member of the Hastings Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Sunday school teacher, vestry member, choir member, and altar guild member. She was also a member of the Pennock Hospital guild and volunteered at the hospital gift shop. Joanie devoted much of her time to HEFF and Bible study fellowship.

She enjoyed listening to music, dancing, reading and walking. Joanie loved family gatherings, birthday parties and her church family and friends. She celebrated life everyday and often reminded her family to "treasure the moment." Survivors include one brother, Ralph (Micki) Hess of Dewey, Ariz.; two sons, Gordon (Karen) Finnie of Belmont, Thomas (Donna) Finnie of Cascade;

two daughters, Kathryn Finnie of Glenn and Kimberly (Paul) Hauschild of Middleville; her nine grandchildren, Katy, Samantha, Anna and Grace Hauschild; daughters of Kim and Paul Hauschild; Samuel, Isabelle and Ruby Finnie children of Tom and Donna Finnie; Gordon Finnie III and Joseph Finnie sons of Gordon and Karen Finnie.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the Hastings Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The Father Charles P. McCabe officiated and burial was at Riverside cemetery, memorials can be made to the Emmanuel Episcopal Church 325 W. Center, Hastings, MI 49058.

Arrangements are by the Gimbach Funeral Home in Hastings. Share a memory with the family at (gimbach-funeralhome.net).

Richard Arthur Falting: May 8, 1930 - March 4, 2006

Richard Arthur Falting, a long time resident of Bossier City, passed away suddenly on March 4, 2006 at Willis-Knighton Pierremont.



Richard Arthur Falting

The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006, at Hill Crest Memorial Home, 601 Hwy. 80 East, Houghton, La.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at Hill Crest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Richard was born in Charlevoix on May 8, 1930 to the late Arthur and Joy Falting. He joined and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a Sr. Master Sgt. Later he became the service manager of J.C. Penney's electronics/appliances repairs division. Following the closing of this division, he served as vice president of El-Tech Co. for eight years.

After retirement he spent his time traveling with his wife and visiting her family in Europe. He had one hobby — his family. He had a special kind of love that was built on a lifetime of caring and giving. His devotion to family and life was unparalleled and will be fondly remembered by the many lives he touched.

He is preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Joy; brother Bill; and sister, Beverly.

Survivors include the love of his life for 52 years, wife, Ursula; son, Lutz and wife, Maconda; grandsons, Erick, Kent and wife, Konni, future great-grandson, Richard Gabriel, Kyle and fiancée, Misty Cheek; their mother, Pat Falting; brothers, Doug and wife, Helen, Art and wife, Jane, and Don and wife, Angela.

Pallbearers will be Erick Falting, Kent Falting, Kyle Falting, C.B. Burkhardt, Jeff Miller and Keith Porter.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Willis-Knighton Pierremont Intensive Care Unit for the excellent care shown to our loved one.

Russell F. Dohm: Jan. 30, 1924 - March 8, 2006

Russell F. Dohm, 82, died March 8, 2006, at his home in Charlevoix.

Russ was born Jan. 30, 1924, in Pioneer, Ohio, son of Jacob Forrest Dohm and Bessie Jane (Mercer) Dohm. On May 22, 1943, he married Ada "Jean" Bettis of Angola, Ind. Russ served his country in the Navy during World War II as an airframe mechanic on Guam and Two Jima.

Russ was a life long member of the VFW of the Charlevoix and Englewood, Fla. posts. He was also a member of the Charlevoix

County Farm Bureau and the United Methodist Church of Charlevoix.

He and Jean moved to Charlevoix in 1951 where Russ worked as a meat cutter for Edwards IGA. Russ and Jean then started and ran Russ-N-U's Egg Farm. After selling the business, he worked at Kit Carson Lumber before retiring to Englewood, Fla. in 1985.

Russ is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean; sons William R. (Jan P.) Dohm, Jerry A. Dohm, daughter, Barbara J. (Garrett C.) Miller, all of Charlevoix, nine grandchildren,

thirteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Isahell Seidel, Ann Repp both of Plant City, Florida, Martha Lowe, of Toledo, Ohio, and many nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Matthew Miller and sister Lucille Masters.

A graveside service will be given at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, PO Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712. Arrangements by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Lucy Jean T. Kline: Died March 13, 2006

Lucy Jean T. Kline, 92, of Charlevoix, died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A complete obituary will follow: Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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Fundraiser for 5-year-old's therapy set

By Benjamin Gohs
Staff Writer

A fundraiser to help 5-year-old Zachary Zahawa attend therapy for treatment of his atypical autism will be from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 26 at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Zahawa's mother, Beverly, hopes to raise the \$11,000 necessary to attend the three month Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) at the Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, during the spaghetti supper and silent auction.

"We do plan on submitting it to our insurance company, but they said they've never seen this kind of therapy covered by an insurance company," Zahawa said.

Zahawa said this therapy is important because it can help her son

learn vital life skills.

"One of my biggest concerns with my son is that he has no fear. You can't teach fear to an autistic child," she said. "He has no fear of jumping in the road or jumping into a pool — my husband has had to rescue him before."

She added, "And, their social skills aren't very good. They can't pick up on emotional cues. Where you and I would pick up on when somebody is angry, they don't have that ability."

Zahawa said the therapy program will work on other things as well.

"This training at the Hope (Hands-On Parent Education) Center in Berkley in association with Beaumont Hospital is a parent-child therapy where I go in and they teach me how to interact with Zachary," she said. "They will work

on his social skills, how to effectively teach communication, and his play and social interaction skills."

She added, "He is nonverbal. It would be nice if the speech comes. Even though we have done a lot of speech therapy, his speech is very intermittent at this point."

Zahawa said she and her husband, Mark, began noticing Zachary might have issues when he didn't begin talking at the normal age. Zachary was officially diagnosed when he was four-years-old.

"And then he started having a lot of typical symptoms of autism: Things like not being able to focus or look you in the eye; Not engaging people; And he was stimming (stimming is the act of engaging in self stimulating behavior such as spinning, rocking and yelling)."

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Bev Zahawa and her autistic son Zachary are reaping the benefits of a new in-home direct services program offered through North Country Community Mental Health.

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she said.

"He used to get upset for no apparent reason and he seemed insensitive from pain."

Zahawa said Zachary used to yell for hours on end.

"We found out that a lot of his getting upset and seeming to be in pain had to do with intestinal pain from foods that he couldn't digest," she said. "With the change in his diet, a lot of his behaviors became better."

"He is also on many, many supplements and minerals, and all of these things have helped immensely," she added.

Zahawa said, though autism is not yet curable, it is treatable and even reversible.

Upon completion of the three month course, Zahawa will be able to teach other people how to do this therapy so they will be able to work with her son.

"In the last month of the course, they allow grandparents and siblings to come in. They recommend 20 to 40 hours of behavior therapy for relatives and caretakers," she said.

Zahawa said she is certain there will be a good turnout for the fundraiser.

"We have a lot of wonderful people in

"Money can't be an issue to stop us from doing this. I haven't come this far to help my son not to have this come through for us."

Beverly Zabawa,
Zachary's mother

our lives," she said. "I just feel it is very important for us to do this and not to wonder what would happen if we didn't try. He is going to come out of there a lot better than he is going in."

She added, "Money can't be an issue to stop us from doing this. I haven't come this far to help my son not to have this come through for us."

According to Zahawa, autism tends to be a genetic disease.

"They've narrowed it down to five to 12 chromosomes and it is much more common in boys than in girls," she said. "It is a neurological disorder that im-

pairs socialization and communication and may cause differences in the way information is processed."

According to information from autismweb.com, some warning signs for parents to watch out for include a child that does not: Babble or coo or does not gesture by pointing, waving, grasping by 12 months of age; Does not say single words by 16 months of age; Does not say two-word phrases on his or her own rather than just repeating what someone says to him or her by 24 months of age; or has any loss of any language or social skill at any age.

ATV breaks through ice on Lake Charlevoix

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating an incident where two men from East Jordan went through the ice on their four-wheel ATV.

The incident occurred on Lake Charlevoix near Hemmingway Point in Charlevoix County at around 9 p.m., Sunday.

Adam Fuller, 21, and Keith Wilson, 27, went through the ice, but were able to get out on their own. They were uninjured. The ATV sank in 50-60 ft of water.

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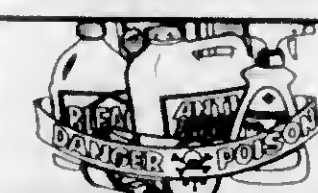
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New whooping vaccine suggested

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency recommends a new vaccine that includes protection from pertussis — also called whooping cough — for adolescents and adults, especially those who are in regular contact with infants.

The new vaccine, called "Tdap" for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, replaces the tetanus-diphtheria vaccine for people age 11 to 64. People over age 65 should still receive the tetanus-diphtheria booster.

"Adding protection from pertussis to the vaccine is an important step in controlling pertussis outbreaks," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Oshtemo counties. "The number of reported cases of pertussis are increasing dramatically, mostly among adults whose immunity has waned."

Immunity against whooping cough wanes five to 10 years after the last childhood vaccination.

According to Meyerson, vaccinating adolescent and adult contacts will reduce the risk of transmitting pertussis to infants who have a high risk of pertussis-related complications, hospitalizations and death. Infants acquire whooping cough, often from siblings and parents at home, when they are still too young to be vaccinated against the infection, or when not yet vaccinated.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends Tdap for adults who will have close contact with an infant less than 12 months of age, ideally at least one month before beginning close contact with infants.

"Although pertussis is most serious in infants, it can also be serious in adolescents and adults. Even if they don't typically come in contact with young children, adolescents and adults should be vaccinated if it's been more than 10 years since they've had a tetanus-diphtheria booster," Meyerson said.

Tdap is also recommended for adolescents age 11 to 18 as a single dose booster, preferably at age 11 or 12. Adolescents who had a tetanus-diphtheria booster five or more years ago should receive a single dose of Tdap. It can be administered at the same visit as the new meningitis vaccine.

Cases of pertussis were reduced by more than 90 percent following introduction of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTP) vaccine in the 1940s. Reported cases of whooping cough have increased from a low of 1,020 cases in 1976 to 25,827 cases in 2004, a 40-year high. Reported whooping cough-related deaths among infants increased from about 10 per year in the 1990s to about 20 per year during this decade.

To schedule an appointment for a Tdap vaccination, call your health care provider or the health department at (800) 432-4121.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(From left) Lt. Michael Wheat, marine officer Sgt. David Beyer, Sheriff Deputy Clyde Peyton and Sheriff George T. Lasater receive plaques in honor of their work helping in New Orleans during the aftermath of hurricane Katrina last year. The honors were presented by Charlevoix County emergency management director, Jack Messer, (far right) on Friday, March 3.

Officers honored by House

Work responsibilities kept Charlevoix Sheriff George Lasater, Sgt. Dave Beyer, Deputy Clyde Payton and Lt. Michael Wheat from attending a special House of Representatives' ceremony Jan. 18 recognizing the men for responding to help victims of Hurricane Katrina, but Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer ensured the local officers' names were included in the

proceedings. "These four men continue to exemplify the best in public service," said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. "They answer the call to duty each day for our local communities, and when great need called in the aftermath of the hurricane they stepped forward to help."

Lasater, Beyer, Payton and Wheat were among almost 100

Michigan law enforcement officers from 21 agencies who volunteered for a week-long search-and-rescue operation in the gulf region immediately following the storm.

All officers were invited to the Capitol in Lansing to take part in the recognition ceremony. The House also approved a resolution honoring their service and notable representation in Michigan.

Official Notice

City of Charlevoix PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a public hearing on the proposed 2006-2007 Annual City Budget at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to inform citizens of local budgetary actions and provide the opportunity for participation in the local budget making process.

The proposed property tax millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Road commission to get four new trucks

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to grant \$300,000 to the Charlevoix County Road Commission for use toward the purchase of four new trucks at an estimated total cost of \$643,000.

Road Commissioner Manager Pat Harmon said the commission needs these trucks to ensure the quality of road maintenance in the county.

"What I'm shooting for is to get these trucks on an eight year rotation," he said.

"What happens when you get beyond eight years is the cost of maintenance skyrockets."

Harmon said the ideal rotation of seven to eight years will ensure there is still some trade-in value for the vehicle.

"Right now we keep them until they are junk. When we go to sell an old truck, we're lucky if we get a bid of \$1,000 to \$1,500," he said. "We've got trucks which are 15 to 20 years old. We keep them going, but it costs a lot of money."

He added, "When you spend money and make repairs on a 20-year-old truck, you still have a 20-year-old truck."

Harmon said, in spite of the initial cost, the more new trucks the fleet has in it, the more money taxpayers will save.

"Sure, this is a lot of money up front, but it will save money in the

"In the winter these trucks are going everyday. From November to April these trucks have to be dependable. And when we have three or four of them sitting in the shop, other people have to pick up the slack."

Pat Harmon,
Charlevoix County Road Commission Manager

long run," he said. "Then we're not in the business of rebuilding engines and broken frames and rotting cabs."

The road commission fleet is approximately 24 trucks strong at any given time, depending upon what is in the shop for repair. Uses of the trucks vary from plowing,

spreading sand and hauling gravel to blading roads and performing assorted summer maintenance.

"In the winter these trucks are going everyday," Harmon said. "From November to April these trucks have to be dependable. And, when we have three or four of them sitting in the shop, other people

have to pick up the slack."

He added, "If we have a truck down for a week, it's not fair to the public."

Harmon said the purchase of these four new trucks will help get the road commission on track.

"This is going to be good, especially in the winter," he said. "I really appreciate the county board doing this. It is a real benefit to the county."

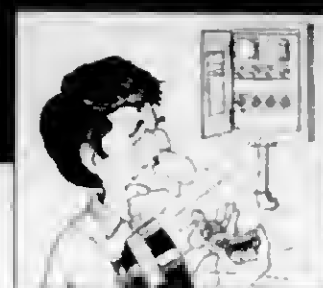
Two of the trucks will work out of the Ironton garage and the other two will work out of the Boyne City garage.

All four vehicles, two Peterbilt and two International, have been ordered and should be on the road and ready for next winter by some time in October, Harmon said.

Books are Fun sale to be March 23, 24 at library

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Memories of Charlevoix before World War II topic of book

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MICHAEL LINDLEY
A NOVEL

In "The Seasons of the EmmaLee," Grand Rapids author Michael Lindley explores the deep and complex emotions of unexpected love, betrayal, murder and redemption as two families from different social classes find themselves tragically drawn together by the relationship of their son and daughter.

This is Lindley's first novel. The story is set in the idyllic resort community of Charlevoix in the early 1940s, as well as present day. It takes the reader back in time to the small resort community of Charlevoix in the years before World War II. Emily Compton is

a young woman of privilege whose family lives in the exclusive summer resort. Her father owns the magnificent cruising yacht, the EmmaLee.

Jonathan McKendry, son of a local boatyard owner, finds himself drawn into their world by his fascination with the ship and attraction to Emily. A series of tragic events bring the two cultures crashing together while creating an even greater divide.

The story simultaneously tracks the meeting and relationship of two people decades later who are drawn together by the return of the EmmaLee to modern day

Charlevoix. Sally Thoinason, a descendant of the family that first owned the ship, struggles with overwhelming grief linked to her family's history. She meets Alex Clark, the new owner of the EmmaLee, and as their relationship grows they search for common ground to help each other move beyond the past to build new lives.

Lindley's family dates back to the early 1900s in northern Michigan. His great grandparents emigrated from Germany and moved north following opportunities in the lumber industry. Settling in Boyne City, his great grandfather became an accom-

plished carpenter and builder and built homes and cottages on Lake Charlevoix and Walloon Lake.

Later, the family ran a small marina and boatyard on Lake Charlevoix. Lindley spent many days of his youth out at the boatyard fishing and swimming with family and trying to avoid being locked in the old wooden outhouse by his older cousins.

"I recall those years so vividly," said Lindley. "My uncle and great-grandmother worked on the big cruising and sailing yachts, paint-

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Charlevoix's history in print BOOK

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ing, varnishing and repairing. As a boy, I was always fascinated by the incredible cruising and sailing yachts of the summer residents who came north each year, and kept their boats at my family's boatyard."

In preparing to write the novel, Lindley spent considerable time at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum as well as the Charlevoix Public Library, researching the early years of Charlevoix's history.

"I have to especially thank David Miles, the co-director of the Historical Society for his assistance in helping me learn more about the great ships that sailed the waters around Charlevoix in the first half of the 1900s," said Lindley.

The EmmaLee is based loosely on boats like the 180-foot yacht Sylvia, that was brought back to Charlevoix each summer in the

1930s and 1940s.

The ship was commissioned by the Navy at the outset of World War II and never returned to Charlevoix. The latest information available on the Sylvia had it sailing the trade routes of the Greek Islands as a cargo ship through the 1960s. Its current whereabouts, or condition, are unknown.

Lindley has been writing professionally for years as a marketing and advertising executive. Recently, he had his first fictional short story published by the literary outdoor magazine, Sporting Tales, that has also featured the work of Zane Grey, Nick Lyons and Ernest Hemingway.

Lindley's book, "The Seasons of the EmmaLee," is available as a trade paperback for \$16.99 from Sage River Press, at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

For more information on "The Seasons of the EmmaLee" and Lindley's other writing can be found at his writer's Web site www.michaellindley.net.



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Victims of this scam receive a call from someone identifying themselves as the Security and Fraud Department of your credit card company. They provide their name and badge number and proceed to advise you that your card has been flagged because of an unusual purchase pattern. Then they will ask if you purchased (insert here) for (money amount). When the victim states they are not responsible for that purchase, the caller then advises that they will be issuing a credit to the account and promises to send you a credit before your next statement arrives. The victim is then assured that a fraud investigation will be pursued and any questions you have should be referred to the 800 number listed on the back of the credit card.

At this point the caller advises that they need card verification and requests that you provide them

with a three-digit number listed on the back side of your card, which is your personal security code. Because they never ask you for your credit card number, it is quite easy to feel confident that they are who they say they are. However, the important thing to remember here is that they already have your credit card number, and they need the three-digit security number to complete fraudulent internet and/or telephone purchases. These fraudulent purchases will then appear on your next statement.

Because you provide the caller with so little information, it is particularly easy to fall prey to this scam. Please remember that your credit card company will never request that you provide them with information from your card because they already have all this information. By the time you receive your next statement and realize your error, it is considerably more difficult to successfully investigate a fraud complaint due to the time lapse. When in doubt, advise the caller that you will call your credit card company direct and verify that their call is legitimate.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Twins and more open house

Charlevoix Area Hospital recently had its second annual twins and more open house. Five families with twins and one family with triplets attended this event. Multiples ranged in age from 14 months to 11 years. Families shared their unique experiences raising multiples, won door prizes, and enjoyed light refreshments. Charlevoix Area Hospital will offer a twins and more open house annually and it is open to multiples of all ages in Charlevoix County. For more information on this event contact Pam Oshaben at 547-8669.

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City of Charlevoix
Regular City Council Meeting Synopsis
Monday, March 6, 2006 - 7 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed postponing the Rivulet Pointe Resort Hotel Development Plan Review (115 Pine River Lane) indefinitely.
- Motion passed to accept the bid from UBC in the amount of \$18,228.96 for lumber for the skatepark.
- Motion passed to approve the contract with D. S. Steve Construction Inc in the amount of \$13,000 to construct the Skatepark.
- Vicki Daman of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc presented the City with a check for \$18,000.
- Motion passed to proceed with the renovation of Ferry Ave. launch ramp contingent on matching funds from Waterways.
- Motion passed to accept the agreement with Hilltop Inc. for the screening of compost. Hilltop and the City will share the screened product 4 to 1.
- Motion passed to approve the job description for the street superintendent.
- Motion passed to hire the professional consultant services of R.W. Armstrong.
- Resolution 2006-03-01 adopted, social security number privacy policy.
- Motion passed postponing the proposed sign ordinance indefinitely.
- Motion passed approving minutes from 03/01/06 special meeting.

Council adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

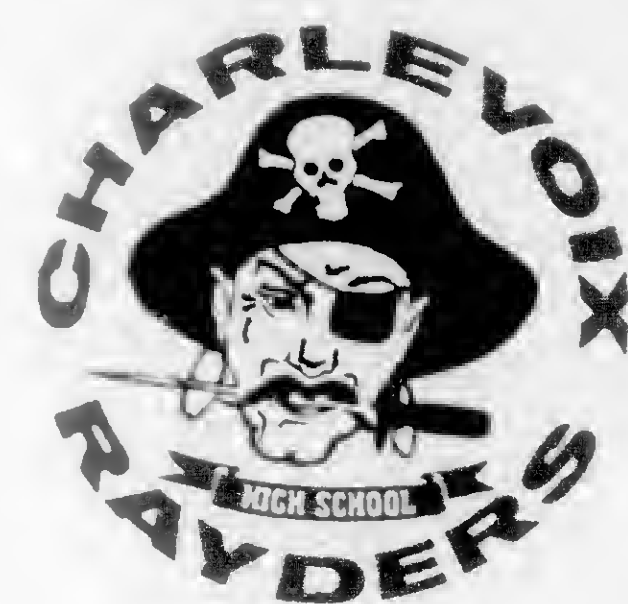
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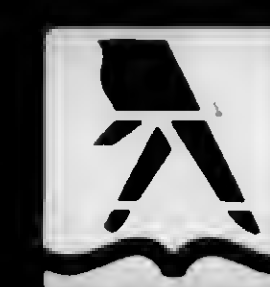
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BUSINESS

Currey Farms producing maple syrup once again

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Pancake addicts and flapjack aficionados in the Charlevoix area will soon be in for an all natural treat.

After 30 years without producing a drop of syrup, Currey Farms is once again fully operational after tapping 3,000 of their sugar maple trees.

Rob Currey said, his father, Art, decided to begin producing syrup again after he retired from a 30 year career as a veterinarian.

"It has been so fun to be a part of this, I think my dad, who is a very soft-spoken man and would never say this, has a great amount of pride in reviving something the Curreys have done for five generations," Currey said. "We grew up snowmobiling, farming and hunting this land, and I would walk alongside him when I was younger and he would say, 'Boy, I can't wait to get those making syrup again.'"

He added, "In 1973, the Currey family bought the Barnard Road property and produced syrup for three years before my grandfather

died and the farm went idle. It was too much work for my grandmother to handle alone."

Three decades later his neighbors and family members have all worked hard to help make the syrup producing operation a success, Currey said, including helping to connect thousands and thousands of feet of tubing from the trees to a giant collection tank.

"It has been a monumental task to get ready. We strung this 12 miles of tubing along with the help of our dear friends and neighbors," Currey said. "The crew has included Ron Cox, a former teacher here in Charlevoix, and friends all the way from Helsinki Finland."

He added, "My mother holds a full-time job and acts as director of marketing and my brother, who will attend Michigan State medical school in September, has taken a year off and delayed going to medical school to help with this farm."

In the old days, Currey said, "You would tap a spile (spigot) into a tree and hang a bucket from it. Then you would have to go around like my

"It has been so fun to be a part of this. I think my dad, who is a very soft-spoken man and would never say this, has a great amount of pride in reviving something the Curreys have done for five generations."

Rob Currey,
of Currey Farms

grandfather did with a team of horses and a tank and empty the buckets into the tank. What we have now is a system of tubes and pipelines that connects in a complex web that con-

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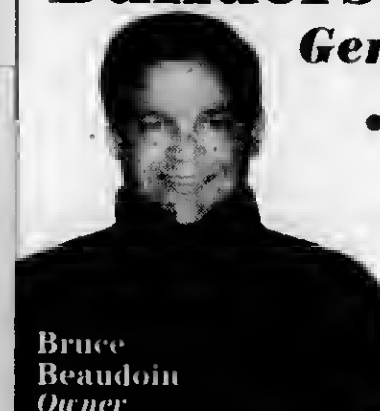
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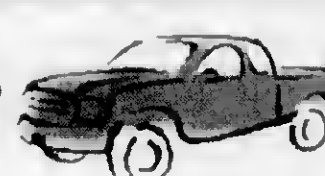


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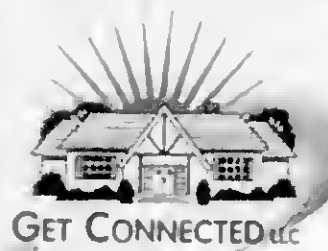
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Currey Farm's maple syrup could soon be found at a store near you SYRUP

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16 feet long, which is full of 3 to 4 inches deep of sap," he said. "The evaporator is a huge stove fired by wood. And, as you might imagine, with 80 acres of woods, we have more than enough dead or dying trees to satisfy the voracious appetite for fuel that this stove has."

He added, "We cut wood to both clean the forest and satisfy the need for fuel — and that need is intense. We need a fresh load of logs in the fire every 8 minutes."

A perfect day needs freezing temperatures at night and thawing in the afternoon, Currey said.

"That is a natural indication that the tree wants to start moving nutrients around," he said. "So, on a good run, we will be boiling around the clock for certain."

Currey said, when done properly, harvesting does not harm the trees. "Studies have shown that it can be

continually tapped year after year for its lifetime — up to 100 years," he said.

Currey said boiling the sap into syrup requires both art and science. "If you go too far, you can ruin the evaporator," he said. "When the sugar content is just right, we pull the syrup off and there is a complicated process where we run it through one final filter to remove any impurities like dust or wood chips and then we bottle it."

He added, "We have a bottling area right next to the stove, so it goes immediately from the evaporator to the bottles."

Currey said the family isn't sure quite where they will market their syrup, but they hope to begin soon.

"We hope the first jug of syrup will come off the line in the next few days and we are starting to think about selling through our Web site and direct orders in the area," he said. "And we also hope to sell potentially through either Michigan focused or farm focused retailers and potentially on Bridge Street."

Currey said their product's slogan is: "From the heart of our woods to your table."

"The characteristics of this syrup are that it is all natural, no additives, pure and delicious," he said.

Currey said, as it stands, the family has only tapped about half of the trees on the property.

"There is a huge potential to expand and grow," Currey said. "In the future, we think we could increase production to be one of the biggest operations in the state."

Currey said visitors are always welcome.

"If people are interested in this, they are encouraged to stop by the farm to see the production process," he said. "If you see steam billowing from the stack on the barn, that should be interpreted as an open invitation to come and see the operation."

Currey Farms is located at 5358 Barnard Road. For more information visit them on the Web at: www.currey-farms.com or call toll free (866) 823-3267.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Pothole filling

City worker Butch Hart lays hot asphalt to fill potholes on an early spring-like day. Hart said spring is the prime season for the creation of potholes due to the expanding and contracting associated with freezing and thawing.

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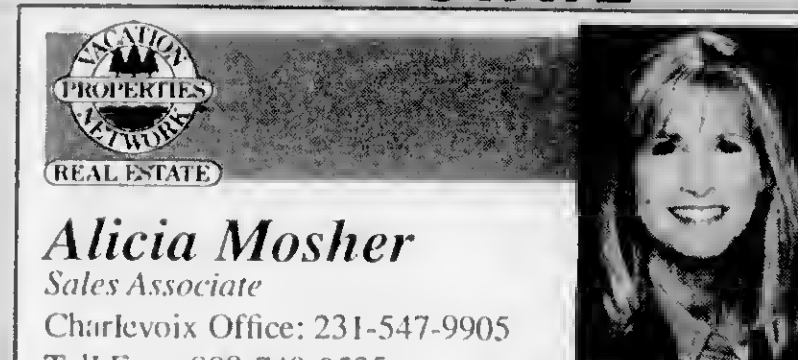
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SPORTS

Middle school wrestlers have a busy start to season

DiMartino made one of two free

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"Matt made a couple of huge plays in the second half and in overtime," Haske said. "The drive (at the end of the second overtime) was a tremendous play.

seconds left tied the game at 100-100. Forced to foul, Boyne City fouled the

The Rayders played against Roger City (18-5) in regional tournament action at Petoskey on Tuesday, March 14. Results were unavailable at presstime.

Courtesy photo

On March 4 the sixth grade boys travel basketball team took first place (going undefeated) in the Boyne City 6th grade basketball tournament. They are coached by Tim LaBlance. Pictured (from front left) Jake McLean, Morgan Stewart, Nolan Ager, Matthew DeNise, Coby Herriman, (top left) Keegan LaBlance, Isaac Klooster, River Gauthier, Myles Kerr and Andrew Potter. Not pictured is Will Jeakle.

College Feb. 3. In that game, Shepherd was 7-for-13 from three-point range, coming up one three-pointer shy of the

For the year, Shepherd, who averaged 25 minutes a game, was 99-for-228 (43.4 percent) on field goals.

Wesleyan got off to a reasonable start in 2005-06, going 6-5 in its first 11 games, including runner-up status in two home tournaments, the Courtyard by Marriott Tip-Off and the Inn at Middletown Invitational. Shepherd was named to the all-tournament team at the Inn at Middletown Invitational when he scored 36 points with six three-pointers in the two games. But

The son of Frank and Beth Shepherd of 08111 Mulberry Lane in Charlevoix, Shepherd is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School where he received two varsity letters in basketball, both all-state and academic all-state honors and a spot on the all-region "Dream Team." He also spent a post-graduate year at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. where he played basketball. At Wesleyan, Shepherd is majoring in government.

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**City of Charlevoix
City Council Special Meeting Synopsis
Wednesday, March 16, 2006 - 6 p.m.**

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the development plan review for DE-Sta-CO CPI Products, Inc., 12501 Tayor Road

Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Men's Senior League
March 6, 2006

B VanLoos & Sons	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	25	15
J Arnold Painting "A"	22	18
Paul Bunyan Lanes	20	20
Bud's Buds	18	22
J Arnold Painting "Z"	18	22
Selph Trucking	16	24
The Flight Deck	13	27

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Series	Game	
Shawn Putman	605	244
John Fiedorek	659	233
Mo Dixon	606	224
David Gregory		

Church League - March 8, 2006

Paul Bunyan Lanes	327	223
Lutherans	323	227
Mark White Paint & Stain	297	253
Ferguson & Chamberlain	286	284
State Farm Insurance	273	277
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Series	Game	
John Fiedorek	668	258
Ron Grulke		223
Randy DeYoung	635	223
Randy Balch	614	223

Young At Hearts - March 8, 2006

Series	Game	
Sparetime	30	10
Half & Half	22	18
Has Beens	21	19
Alley Cats	20	20
Paul Timers	20	20
Misfits	19	21
Twilighters	15	25
Irish Rollers	13	27

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Series	Game	
Ralph Kilson	421	184
Dan Wells	361	190
Art Rits	498	179
Tom Wanek		
Al Bergmann	477	
Else Joyce	155	
Zette Kilson	419	149

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Tuesday Night Ladies - March 7, 2006

Series	Game	
Paul Bunyan Lanes	20	16
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	19.5	15.5
Grey Gablins Inc	19	17
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	17	19
Great Lakes Concrete	15.5	20.5
Oleason's Food Store	13	23
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Series	Game	
Laenna Mosyork	552	215
Diana Spigel	531	202
Connie Wood	529	201
Carol Keen		

Gutter Gals - March 2, 2006

Series	Game	
Laural & Company	106	72
Burger King of Charlevoix	95	85
Paul Bunyan Lanes	79	101
Argonne Supper Club	79	102

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Series	Game	
Diana Spigel	510	184
Mary O'Brien	468	175
Jane Holm	472	171

Double Deckers - March 5, 2006

Series	Game	
Russell A & J	28	12
Blanchard/Crain	25.5	14.5
Siadek	23.5	15.5
Webb	23.5	16.5
Fitzpatrick/Bindi	22	18
Russell C & R	21.5	18.5
Sheln	21.5	18.5
Thomas	21	19
Ferguson	21	19
Spencer	20	20
Browne	19	21
Bradley	18	22
Nordman	17	23
Wells	15	25
Pattin	12.5	27.5
Kotlman	11	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Series	Game	
Kelly Bradley	511	211
Roger Crain	502	204
Joe Sladek	505	203
Jerry Russell	524	
Glenda Ferguson	511	171
Lynette Webb	458	160
Carnie Blanchard	456	168
Laural Sladek	443	160

Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Front L-R: Helena Keck, Emily Scott, Jenna Lillie
Not shown: Aubree Dionne, Leader Lynette Lillie, Co-Leader Holly Mornincheck



Junior Troop #269

L-R: Brittany Musser, Michaela Herricks, Katie Possuth, Leader Stephanie Brown, Elizabeth Hodgson, Melina Brown, Shelby Isaac



Junior Troop #266

Back L-R: Leader Cindy Pollagi, Makenzi Kage, Alena Purvis, Assistant Leader Donna Hodgkinson
Front L-R: Allyson Pollagi, Mario Lopez, Amanda Hodgkinson, Ashley Slivinski



Cadette/Senior Troop #265

L-R: Assistant Leader Peggy Melke, Katelyn Melke, Natalieigh Musser, Alicia Giudice, Leader Karen Giudice
Not shown: Michelle Hommond



Daisy Troop #264

Back L-R: Julia Sape, Grace Ochs, Sarah Lopez, Honnah Ochs, Leader Karen Giudice
Front L-R: Leader Beth Mornin, Moggie Purvis, Beth Gower, Sarah Martin, Kelsey Crandall-Morfu, Madison Olach
Not shown: Leader Erica Coates, Tylo Olafson, and Senior Girl Scout Program Aide Alicia Giudice

Troop #263

No Photo available: Gabrielle Waterman, Hero Parker-Drost, Taylor Endt, Taylor Ramoge, Kossie Burke, Amber Hardy, Kendyl Russell, Honnah Ennis, Bella Hoekma, Senior Program Aide Alicia Giudice and Leader Julie Waterman



Daisy Troop #253

Front L-R: Natalie Nesburg, Rachel Nesburg, Olivia Jeakle, Alexandria Snabes and Lauren Hause
Not pictured: Abbey Scholten, Aalia Pearsall, Haley Campbell, Daisy Leader Maura Snabes



Cadette Troop #254

Front L-R: Erica Moses, Megan Klooster, Leader Diana Speigl, Nikki Speigl, Katelyn Johnson



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Sunnybank ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting ceremony at Sunnybank Assisted Living facility in Charlevoix drew local business owners, public servants and the head of the chamber of commerce. (From left) Jay Bingham, Linda Bradley, Jim Berlage, Sheila Johnstone, Norman Carlson, Dee Keil, Ruth Bellissimo, Diane Gillette, Jeff Sprecksell, Jacquie Merta and Pram Acharya. Sunnybank, whose owner boasts 49 apartments, began taking residents on Wednesday, March 8. Space is available.

Charges added for Waltonen

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office said new charges have been added for Lloyd J. Waltonen.

The Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office added the following charges: Four counts of criminal sexual contact first degree (felony), three counts of delivery/manufacturing of a controlled substance less than 50 grams (felony), four counts of controlled substance-maintaining a drug house (misdemeanor), one count of eavesdropping-install/using a device (felony), three counts of prostitution/engaging devices of (misdemeanor), habitual offender; third offense.

Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that on March 7 a preliminary exam was held in 90th District Court and bound over to Circuit Court by Judge Richard May.

Bond remains at \$50,000. Waltonen is currently still lodged at the Charlevoix County Jail.

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Africa to be topic of talk at college

The urbanization of Africa, globalization, and the effects of globalization on traditional cultures will be addressed in a series of lectures at North Central Michigan College beginning next week.

On Wednesday, March 15, Ellen Bassett, assistant professor of urban and regional planning at Michigan State University, will discuss the rapid growth of urban areas in some of Africa's less-developed nations. Professor Bassett spent 10 years in eastern Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, urban planning advisor and environmental planning advisor.

She will look at the challenges posed by 187 million people living in urban slums and address the question of American engagement in Africa. Professor Bassett's lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the college's library on the Petoskey campus.

On Monday, March 20, Nancy Alexander, director of the Citizen's Network on Essential Services, will give a talk entitled, "The Impact of Globalization on Communities at Home and Abroad."

The talk will take place at 1 p.m. in the College Cafeteria located in the Student Center.

On Tuesday, March 21, Saginaw-Chippewa Tribal Instructor Mico Slattery will give a talk entitled, "Effects of Globalization on Traditional Cultures." The program will take place at 1 p.m. in Room 122.

On Tuesday, April 11, Native American singer-songwriter Jody Gaskin will present stories, dances and songs in the College library. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

All of the programs are free and open to the public.

They are presented to the community by North Central Michigan College and the Michigan Global Awareness Consortium.

For more information on the series, contact North Central Professor Larry Cummings at 348-6637.



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(03-15-2-069)

CARDS OF THANKS 070

THE BARRY & PAT WOOD family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy on the passing of our daughter and sister, Kathy Wood-Rogers. Also thanks to her classmates, friends and cousins that attended her funeral.

(03-15-1-070)

SPECIAL NOTICES 076

ATTENTION STUDENTS who attended St. Mary's Catholic School in Charlevoix: Did you attend the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade between 1973 - 1988? If so, or if you have the contact information or someone who did, you are encouraged to contact Cheryl via email at Tchvheart@yahoo.com by March 18 in regards to the creation of a student memory book.

(03-08-2-076)

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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The Board of Trustees of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation seeks applications from qualified candidates for the part-time position of Program Associate. The Program Associate is primarily responsible for the administration of the Foundation's scholarship program.

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(03-15-1-086)

TAX ASSESSOR, certified to Level Two for Torch Lake Township, Antrim County. Applications may be obtained from the Torch Lake Township Hall, 5081 US 31 N., Eastport, MI 49627, or phoning 231-599-2036, or on line at www.torchlaketownship.org. Applications and resumes are due by Friday, March 24, 2006.

(03-15-1-086)

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(03-15-2-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

CENA (Certified Equivalent Nurses Aide) OR HHA (Home Health Aide). Experienced, Part-time, needed to provide personal care and respite for the elderly in Charlevoix County. Competitive wage, DOE plus mileage reimbursement. No weekends, Holidays or After Hours M-F 9-5 only. Please call Marge or Sue at 231-237-0103.

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(03-15-3-086)

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(03-08-2-088)

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SECOND FLOOR, 2 BR, 1 BTH. \$575 plus electric. 1-month security deposit. No pets. Downtown Charlevoix, above Olesons. 231-547-6548. See Bob.

(03-01-3-169)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the matter of: **VIRGINIA Y. OLSEN REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D** 04/10/1998
Date of Birth: 06/24/26

TO ALL CREDITORS: whose names and addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Trustee, Virginia Y. Olsen, who lived at 101 McSaubia Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, died on February 3, 2006.

There will be no probate estate filed for Virginia Y. Olsen. Mrs. Olsen had no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of her death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Virginia Y. Olsen or the Virginia Y. Olsen Revocable Trust ("Trust"). UAD April

10, 1998, will be forever barred or affected unless presented to Successor Trustee, James J. Murray, Esq., 303 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 within 4 (four) months after the date of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

James J. Murray, Esq. (P40413)
303 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI. 49770
(231) 348-6413

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made the 24th day of August, 1999, by Jeffrey L. Brooks, a single man, of 319 Maple Street, East Jordan, MI 49727, as Mortgagor, to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, of 1031 May Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, as Mortgagee, and recorded on August 30, 1999, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, in Liber 370, Pages 943-948. There is claimed to be due on such Mortgage at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven and 90/100 Dollars (\$27,607.90), including interest at 8.900% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on March 22, 2006, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 15th day of February, 2002, by Mark A. Capp and Corinne Capp, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 18, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 458, page 949, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY ONE AND 06/100 DOLLARS (\$213,631.06) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF SALE**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 31, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel 1: Commencing at a point where the North line of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West intersects the West line of the Deer Lake Road; thence West along said section line 200 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East parallel with said North section line 200 feet to the West line of Deer Lake Road; thence North along the said West line of the Deer Lake Road to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Commencing at a point 200 feet West of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence West 50 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence North 50 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: Commencing at a 1/2 inch well point at the North 1/4 corner of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 86 degrees 51'28" East along the North line of said section, 1308.91 feet to an iron stake on the East 1/8 line of said section; thence South 03 degrees 54'24" West along said East 1/8 line 50 feet to a point which is 2.45 feet Easterly as measured at right angles from the center line of the East Jordan-Boyne City Road, which point is recorded as being 50 feet South of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section and being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 03 degrees 54'24" West along said East 1/8 line, 18 feet; thence North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of said section, 51.96 feet to a T-iron stake on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing North 86 degrees 51'28" West, parallel with the North line of section, 198.04 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 03 degrees 54'24" East, parallel with said East 1/8 line, 18 feet; thence South 86 degrees 51'28" East parallel with the North line of said section, 198.05 feet to a T-iron stake on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing South 86 degrees 51'28" East parallel with the North line of said section, 51.95 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32 North, Range 6 West.

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Area events

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. Classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. March 8 and 15 in the lower level of the library.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Boiled Irish lunch

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a traditional boiled Irish lunch in recognition of St. Patrick's Day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16.

The center is located at 06906 Norwood Road. The cost is \$5 per person.

For more information call (231) 547-5361.

Northwest fundraiser

The Friends of Charlevoix Northwest Academy are sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the school. The party will take place from 7 to

11 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the First Baptist Church located off M-66 in Charlevoix. The evening will include non-alcoholic beverages, hors d'oeuvres, cash raffles, silent and live auctions, and dance music provided by the Northwest Academy Jazz Band. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available by calling (231) 547-9000.

Retired federal employees to meet

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, March 21, at the Petoskey Friendship Center.

After lunch, the featured speaker will be Betsy Hanson from the American Red Cross. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday

of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Harsha House hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

Books are Fun

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is hosting a spring "Books Are Fun" sale 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on March 23, and 7 a.m.-3 p.m., March 24. Premium hardcover books, gifts, toys, stationery, and educational products for children and adults are offered at unparalleled prices. Find everything you need and more in the large classroom near the cafeteria. For more information, please call 547-9751.

Singles for Christ

All singles 40 and over are invited to a "Singles for Christ" monthly dinner, at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Hu-Nan Chinese Restaurant, 625 Charlevoix Avenue in Petoskey.

Reservations required, call Frieda at 347-5747 or cell (231) 632-1905. He may play miniature golf or see a movie if interested after dinner.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weatherlane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weatherlane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For

more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. An Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in meeting room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the hack building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW —

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call

547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

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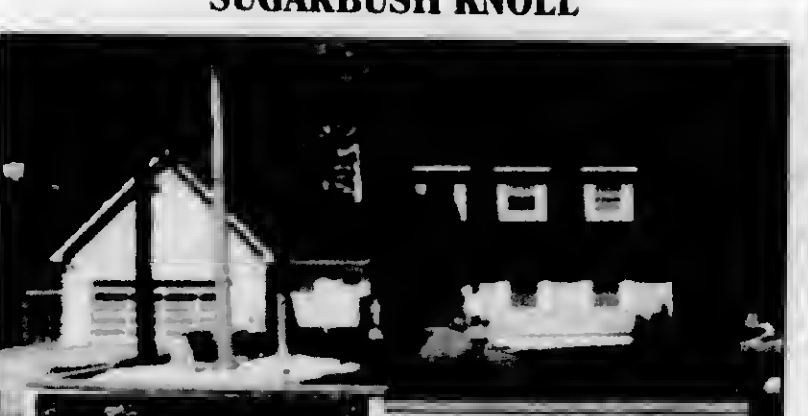
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Boards discuss library property

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A meeting to discuss the Clinton Street library property took place March 1 at Charlevoix City Hall between several members of the Charlevoix Public Library Board and the Charlevoix Public School Board.

"The goal of the meeting was just to sit down with the two boards because we just hadn't talked yet," said library director, Valerie Meyerson. "We felt we needed a couple people to sit and talk and see how we could resolve the issue of the building as win, win situation."

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, said several options of possible resolution were discussed at the meeting.

"There were a couple of options that were thrown out and they were supposed to go back to their board and see if, in fact, it was something

that their board could buy into so we don't get into a court or litigation scenario," Sturock said. "We're waiting to see what happens."

Meyerson said, one of the options which appeared promising for the taxpayers, school and library could be to trade properties.

"We would get the administrative property for the library building. But, we would need the Saltonstall family to change the deed restriction so that if it was sold for private use, the profits would be split between the library and the school."

She added, "We felt that that would be good solution."

Meyerson stressed that this was merely an option that was looked at, and not a decision that was made.

Once the full boards of the school and library have their respective meetings, Meyerson said, she believes the

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A couple members of both the Charlevoix Public School Board and the Charlevoix Public Library Board met on March 1 to discuss a possible amicable resolution to the long disputed issue over who owns the Clinton Street library property pictured above.

UPS worker saves customer's life

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Just how much does doing a little extra mean to others? A local woman believes it may have saved her life.

When Charlevoix County senior citizen, Christa-Maria, injured herself about a year-and-a-half ago, she asked UPS driver, Kathy Lawson if she could bring packages into the house as opposed to leaving them on the front porch, a routine which became much more than a convenience last autumn.

"I can't go shopping, so I have to order most things," Christa-Maria said.

Christa-Maria was forced to use crutches during her recovery from a broken hip, and, Lawson said, "She has a small entryway that is enclosed. Most people just throw the packages in there. But with the crutches, it's really hard for her to get down there, so I always set hers inside on a stand and I holler to let her know it's me so she doesn't think somebody's coming into her house."

Christa-Maria had no idea how important her request would be until October 2005.

"I had come from the pool and been putting my things away when I tripped over the strap on my backpack," she said. "Because I had broken my hip a couple of years before, I did this strange move when I fell to protect my right hip."

She added, "I ended up with 11 fractures. Six on my left femur, three on my right shoulder and two on my left hand."

Christa-Maria laid on the kitchen floor for two days not knowing if she would be found in time.

But, she maintains a sense of humor about the life-threatening ordeal.

"After two days you don't know if you're going to make it," she said. "I even drank the cat's water — I didn't cough up any hair balls."

After awhile, she realized her only hope was if someone walked into her house and found her lying there.

"I hoped the UPS driver would be bringing me a parcel," she said. "It came about three o'clock and I thought, 'If she comes, it will be in the next hour.' And sure enough, I heard the door open and I knew I was going to be OK."

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

UPS driver, Kathy Lawson (left) sits next to Christa-Maria during a recognition ceremony hosted by Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, nearly five months after Lawson saved Christa-Maria's life.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Joyce Elaine Starks, 42, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling \$150.

Roger Owen Rennekamp, 48, Boyne City. Operator with no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Linda Lee Clayton, 53, Pinconning. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling \$150.

Amanda Marie Saigeon, 19, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend Zero Tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Abigail Lee Vanhorn, 18, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. Attend intervention classes; \$200 in fines and costs.

Jonathan Robert Bartleson, 21, Grand Rapids. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling \$150.

Adriana Brittany Holmes, 18, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend Zero Tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Alexander Robert Nunham, 24, Lansing. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$880 in fines and costs.

Ruth Lela Follette, 19, Boyne City. Operator's license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Larry Danal Pop, 32, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/pos-

sess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Wade Russell Leist, 22, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,035 in fines and costs.

Raymond Paul Shenoskey, 37, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated; and operating while license suspended. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 92 days in jail; \$1,635 in fines and costs.

Robert John Vincent, 24, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Serve six days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Joseph Vance Simons, 21, Boyne City. Snowmobiles-fleeing and eluding. Serve eight days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Loren David Morrow, 47, Davidsburg. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day; 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Stephen Sesugh Pase, 18, Grand

Rapids. Operator without license. Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Timothy Joseph Gasco, 25, Boyne City. Operator with no license or multiple licenses. Serve four days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court
The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

David Brian Paulson, 44, Lake George. Operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquors-third offense. Sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for one day, to serve 90 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; serve 480 hours of community service work; \$1,320 in fines and costs.

Herbert Leigh Watkins, 51, Boyne City. Operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquors-third offense. Sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for 188 days, to serve 11 months in jail; \$500 in fines and costs. Controlled substance-possession (narcotic or cocaine) less than 25 grams. Serve 120 days in jail.

Lewis Andrew Sevanski, 33, Vanderbilt. Controlled substance-possession of analogues. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail; serve six months probation; \$120 in fines and costs. Police officer-assault/resisting/obstructing. Serve 180 days in jail; serve six months on probation; \$120 in fines and costs.

Kevin Louis Whisler, 21, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied-causing death. Sentenced to a minimum of 36 months to a maximum of 15 years in prison with credit for two days; \$7,802.90 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Knop Enterprises, 2087 Wilson Road, East Jordan, by Eric Scott Knop
Extreme Auto Detailing, 2769 Genesis Drive, Boyne City, by Christopher C. Fiel

Havencrest AFC, 108 McKenzie, East Jordan, by Steve Everett, president, Northern Springs Management Co.

Able Construction, 644 East Main Street, Boyne City, by John Townsend

All-Pro Lawn and Wildlife Management, 01395 Zink Road, Boyne City, by Shawn A.

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Francis Wise, 28 and Stacey Marie Brown, 25, both of East Jordan

Divorce

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Angie B. Owens vs. Benjamin Edward Owens

Birth

Maureen Frances Hautz weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces was born March 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Helen Hautz of Boyne City. Her siblings are Kevin, Ryan and Neal.

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Future of library's Clinton Street property debated

LIBRARY

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two will have another meeting similar to the March 1 discussion.

"I think the best part was that both boards realized that we are all on the same page and that nobody is out to get anybody," she said. "Both boards want to come together to see what's best for the taxpayers. Both sides are working very hard to come to an agreement."

She added, "My two board members said, 'Boy, that was nice to actually talk to them.'"

"It worked out quite well I thought. We have a lot of work to do still. I don't know if that agreement is going to work because we need the Saltonstall family to agree with that," she said. "Sometimes it's just hard to get so many different parties to come together."

Sturock said when Proposal A came about, the public schools were no longer allowed to run the public library.

"There were two resolutions signed and agreed by both boards (library and school) when we had to make the break under Proposal A," Sturock said. "The property was an asset of the school. In order for the library to gain the property they would have had to buy it, but the school board, understanding that the library didn't have the money to buy it, signed the property over to the library for \$1 as long as remained a library and until such time as it was not a library."

There is a state statute that prevents municipalities and school districts from giving away their assets.

"You have to get a fair appraised value for them," Sturock said. "How

"I think before the library and the school make a deal, the library board needs to get community input on the issue. If the community says they want it to be the school's building and the library gets at least 50 percent of the value, then we would probably sign off."

Connie Saltonstall.
Family member of which approval of removal of deed restriction is required

you circumvent that is you can grant them a lifetime lease and when they stop using it, then it reverts back to school."

Sturock said this arrangement was agreed upon by both the library and the school board long ago, but when renovation at the old middle school-new library property began, someone from the library found that the quit claim deed was never executed.

"They came to school and said we need to make it right. The school board acting in good faith said they would do it," Sturock said. "We signed the deed and inadvertently the reverter clause was left out."

He added, "About a year later we discovered that the reverter clause wasn't in that deed. I explained the deed wasn't right, but they haven't made the deed right."

When the property was originally given to the school, there was no building. It was given to the school for the purpose of building a library or other educational purposes.

Sturock said, in the original title, the reverter clause says if the property ceases to be a library or used for educational purposes, then it reverts to Dr. Saltonstall or his heirs.

"If we get the building back and build offices there, then it would stay as an asset to the school district. If the Saltonstalls would waive that restriction, then we possibly could do something with the library board in terms of value," Sturock said. "I think if we were to litigate it, then we would get the library back. We could go to court, but we don't want to do that because we would end up with both the school district and the library board paying legal fees and that doesn't make any sense."

He added, "We think we dealt in good faith and found an error. They saw an oversight and we corrected it. We found an error and just want them to make it right."

Sturock said the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC., who drew up the original legal papers

in 1997, agree with the school board's attorneys.

"Absolutely the intent was that it would revert to the school if and when the library ceased to use it," he said.

Sturock said right now both boards are in the talking stage.

"Hopefully, as people are talking and facts become clearer we can resolve this without it becoming a legal situation, because it would be a lose-lose situation for both parties," Sturock said. "I think the library is acting in good faith and I think we're acting in good faith. We're working toward resolution."

Connie Saltonstall, daughter of the man who donated the property, said the new library project has been the result of a great community effort.

"I think this happened because all the groups worked together and I think if the library is talking about what happens to that (existing library off Clinton Street) building, they have a responsibility to get input from the community before they make any deal," she said. "We're not trying to be difficult. We're just trying to do what is best for the

community and the library."

Saltonstall said all the deeds to the property are inaccurate because none of them reflect the original deed restriction.

Saltonstall said the City of Charlevoix, Norwood Township and the Downtown Development Authority have all passed resolutions supporting the idea that representatives of the library should be able to sell the old building and use the proceeds to help pay the debt on the new library.

"I think that's a really bad deal for the taxpayers. The school has property and they should not be taking prime commercial space away from downtown Charlevoix," she said. "I think before the library and the school make a deal, the library board needs to get community input on the issue. If the community says they want it to be the school's building, and if the library gets at least 50 percent of the value, then we would probably sign off."

She added, "But I'm not going to agree to any deal until I see that in writing."

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The balancing act of a working parent



Julie Witthoef
'Just a thought'

With rising gas prices, skyrocketing heat and health care costs and a state-wide economic crisis rearing its ugly head, households with single-parent financial providers are becoming a thing of the past.

Since graduating from college in 2000, I have been fortunate enough to secure full-time employment in Charlevoix.

It isn't a popular choice for college grads to move to Charlevoix. The scene falls short of swinging, professional introductory positions are few and far between and the young available singles group is scant.

Fortunately, I met my husband while still in college so my last gripe

is a non-issue. And both our families live in Charlevoix making it a natural pick for a place to settle.

We bought a home in the country in 1999 when prices were still high but hadn't quite reached the \$7,000 per acre asking price they are at now.

Things fell into alignment for us. Then, in 2003, we welcomed our first child which knocked that alignment mildly out of whack.

Following her arrival I took 12 weeks off work. I returned after a three-month hiatus to resume my responsibilities as staff writer for the paper. That first morning I sat at my computer and put lotion on my hands. After 12 weeks accountable to a newborn, this felt like a day at the spa.

But that spa feeling was fleeting. Back to work meant the beginning of a daily tug-of-war between my career and my child.

It wasn't a question of leaving her in a stranger's hands, my mother-in-law and husband shared her care during the day. But as any working parent knows, your belly still aches a little each time you leave for work.

Since then I have found my dual role to be quite rewarding. Fortunately, I work in a family-friendly atmosphere. When winter colds rear their snotty heads I can stay home to fight fevers.

I am also fortunate to live in Charlevoix where wonderful people support my dual role. My husband Charlie, grandparents, nieces and nephews step forward to cover meeting nights. And when all else fails and my toddler tags along to weekend photo opportunities, attendees fill her with sweets and keep a watchful eye while I take snapshots of Charlevoix's memorable moments.

This past weekend was a perfect example of a working mom's balancing act.

On Friday night, the boys' varsity basketball team faced Traverse City St. Francis in the Class C Regional title showdown.

I joined my fellow media entourage on the baseline to capture some pictures of the game. My assistant, my two-year-old daughter, was glued to my side.

At the half, we had to fight crowds to secure a bag of popcorn which I had promised her when we walked into the game at Petoskey High School and she smelled her favorite buttery treat.

Charlevoix High School athletic director Jim Kanine and principal Gary Grundman offered to watch my gear while I braved the hungry crowd.

The lines were horrendous. It was hot and another minute would have meant meltdown. I spotted Ron Agnello, a local CPA who I know well, who was in perfect position for a fast grab of fluffy popcorn. He helped out and stress turned to smiles as she snacked.

Back at the game, she sat back in a corridor close to where mom was snapping pics. I felt like I was in a slow motion movie as I watched a misguided shot from a Rayder player result in the basketball flying directly toward my tiny assistant who sat drawing and munching.

This is where mommy magic and some athleticism from my high school days kicked into gear. I lunged, ex-

tended my leg and successfully deflected the miscue.

I got props from my fellow photographers and finished shooting the game.

The next night, shorty and I were off to the Northwest Academy dinner, dance and auction.

Upon arriving a group of ladies directed my daughter to the treat table. Minutes later she was double fisted with cookies and out on the dance floor with an older lady, who I have to admit I don't know.

The moral of this juggling tale is that while families with young children aren't coming to Charlevoix in droves, they should be.

This is the perfect place to balance a professional career and family. Even if you don't have oodles of in-laws and relatives living here, there is always a community member willing to lend a helping hand.

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Volunteering is good for mind and body



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

Whether you are a transplant to the community, a student needing experience, or recently retired, there is one sure method for meeting others or deciding on your next career path and that's by volunteering.

Volunteering is a positive outlet for your talents, a great way to network, and an opportunity to develop new skills. I spoke with Lorna Lewis the other day who oversees the volunteer chaplaincy program at Charlevoix

Area Hospital. She said, "Volunteering is a great way to acquaint you with the community and an easy way to get to know others. Plus, it just feels good to help."

My fellow colleagues in counseling like to stress to their clients that volunteering can put you on the road to feeling better about yourself and may improve your mood and attitude. It's inexpensive therapy with a proven track record.

You have much to gain if you're a student trying to find your way to a career. It gives you a chance to discover whether or not you're suited to the line of work you might be interested in. You gain practical knowledge and it assists you in marketing yourself for future job interviews. Hands-on experience and networking are always a plus.

If you recently moved to Charlevoix,

I can't think of a better way to meet others with similar interests. Our community and surrounding area has numerous opportunities in which to volunteer. The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club sponsors a reading program for our younger generation at the local Head Start and Early Childhood building. If your interest is in beautifying our fair city the local garden clubs are just your ticket. If you like to perform, singing in the Northern Michigan Chorale, acting or working behind the scenes at the Crooked Tree Arts Center is where you can lend your talents. For history buffs, the Charlevoix Historical Society offers plenty of opportunity to trace your home's history or learn about Charlevoix's earlier era. With a new public library in Charlevoix's future there are plenty of areas to jump in and help with. One of my favorites is the Exceptional Riders Program

which combines the love of horses and helping individuals with special needs learn how to ride. Let's not forget our community pool which has been such an asset to our community. It's very easy to help out one evening a week checking in swimmers at the front desk.

Once you have experienced the rewards of volunteering first hand you'll find that giving up a little bit of your time follows the old adage, "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it."

Volunteering improves your attitude which may improve your overall health as well. What a great way to role model for our children how we can help others. Meeting new people and learning new things keeps your mind sharp and in turn can lead to a healthier body. Volunteering is as good for you as drinking water.

I've been fortunate enough to have had my own parents volunteer while still keeping busy with work and raising a family. The lesson I learned from them as well as those I've learned from Lorna Lewis, my good friend Kari Kollman, and my own husband, who've all volunteered with the Red Cross, is that the experience of helping your fellow man/woman/child gives you an overall up lifting feeling.

Be generous with your time and if you are ever in need of someone's help you'll surely receive it tenfold. Bernard Meltzer said it best, "There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up."

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

Vote 'No' on referendum

Editor:
I would like to thank you for the recent publication of the letter from Dan Drost about the dove hunting referendum on the ballot for 2006.

People up here in our neck of the woods don't see a lot of media about the upcoming vote on the mourning dove referendum. A surprising amount of people still don't realize that hunting season was opened in 2004, and that a referendum will be on the ballot in November.

I feed mourning doves at my bird feeders, and I enjoy watching them. I have a pair that has nested on the end of one of the logs on my home for the last three years. Mourning doves are monogamous. They mate for life. It takes both of them to raise their little family of two squabs. The pair take turns sitting on the eggs. The female sits all night and the male sits on them all day so the female can feed. Once they are hatched, it takes both of them to feed and care for their squabs. If one parent dies the squabs will not make it, and the dove that is left will not mate with another. The mourning doves are gentle, non-aggressive birds with a soft sad coo.

They were awarded the title of Michigan's Official Bird of Peace in 1998, House Resolution 244. Many of us would like them to keep this title and remain protected for many years to come.

Please remember to vote "No" to shooting doves in November. Carol K. Hobbs
Charlevoix
The Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban
Member and Volunteer

Bid process criticized

Editor:
It is no wonder today, why people have no confidence in their government officials. We received a letter from Laura Stebe of D.S. Stebe Construction reporting the city had no bid from Alden Lumber to consider on the skate park project in Charlevoix. To this I reply, "bunk."

Many hours of effort was evidently wasted bidding, re-bidding, revising lists of material, specification changes, follow-up, now re-price for different department, re-price again with different specifications, then, oh, we are having a closed bid for this project. Which by the way we participated in every redo that was asked of us including the request for resubmission for a closed bid session. This list was priced, changed and resubmitted

at least nine times. We then, during this "closed bid session" time frame, receive a call from Stebe Construction explaining the City of Charlevoix is not honoring the closed bids and that Stebe Construction needs yet another bid on yet another list of material with yet another set of specifications. We did this for them.

We have a copy of the correspondence faxed to Jeremy Stump and Michael Wiesner regarding the new revised list of materials for Stebe Construction that we were to fax directly to Stebe Construction's fax number, which we did.

We run a business that prides itself on the efforts and dollars we put into our local communities, whether by donations or cutting material prices far below market to help with just such projects.

Your city officials may have that kind of time to waste confusing the working world as to what is expected of them, but we have no desire to waste any more of our time with your city's practices of wasting time and money. Our time, and the taxpayer's money. So, any future quotes will be at market prices.

Dale Newman
Vice-president
Alden Lumber Company

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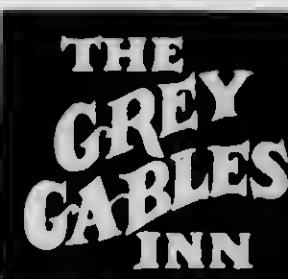
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We at Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center urge everyone in our community to make it a regular habit to get the amount of sleep you need for a bright and productive tomorrow.

For more information, go to the National Sleep Foundation Web site at www.sleepfoundation.org, or contact the Charlevoix Area

Sleep Awareness Week

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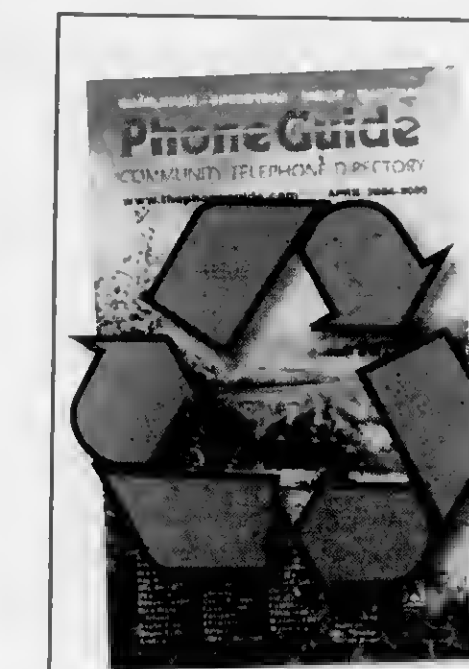
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Sharon L. Smorch RRT, RPSGT
Coordinator, Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center

'Thank you' Rayder fans

Editor:
Rayder fans, thank you so much for buying Charlevoix Rayder wear at the high school sporting events. The profits from the vests, shirts, hats and other Rayder clothing have in the past, and will again in 2006, provide scholarships for helping some of Charlevoix's seniors further their education through the Charlevoix Rotary Strive Program.

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Obituaries

Bernard Hart: July 19, 1922 - March 9, 2006

Bernard V. (Barney) Hart died March 9.

He was born on July 19, 1922 in Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada to Catherine and Bernard Hart. He graduated from St. Gregory High School in Detroit in 1941 where he excelled in athletics. He earned letters in baseball, basketball and football. He was captain of the basketball team and achieved Detroit city honors.

Barney was the beloved husband of Flora (Morgan), whom he met in the late 1930s while they were students at St. Gregory High School and subsequently married on September 28, 1946. He was the father of Ellen (John) Norlock, William (Laura) Hart, Mary McElroy, Joseph Hart, Madonna (Jeff) Lefebvre, James Hart and Jane (Rene) Hardey. He was grandfather to Shannon, Leah, Karen, John, Heather, Rachel, Noah, Erich, Jenna, Nolan, Nicklaus, Emma, Brendan and

Cassidy. And was great-grandfather to Calvin, Grayson, Riley and Lily. As well as brother of the late Catherine (Betty) Nelson and uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Barney ended his work career in engineering and technical placement services with E.S.P. Inc. and Aerotek, following retirement from Burroughs Corp. (Unisys) after 40 years of service. He began as a production employee in the firm and rose to manager of human resources. He attended the University of Detroit and Wayne State University where he taught applied management and technical courses for 15 years. He graduated from Meinzinger Art School specializing in photomechanical retouching. Bernard loved music and studied violin at an early age. He sang in choirs and choruses. He was one of the founding members of the Plymouth Choralaires.

Barney was a World War II combat

veteran serving 33 months in the Asia-Pacific Theatre with the First Marine Division. He fought in the battles of Peleliu in 1944 and Okinawa in 1945. Other overseas tours of duty included Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands and Tientsin, North China. He received an honorable discharge in December 1945. He has been a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, and a member of the George F. Monaghan Knights of Columbus since 1942. An avid golfer, Bernard was a long-time member of the Golf Hounds and fondly known as the "Seven Letter Man."

Barney and his family would prefer donations in his memory be made to the Capuchins, 1920 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207-3485. On-line sympathy messages may be submitted at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

Martha Taylor: March 23, 1910 - March 11, 2006

Martha C. Taylor (Mason) died on March 11 in Lansing at the age of 95. Martha was born in Atwood on March 23, 1910.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, her sons, Arthur

Taylor of Charlevoix, Owen Taylor of Lansing and sisters, Freda Hamilton of Grand Rapids and Nancy Mills of Savage, Md.

She is survived by her son Harold (Sharon) Taylor of Dewitt and daughter,

Virginia (Jack) Friedrich of Stafford, Va. and her special friend, Melborne Schafer of Charlevoix.

Interment will take place this spring at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Lucy Kline: Dec. 26, 1913 - March 13, 2006

Lucy Jean T. Kline, of Charlevoix, died March 13 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born in Lorain, Ohio on Dec. 26, 1913, the daughter of Thomas and Belle (Williams) Tristram. Growing up by the shore of Lake Erie was a special part of her childhood. She attended Baldwin-Wallace College where she met the love of her life, Spence Kline. They were married on June 20, 1935 and made their home in Euclid, Ohio until moving to a very special wooded acreage near Chardon, Ohio in 1953, which they named Wanderwood. Here they enjoyed woodland walks

while pursuing their interest in birds and wildflowers.

She was a homemaker, Girl Scout leader and an active member of the East Cleveland Congregational Church, Pilgrim Christian Church, Chardon and First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

She moved to Charlevoix in 1989 where she continued to enjoy her birds and wildflowers while returning to the joys of lakeshore living.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann-Hanna (Tom) of Charlevoix and Betsy Charlton of Hortense, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Two sons, Spence and

Jeffery preceded her in death, as did her husband, parents, brother John, sister Mary Beth Riemenschneider, and son-in-law Jack Charlton.

The family requests no flowers and suggests memorial contributions to the Grandvue Medical Care Facility Montessori-Based Dementia Program or charity of your choice.

A memorial graveside service will take place later this summer. Interment will be at the Knollwood Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

Arrangements are in the care of the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix and Burr Funeral Home in Chardon, Ohio.

Joanne Brindel: Nov. 21, 1924 - March 14, 2006

Joanne Brindel, 81, of Charlevoix, died March 14 at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire.

Joanne was born Nov. 21, 1924, in North Manchester, Ind., the daughter of Donald and Helen (Flook) Reiff. On Nov. 29, 1941,

she married Galen Brindel who preceded her in death in 1986. Together they were manager and head cook at a restaurant in North Manchester, Ind. They retired to Leesburg, Fla., and Joanne moved to Charlevoix in 2002.

Joanne is survived by her son Gerry L. (Margaret M.) Brindel of Charlevoix. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986 and her son, Dale, in 1998.

Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix is serving the family.

David Rosenthal: July 25, 1925 - March 19, 2006

David Rosenthal, 80, went into the loving arms of his heavenly Father on March 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

David was born on July 25, 1925 in Josephine, Poland. He was preceded in death by Rosa (Friske) his wife of 37 years.

He is survived by his wife Elsa (Friske) and four children: Klaus (Ross) Rosenthal and his wife Ever

of Petoskey, Rita Williams and her husband Aron of East Jordan, Ralph Rosenthal and his wife Michelle of Charlevoix. He is also survived by his seven granddaughters, four grandsons and great-granddaughters.

David had a deep and abiding love for the word of God which he read daily. He was known by family members as a man who loved

to pray and was extremely devoted to his heavenly Father. His other loves included gardening and fishing. He was the owner of Rosenthal Orchards in Charlevoix for 28 years before retiring in 1987.

A viewing will take place March 23 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix and a funeral service will take place on Friday, March 24 at the Community Church of God.

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School board nixes ads on baseball diamond

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A proposal to begin advertising local businesses on the fences of the Charlevoix High School baseball diamond was turned down after consideration by the school board.

The school board voted 4-3 not to allow any advertising at this time, with several board members opting to look into the idea further.

"The board members who voted against it had concerns that it could open issues that we may have no answer to at this time," said superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock. "So rather than simply approve something, they want to research it before they go down that road."

Sturock said one of the main concerns was whether there would be an ability to "pick and choose" who advertises at the school and who doesn't.

"There might be some advertisers that could be questionable and the board may not want them advertising on school grounds," he said. "And I think the board raised a good point. Originally, my concern was more of a question which came up from the baseball coach. It's a ready-made fund-raiser for him and the potential funds could be unfair to some of the other sports such as cross country which doesn't have its own field."

He added, "The question was, should we share in that?"

Sturock said this is not the first time an issue similar to this has been brought to the board's attention.

"When we built the new high school, there was a question of advertising at that time because Coke or Pepsi, for a fee, would come in (to advertise) and the board at that time said unanimously, 'No' they wouldn't do that."

"Does that particular fund-raiser give the baseball team an unfair ad-

vantage? That would be the other thing we need to talk about," he said.

Sturock said the gate receipts from sporting events go back into the general athletic fund where they are spread among the many sports.

He questioned whether funds raised from advertising on the baseball field would be divided among the many sports or if it would go directly to the baseball team.

"I think it needs to be researched more. Once we open the doors to something, they may be difficult to close," Sturock said. "What the board does with it now, I'm not sure."

Preliminary proposals show the possibility of a sign of 96 inches by 28 inches could go for approximately \$300 with a renewal of \$200 each following year.

"Some board members are interested in looking at it again," Sturock said.

Board members Christine Michaud, Dianne Kilkenny and Dean Spenceley voted for the resolution while Ardeth Wieland, Bill Trubilowicz, Larry Levensgood and Dennis Halverson voted against it.

Allen Telgenhof, the Charlevoix Rayders varsity baseball coach and author of the proposal, said a couple of the reasons he proposed the advertising on the baseball diamond are that many other schools are doing it and it's something which is prevalent in the sport.

"Having gone to baseball games for a long time, I know it's something that has historically been associated with baseball," Telgenhof said. "You look out at the outfield fence and see that signage — it's kind of a quaint — especially with the way I envisioned it here."

Telgenhof said he thinks it would be nice to let the local businesses show their support while helping the school, especially with the financial turmoil the state's educational bud-



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A proposal to allow the fences below this scoreboard to be covered with paid advertising of local companies was recently voted down at a meeting of the Charlevoix Public School Board.

gets are in.

"I wasn't involved in the budget process, but I know what's going on. See BILLBOARD, page 10

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Board may revisit issue of billboards around the baseball diamond

BILLBOARD

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budget-wise. They're looking at a lot of different ways to (potentially) cut with less money coming in," he said. "And athletics is always something that gets looked at. There is always a group of people who will say, 'Let's cut from the athletic program,' and this would have been a way to offset some of that."

But, Telgenhof said, he knows it isn't a coach's place to set the board's philosophy.

"I just thought it would be good to look at it, especially when we have a decrease in funding from the state. I think that's a decision for the board to make and I respect the board's decision," he said. "I'm going to abide by the board's decision. If they want to revisit it down the road, I'm willing and happy to do it."

He added, "I understand from the board's standpoint that it's more of philosophical discussion — do we want advertising on our fields?"

Telgenhof said he was a board member for eight years and knows just how important it is to take the time to make the right decision.

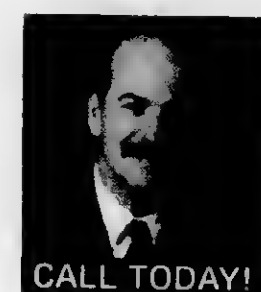
"So maybe this is something for them to look at down the road," he said. "Any information they want from me, I am happy to get for them."



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Jazz and Celtic jam

The Charlevoix Rayder Jazz Band performed in St. Ignace Saturday night for "A Night of Jazz," sponsored by the St. Ignace Band Department. It was an evening of jazz, dance and steel drum performances. Its Irish groups also performed Celtic dance to "Waves of Tory" and "Every Man's Chance." The dulcimer, penny whistle bodhran group played "Harvest Home Hornpipe," "Tamlin" and "Crested Hen." The groups will perform at 7 p.m. tonight, March 22, in the Irish Folk and Music Festival at the Charlevoix High School.



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In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must complete the Mary Feindt Scholarship application, submit a written essay and provide two letters of recommenda-

tion from a math or science instructor which confirms the student's involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is May 12, 2006. Applications should be sent to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Joan Buday, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman, 104 St. Mary's Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in May.

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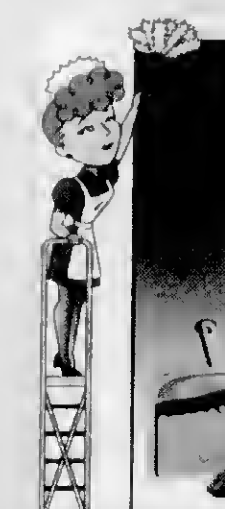
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St. Patrick's Day March 17 and 18 Charlevoix and Beaver Island celebrate



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Kellie Gillespie and her friend Gabrielle waiting for the start of the day's festivities March 18 on Beaver Island.



Photo by Richard Gillespie

Chuck Popp and Brian Dixon of Charlevoix dressed in their St. Patrick's Day best while participating in activities March 18 on Beaver Island.



Photo by Richard Gillespie

Amber and Sue, this year's "King and Queen" of St. Patrick's Day festivities on Beaver Island sing with island musicians.



Courtesy photo

(Left) Mary Watson-Chavez took this photo of Jeff Sprecksell, general manager of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, carving up an enormous corned beef that the Weathervane served free-of-charge to their patrons on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. They also served traditional Irish stew.



Courtesy photo

St. Patrick's Day revelers at Grey Gables party and dance the night away March 17.

Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Musical

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Following a one-year break, Charlevoix Elementary School's spring musical will return.

The show, "Child of the World," will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School, located at 05200 Marion Center Road.

"The musical, 'Child of the World,' celebrates the role that children have in helping to make the world a better place to live. The children and I are looking forward to continuing the spring musical tradition in a new location," said Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher, Jodi Thompson.

For 32 years, former elementary school music teacher and founder of the spring musical, Marina LaBlance, directed the annual event. In 2004, the students staged their last show with LaBlance at the helm because the rolling bleachers in the former event venue, the Charlevoix Middle School gym, were removed to make way for more physical education space.

At that time, LaBlance determined that the change to the gym made it impossible for the performance to continue as it had in the past and opted not to have a show in 2005.

LaBlance continued in her capacity as music teacher and retired following the 2004-2005 school year.

Thompson took over the program this year and in conjunction with school art teacher Mary Beth

McGraw decided in January to revive the musical.

Due to space constraints in the high school auditorium, instead of including all first through fourth-grade students in the show, Thompson opted to have the 150 students in the third and fourth-grade classes perform.

"It doesn't matter how big or small their part is. They are all involved," Thompson said.

McGraw added, "All kids are successful in this."

Younger students will attend a dress rehearsal the morning of March 23.

While this is Thompson's first spring show with the elementary school students, she is no stranger to spring musicals. In her four years as music teacher for Charlevoix's St. Mary School the spring show was a staple.

However, this is the first time she has directed students in the musical, "Child of the World," which is based on a book that shares the show's title.

The hour-long performance will include skits and 13 songs from world destinations including Germany, Mexico, Africa and Jamaica.

Character traits like respect, honesty, courage, compassion and responsibility will be woven throughout the show and displayed on elements of the set created by McGraw, students and volunteers. Thompson explained that this is an extension of character curriculum being implemented across the Charlevoix Public School District.



Courtesy photo

Third and fourth-grade students prepare for their upcoming spring musical performance, "Child of the World," to take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School. (Above, center) Aaron McCree will sing his rendition of Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World." Back-up dancers for the song are (from left) Paige Bradley, Jacy Herriman, Ryleigh Koop, Destinee Russell, Danielle Staph, Allison Stripay, Allie Balyo and Paige Schwartzfisher.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Charlevoix Elementary School fourth-grader Zach Hankins practices one of the students' favorite dance numbers in the upcoming spring musical, "Child of the World," with his classmates.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Fourth-grade student at Charlevoix Elementary School, Shelby Robinson, practices a song dedicated to past presidents during rehearsal for the school's musical this Thursday, March 23.

Northwest Academy fund-raiser earns \$5,000 for school

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Friends of Northwest Academy of Charlevoix hosted their annual fund-raiser with hors d'oeuvres and dancing on Saturday, March 18 at the First Baptist Church.

Well over 100 guests attended the non-alcoholic appetizer and dancing event which boasted door prizes and live and silent auctions with proceeds going toward projects including the construction of a miniature theater and playground at the school. Preliminary estimates of funds raised are approximately \$5,000 with that number expected to rise.

Northwest Academy business manager, Leslie Herriman said, the Friends of Northwest Academy, who sponsored the event, wanted to try something new this year.

"Instead of it being a family event, it was an adult only event," she said.

Herriman said this event was for anyone who enjoys tasty food and fine music while helping a good cause.

"It was for everybody in the community. Our kids are from all over so we had people coming from Petoskey, Ellsworth, Boyne City and East Jordan," she said.

Co-director of Northwest Academy, Gary Stutzman, thanked Mel Morrison and Annie Russell for their efforts in putting the auctions together.

He also thanked, "Tim May for the wonderful variety of food items, auctioneers for donating their time for the very successful live auction, Angie Robarge and Kristina Prevot for arranging the decorations and Leslie



Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Northwest Academy student Devin Toton takes a trumpet solo at the academy's dinner, dance and auction March 18 at the First Baptist Church. School bands provided entertainment for the evening.

Herriman for all her administrative support."

He added, "As always, an event like this would not be possible if it were not for all the teachers, parents and friends that attended this event and made it so successful."

Some of the items auctioned off included trips and exotic dinners.

"We sold a dinner for 12 on the beach with the jazz band playing and J & B Farms donated a livestock animal which will be taken to auc-

tion with the proceeds going to the school," Stutzman said. "All in all, it was a very well-organized and very successful night with the kids performing and people dancing and visiting with friends and family."

Stutzman said this event is such a success year after year, that the school will continue to host it.

"We'll be celebrating our first 10 years of operation so mark your calendar for one year from now — the third week in March," he said.



Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Northwest Academy student Alanna Leslie and exchange student Sabine Hund work the dance floor at the school's March 18 fund-raiser.

Charlevoix City Council passes \$25 million budget

By JULIE WITTHOELT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council passed the \$25 million 2006-2007 city budget on Monday night, March 20.

Prior to passing the budget council considered stalling levels at the city police department, proposed rate increases to airplane hanger lease holders and renovations to Brookside Chapel.

Police chief Gerard Doan signed on in January. His move from patrolman to chief left a vacancy in the department's line-up of full-time patrolman.

With city revenue being a council concern, it was discussed that this vacancy may not be filled.

"We're just looking for ways to save a dollar here and there," first ward councilman, Boh Timms, said.

Since 1995, the city has maintained a seven member force. It has operated with six since November 2005 when former chief Dennis Halverson resigned.

Boyer City maintains seven full-time officers and two part-timers while East Jordan has five full-time officers and two part-timers.

Doan said increasing hours of Charlevoix's two part-time officers to patch the gaps in the city's 24-hour patrol service is not an option. He said the two existing part-timers are unwilling to increase their shift work.

In order to meet Doan's goal of maintaining a school safety officer presence, as well as continuing to safely respond to calls in a timely manner, while keeping up his



Norman Carlson

\$37,357 and the four patrolman make \$35,732 each plus certification costs for EMT defibrillator use and firefighter training.

Council opted to keep the seventh patrolman in the budget and advertisements to fill the position have been posted.

Rate increases in monthly lease payments to store airplanes in city hangers were also proposed. Council did pass an increase but it equates to \$1.60 per square foot as opposed to \$1.88 per square foot as the budget initially proposed.

"It was a compromise council felt was fair," mayor, Norman Carlson, said.

Other rate increases included in the budget are a .1 mill increase in the trash collection millage to assist in funding increased costs of providing the service including brush and leaf pickup as well as composting.

Rate shifts show no change in water and electric rates and a 5.5 percent increase in sewer rates which equates to about \$1.38 a month for the average user.

The budget also increases rates for Charlevoix Golf Club users who will pay \$10 more for season

passes and \$2.50 more for locker rental. Landing and ramp fees at the airport also increased as well as ambulance rates for resident and non-resident transports.

Improvements to Brookside Chapel located along M-66 in Brookside Cemetery were also a topic of discussion. The budget includes about \$80,000 from the city's perpetual care fund to stabilize the building which was built in 1910 to store bodies in the winter for spring burial.

It hasn't been used for this purpose in some time.

"No one has come up with a use for it. We are trying to perpetuate a building that has no definite use," third ward councilman, Sherm Chamberlain, said.

Chamberlain's doubts about the

preservation work support information submitted to the city by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association opposing the overhaul. Citizens Advisory Committee member, Ken Staley, has also come out against pursuing the renovation.

The Citizens Advisory Committee has made no formal recommendation related to the chapel.

However, if third ward council member, Shirley Gibson, has it her way, the project will move forward.

"For me it's a landmark we would be tearing down," she said. "Considering the money we spend on other items, I think it's worthwhile."

Gibson is also a member of the city's Historic Preservation Committee who recommended

council restore the building.

Architectural plans for the restoration will be ready in the next month and bids for the project are expected to be released shortly thereafter.

City council will revisit the issue once those architectural plans have been submitted.

While the airport, police department and chapel were contentious topics of discussion, the bulk of the budget is \$13.7 million for capital improvement projects such as the marina and East Park renovations. Of that, \$7.9 million is from federal and state grants.

The marina and East Park projects are at the top of this list with a total cost of \$10,999,300. While this debt sits in the city budget.

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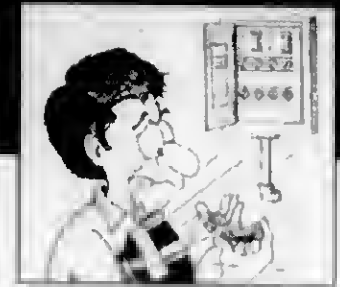
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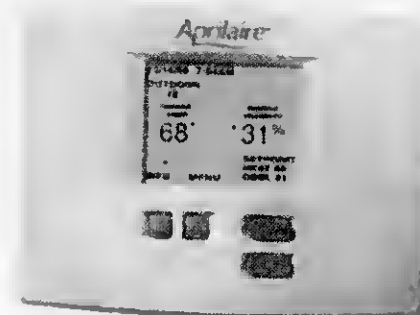
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SPORTS

Rayders lose 79-70 to Glads in Class C regional final

BASKETBALL

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the decisive period.

Dibble finished the game with 22 points and nine rebounds. Matt Kautz tallied 15 points and Crandall had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Rayder defender Trevor Mays tries to stop the strong Glads attack with some acrobatics at the regional final game. The Glads dominated the score board in the 79-70 Rayder loss.

Charlevoix finished the season with a 16-9 mark. The team loses only one senior and the younger returnees gained valuable experience.

"You can't overestimate the value of making a run in the tournament like we did," Haske said. "The kids can't get that type of experience any other way. It will do nothing but help us down the road."

State finalists Daman, Golovich end Rayder wrestling career

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Senior co-captains of the varsity Rayder wrestling team ended their careers on top.

On March 8, seniors Jed Daman and Jeff Golovich were escorted out of the halls at Charlevoix High School with a ceremony fit for kings. The band played and students lined the halls to cheer them on. The two traveled to the Lake Michigan Conference which took place March 9-11 at the Palace in Auburn Hills.

Varsity wrestling coach, Craig Golovich, said while the two did not place in the top three slots out of the 16-man bracket they wrestled in at the tournament, they did put up an honorable fight.

Both lost their first match, won their second and lost again in the

third round.

"They have nothing to be ashamed of. They did really well. They wrestled hard all year. It will be hard to see them go," coach Golovich said.

In Golovich's four years coaching the varsity team he said these two are his best wrestlers to graduate.

"Up north, no one could touch these guys," he said.

This year, both placed first in the Lake Michigan Conference tournament, which took place at the end of February, and placed third in both the district finals and the regional tourney.

This was Jeff Golovich's second year in a row to qualify for the state final. Last year, he dislocated his shoulder in the second match. He continued to wrestle with the

injury but was unable to overcome his opponents in either the second or third matches.

"It was pretty sad, Jeff was there to take a medal," coach Golovich said.

While Daman didn't walk away with a medal either, his success on the mats in his four years wrestling for Charlevoix High School is now part of the school's record book. He broke the career win record of 132 wins. His career total is 140 wins and 47 losses.

Jeff Golovich finished in a close
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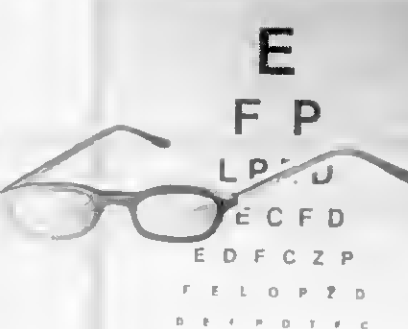
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SPORTS

Wrestling state finalists fall at tourney

WRESTLING

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second for the school's career win total with 137 wins and 46 losses.

The team's third senior, Matt Novotny, didn't make it to the state tournament, which came as a surprise to coach Golovich, who described Novotny as determined.

"He just didn't quit. I thought he would make it to the state. But he had a tough draw at regionals," coach Golovich said.

Saying good-bye to the seniors isn't easy for coach Golovich. He said he has coached Daman since he was in fourth grade and his nephew, Jeff Golovich, since he was in kindergarten.

"There weren't other kindergartners in the program so he would wrestle third and fourth graders. He got beat up a lot when he started," coach Golovich recollected.

While Daman and Jeff Golovich consider whether they will continue their wrestling careers at the collegiate level, coach Golovich said he's looking forward to the next generation moving up the

ranks.

Daman's little brother Zeke Daman is a freshman this year who ended the season with 29 wins and 24 losses. Jeff Golovich's younger brother, Matt Golovich, broke the school record for the most wins as a freshman wrestler this year with 38 wins. The record was 27 wins held by Chris Aepelbacher from his 2002 freshman wrestling season.

"We should do fairly well. Losing our top three seniors who we depend on will be hard. But we have freshman, sophomores and juniors who are promising," coach Golovich said.

The program recently added a new rack system and mats as well as a take-down machine to its repertoire of training materials.

"We've got all the stuff, now we need the involvement," coach Golovich said.

He anticipates a large influx of wrestlers to the program in just a few years.

He said the middle school age wrestling program, which currently includes 17 sixth grade students, is showing bright signs for the future of Charlevoix High School's program.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Seniors Jed Daman (left) and Jeff Golovich are accompanied by the Charlevoix High School marching band and fellow students as they head out the door to go down state to the wrestling Individual State Finals at the Palace in Auburn Hills.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
BOARD OF APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Council Chambers, City Hall

Item #1:

Reference: Case #06-05ZBA

Applicants: Robert W. Grzech, Running, Wise & Ford, on behalf of:

Alberta Beyers, J. Larry White, Jerry VanderVeen and
Steve and Anne Hansen

The Charlevoix Board of Appeals will meet to consider an Appeal Application of the Rivulet Pointe Hotel Resort Development Plan review at 115 Pine River Lane, Charlevoix, MI 49720, and Zoning Ordinance definitions.

The proposed Appeal application may be viewed at the City Zoning Administrator's office at City Hall during office hours. Oral and written comments from the general public are welcome.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

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SPORTS

Kent Ludwig joins Courier spring sports writing staff

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor



Kent Ludwig

"Sports photographer and writer Kent Ludwig has joined the Courier's editorial department to cover the

spring sports season.

Ludwig, 31, moved here from Midland in February to try a new pace of life and be closer to his family in Alpena.

"It's beautiful here," he said. Prior to relocating to Charlevoix, he worked as a freelance writer and cook at Dow Chemical in Midland.

He is a 1993 graduate of Bay City Western High School in Auburn and attended Davenport

University in Midland where he studied business administration. Ludwig has also taken a number of photojournalism classes.

Ludwig said he's looking forward to joining the Courier's sports writing team covering varsity baseball and softball. "I like the competition," he said of sports coverage.

He added that this will be an opportunity for him to get to know the community better.

"There is a lot of community involvement in high school sports," he said.

Most recently, he shot photos at the March 10 varsity boys' Rayder basketball team's district win. He said the crowd's energy and hacking of its hometown team was amazing to watch and he is looking forward to covering other Charlevoix High School sports teams.

Aside from his contributions to the Courier, Ludwig is employed full-time at Harbor Industries.

Working toward Black Belt status Jung Shin Do students test for promotion

Jung Shin Do, Charlevoix Martial Arts, recently hosted its first rank test and promotion of 2006.

At the event, 11 junior students and seven adult students tested for promotion as they work their way toward Black Belts.

The adult test, which is just over three hours long, consisted of an hour-long workout to get the group warmed up and was followed by two more hours of intense martial art forms, self-defense techniques, break-fall demonstrations and board breaking.

The junior test was two hours long during which time young students demonstrated their skill in those same categories. All students were also required to demonstrate proper Martial Art etiquette in and out of the practice hall as well as a good understanding of the history and tradition of Martial Art.

Junior students received promotion to the following belt ranks: Black Stripe went to Rachel Titus and Matthew Whitley. Yellow Stripe was awarded to C.J. Rice. Yellow Belt was earned by Cody Allen. Orange Stripe went to Austin Edger, Haley Givens, Corey Hahn and Brad Rizzo. And Advanced Orange Belt was earned by Maurice Hanselman and Lucas Olson.

Adult students received promotion to the following belt ranks: Advanced



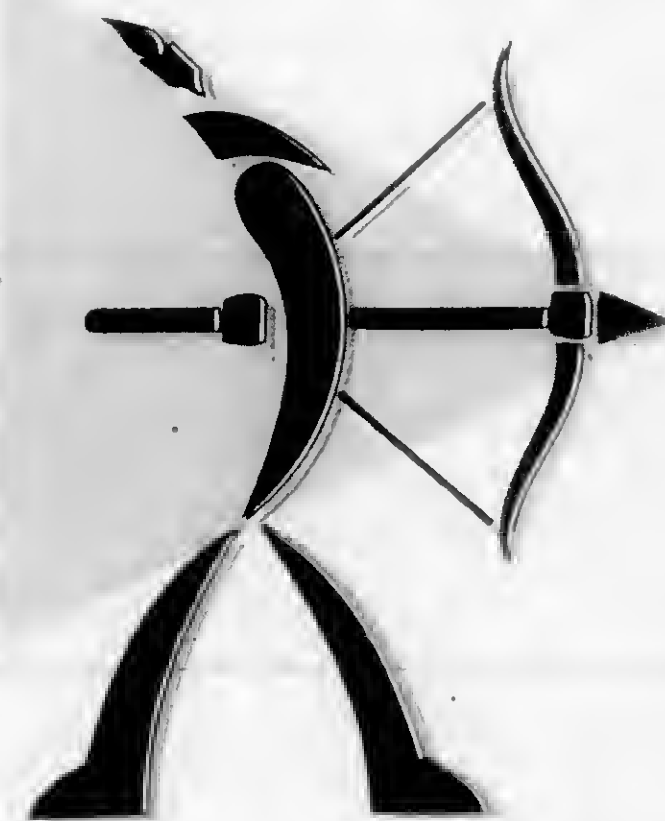
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Justin Kelley dives over fellow classmates during the Jung Shin Do, Charlevoix Martial Arts, recent rank test and promotion.

White Belt promotion went to Faye Feindt, Nicole Schauh and Alice Wright. Advanced Orange Belt was earned by Denise Marshke. Green Belt went to Jon Purdy and Brittany Wittmers. And Blue Belt was earned by Justin Kelley.

School-age students who maintained a high academic performance also received an Academic Achievement Award. Students recognized this session were Austin Edger, Haley Givens, Lucas Olson, Brad Rizzo, Nicole Schauh, Jesson Whitley and Matthew Whitley.

Charlevoix Jung Shin Do has taught traditional Korean martial arts since 1988. Classes are available for both adults and children in Charlevoix and Boyne City. For more information contact Christopher Demaneus at (231) 237-1431.



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Tip of the Mitt uses grant to shape policy

As part of a grant funded by the U.S. Mitt Foundation, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is providing legal and policy research to members of the Michigan Legislature through a series of bi-weekly informational sheets on water management issues.

Fall 2005 was an active time for legislative proposals regarding water management issues in the Michigan Legislature. There are at least 10 proposals before the Michigan House and Senate addressing water reporting requirements, permitting, water conservation and other water management issues.

Michigan, the only state in the Great Lakes Basin not to have adopted water use rules, is finally considering doing so.

According to Tip of the Mitt

Watershed representatives, the hope is a bipartisan legislative effort will result that will protect all of our state's waterways from harmful water withdrawals, provide new protections against diversions of the Great Lakes, involve communities in decisions regarding their water resources and require all large users to practice water conservation and efficient use.

In order to ensure that the policies adopted will be the best to protect Michigan's wealth of water resources, the information sheets provided by Tip of the Mitt Watershed

will provide legislators with information on the various water management strategies utilized throughout the other states in the Great Lakes Basin, as well as states throughout the U.S.

"Water defines us in Michigan. Our waterways and the Great Lakes form the basis of our economy and way of life," said Greta Thomassey, Ph.D., water policy specialist at the watershed council. "Unfortunately, Michigan is behind every other Great Lakes state in terms of oversight and protection of its surface and ground water

treasures. As a result, we are a potential target for irresponsible users and are vulnerable to large-scale diversions. Because our legislators are now working on this issue, we want to help in any way possible. We hope this research will contribute to a bi-partisan solution to our water use challenges."

The first in the series outlined the basic doctrines of groundwater law that have shaped groundwater management in states throughout the country since the mid-1800s. While Michigan's case law on this topic has been a bit unsettled, our

courts have adopted legal standards requiring reasonable use of groundwater resources.

Future editions of the information sheets will address other legal and policy issues to help ensure that our legislators are well-informed before making choices that are crucial to the health and sustainability of our water resources.

Copies of the facts sheets are available on the watershed council's Web site at www.watershed-council.org, or by calling (231) 347-1181, ext. 100 to receive them by postal mail or e-mail.

Women in Business scholarship offered

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, which awards \$400 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County currently studying business at the undergraduate level.

Applicants must have completed two to three years in an accredited undergraduate program, demonstrate outstanding academic credentials, identify the relevance of the applicant's academic program to the business field and outline the applicant's professional and career goals as they relate to advancing women in the field of business.

Applications are available at the North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse or may be obtained by calling Maura Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is May 20. Applications should be sent to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in early June.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the club's district chapter, which awards an additional \$400 to the district winner.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was established to encourage undergraduate women to enter careers and seek leadership positions in business-related fields.

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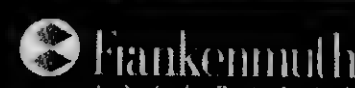
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Genealogical society to host activity workshop

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library located at 201 East Main Street in Boyne City.

The evening's program will be a workshop on using family oral histories and genealogical facts to compose a short biographical sketch of your ancestors' lives, known as an "ancestral vignette."

The presenter will be Patrick McCreary, who has many years of experience with genealogical study and

in compiling historic vignettes for both his personal use and for a variety of publications.

This will be an activity-based workshop. Participants are asked to choose an ancestor to write about. Then, to bring the following information about that ancestor to the workshop: family information, his or her obituary, a photograph if possible, and one to three stories about that person.

The workshop is free and open to the public.

For more information call Jo at (231) 582-9602 or Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Community foundation funds Planned Parenthood programs

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan has been awarded \$3,390 in support of two of its education programs: Motivation, Esteem and Respect in Teens (MERIT) and Out Of The Locker Room (OOTLR).

Support comes from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Eugene B. Renkiewicz Memorial Fund.

Motivation, Esteem and Respect in Teens, an intensive, 10-session program presented to boys ages 11 to 14, to help prevent risk taking behaviors such as early sexual activity and substance use. The program combines discussion, activities and group process to motivate students to take responsibility for their actions and strive to set and achieve personal goals, which include remaining abstinent.

Out Of The Locker Room is a six-hour program which uses interactive exercises, role plays and discussions to provide information and skills on topics including relationships,

sexually transmitted infections and contraception, abstinence, sexual limit setting, communication and laws regarding sexual assault, consent and dating violence.

Both programs will be presented in schools throughout Charlevoix County and combined, will reach over 290 students.

"We are very grateful to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for its long-standing support of the programs that we provide," said Lori O'Neill, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan's director of education. "This funding will allow us to continue to deliver high quality educational services that help area youth make responsible choices. We're thankful for the opportunity to support these youth during a critical time in their lives."

For more information about these programs, contact Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan at (231) 347-9692.



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of: **VIRGINIA Y. OLSEN REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D 04/10/1998**
Date of Birth: 06/24/26

TO ALL CREDITORS: whose names and addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Trustee, Virginia Y. Olsen, who lived at 101 McSaub Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, died on February 3, 2006.

There will be no probate estate filed for Virginia Y. Olsen. Mrs. Olsen had no probate estate, but had a revocable trust, listed above, at the time of her death. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Virginia Y. Olsen or the Virginia Y. Olsen Revocable Trust ("Trust"), UAD April 10, 1998, will be forever barred or affected unless presented to Successor Trustee, James J. Murray, Esq., 303 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 within 4 (four) months after the date of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

James J. Murray, Esq. (P40413)
303 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 348-6413

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-010932-DE
Estate of Katherine Mae Roof, Decedent
Date of birth: March 30, 1927
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Katherine Mae Roof, who lived at Grandvue Medical Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Rd., East Jordan, Michigan, died December 21, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David W. Roof, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix,

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March 22, 2006
Scott T. Beatty P24202
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Books are Fun

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is hosting a spring "Books Are Fun" sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 23 and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 24. Premium hardcover books, gifts, toys, stationery, and educational products for children and adults are offered at unparalleled prices. Find everything you need and more in the large classroom near the cafeteria. For more information, please call 547-9751.

Rayder Baseball Camp

The Charlevoix High School baseball program will host the Rayder Baseball Camp for baseball players in first through sixth grades. The camp will run on March 25 and April 1. The total cost is \$15. Camp hours for first through third grade participants are from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Hours for fourth through sixth grades are from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Prizes will be given away at each session. For more information or to register, call Allen Telgenhoff at (231) 547-1111.

Maple Syrup Festival

The Wagbo Peace Center will be celebrating the 2006 northwest lower Michigan maple syrup season with a Maple Syrup Festival to take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 25 at the farm, located at 5745 North M-66, three miles south of East Jordan. A pan-

cake and sausage breakfast will be served. Other events include sugar shack tours, syrup tasting, horse-drawn sleigh rides, children's activities and entertainment. Tickets purchased in advance are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids (children age 5 and under are admitted free-of-charge) and \$20 for a family. Tickets on the day of event are \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids (children age 5 and under are admitted free-of-charge) and \$23 for a family. Ticket price includes a raffle drawing for three gourmet maple syrup-themed gift baskets and all activities the day of the event. Profits from this event benefit "Sharing the Harvest," Wagbo's program to provide nutritious, farm-fresh food and education to families in need. For more information, to volunteer or to purchase tickets call (231) 536-0333.

Preservation society meeting

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will host its membership meeting at 1 p.m. on March 25 at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum located at 103 State Street in Charlevoix. The program, presented by museum co-director, David Miles, will be "A Tour of Harsha House" and will include an introduction to the Charlevoix Historical Society and its photo digitalization project. For more infor-

mation contact Charlevoix County History Preservation Society president Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042.

Blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28 in the band room at Charlevoix High School located at 05200 Marion Center Road. Donors are asked to call student council advisor Gail Cherry at 577-3222, ext. 2032 or see any student council member to arrange appointments.

Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will be offering two six-week support groups for those coping with a loss. In Charlevoix an evening group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning June 22 at the Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State Street.

These programs are sponsored by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are provided free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays.

All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School.

DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Harsha House hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

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Rayder Baseball/ Golf Classic April 29

On April 29 the Charlevoix High School baseball team will host its first annual Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic at Antrim Dells Golf Course.

The format will be a four-person scramble. The cost to participate is \$65 per person which includes doughnuts, golf, door prizes and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the baseball team's immediate and future needs.

Additionally, golfers may purchase chances to win hole-in-one prizes, games and raffle items. Live and silent auctions will also take place.

Tickets for dinner and an opportunity to bid in the auctions are \$20 per person.

To become a sponsor, donate prizes or auction items or to register for the golf scramble, contact Kirk Heckendorn by phone at (231) 547-2683 or (231) 675-1941 or e-mail him at kheckendorn@charter.net.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights

of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. An Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in meeting room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back

building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

CHS student-athletes honored at luncheon

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

A baker's dozen worth of Charlevoix High School students were recently honored at the annual Academic All-conference Luncheon and Awards Ceremony which took place on Wednesday, March 15 at the Peterman Auditorium in Elk Rapids.

Kenny Anderson, Shannon Dibble, Mike DiMartino, Kristin Dupuis, Joseph Graham, Sally Haselschwardt, Liz Jadwin, Chuck Mason, Elyse Michrina, Stephanie Muray, Stephen Parker, Ben Scheelk and Nate Sotuyo along with 80 other students from schools belonging to the Lake Michigan Conference, received a nod for their academic and athletic prowess.

Sheriff Lasater names good samaritan SAMARITAN

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Lawson said she placed the package on the table in the entryway, and that's when she heard Christa-Maria's cries.

"She hollered for help when she heard me calling. Apparently, from the sounds of it, she was waiting for me and knew she had a package coming," Lawson said.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater awarded a certificate of recognition for being a good samaritan to Lawson at a ceremony on Thursday, March 16.

"One of the privileges of being county sheriff is, from time to time, being able to recognize individuals that have done something above and beyond the call of duty," he said. "Kathy went above and beyond the call of duty for a UPS driver and we're very proud for her to deliver packages throughout Charlevoix County."

He added, "Kathy entered, contacted 911, rendered assistance to Christa-Maria until the ambulance crew arrived and made her feel more comfortable."

Christa-Maria said, though it has been a long, painful recovery, she is thankful for Lawson's help.

"And I also want to thank UPS for giving her permission to go that extra step of opening my door and bringing my parcels inside, because that made all the difference," she said. "You know, some agencies might not allow something like that, but it saved my life."

Said Lawson, "I'm very honored for the recognition."

"We honor our top 12 academic kids using a formula of their GPA and their ACT or SAT testing scores," said Charlevoix High School principal, Garry Grundman. "Then the top 12 get honored from each of the eight schools in the conference."

He added, "We have 13 kids this year because there was a tie."

In addition to the luncheon, the winning students received a certificate and had their pictures taken by a photographer from a professional studio.

Grundman said this second annual event began when Grayling schools came into the Lake Michigan Conference.

"When they came in, they said it was something they participated in in their former league," he said. "And when they brought it up, it seemed like something we should look at."

Grundman said the administrators saw it as a worthwhile project and put it into action.

"It's something special. The kids feel very proud of what they've done academically and athletically," he said.



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These 13 students from Charlevoix High School were among the more than 80 students from schools belonging to the Lake Michigan Conference who received a nod for their academic and athletic prowess.

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Lighthouse



Stickers depicting the image of Charlevoix's signature lighthouse, shown above, will be sold starting April 1 to raise funds to restore the lighthouse.

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Eveline Township officials chastised

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

On Tuesday, March 21, Eveline Township supervisor, John Vrondran, put some township officials on notice that two financial discrepancies in the township's coffers must be reconciled.

Though the two incidents are unrelated, township trustee, Don Hayden, was admonished by Vrondran for failing to produce some receipts. And suspended treasurer, Debra Healey-Jason, was told to clear up oversights involving overpayments by several taxpayers.

"The numbers just don't add up and a lot of the work just wasn't being done," Vrondran said. "We're not short any money and everything is fine, we just couldn't account for

some receipts and we owed people some money and had to pay them back."

He added, "We have nothing missing. But our accountant told us that we need to just clean up the mess."

According to Healey-Jason, an audit on her department revealed the books to be in order.

"We've had issues of some disbursements being sent out late in the past, but that was completely cleared up about a year ago," she said.

Healey-Jason said the issue of which Vrondran spoke, dealt with some overlapping deposits or tax bills which had been paid twice.

She also stressed that, while the two issues came up at the same meeting, they were not related.

"I had not caught some overpayments that had gone back to 2002,

and had not been caught by any of the audits before," she said. "When it was brought to my attention three weeks ago by Vel Kammerman (township accountant), I went ahead and took care of those."

She added, "Actually, as of that meeting, that had been taken care of."

"As far as the receipts are concerned though, Mr. Vrondran has found that Don Hayden has not been able to produce receipts. That had nothing to do with me," she said. "I turned in all my receipts."

Healey-Jason said Vrondran's investigation began over Hayden's missing receipts, not the fact that several taxpayers had overpaid on their tax bills.

Vrondran also admonished the two for their inability to get along.

"I guess they don't like each other. I didn't notice there was that much friction, but the other night they got into an argument back and forth," Vrondran said. "Kammerman the accountant noticed the friction. I didn't even realize they had a problem with each other before that — I only see them at meetings."

"It's no hidden fact that Don and I aren't real crazy about each other and we don't seem to work well together," Healey-Jason said.

Vrondran said at the meeting that if the problems weren't fixed by the next meeting that he would take the issue to Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema.

"But again, the prosecutor thing has nothing to do with me, just for Don

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Procedure delays smoking ban vote

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

County commissioners aren't back to square one, but adoption of The Public Health Clean Air Act of 2005 for Charlevoix County remains uncertain.

Newly elected First District County Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, who had hoped to vote on the regulation during the March 22 meeting of the board of commissioners, found the issue will be wrapped up for awhile in a procedural waiting game.

"It was discussed at the board of health meeting," she said. "It was announced at the last (board of commissioners) meeting when I announced that I would be submitting the resolution."

Saltonstall, who questioned why action couldn't be taken sooner, was told by Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, that her

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A sign of spring

Another sure sign of spring occurred last Thursday, March 23 when the Emerald Isle made its first voyage of the year to Charlevoix. Those aboard the ferry waved and shouted while motorists on the mainland gave salutations by honking their respective horns.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Ethel Lee Thomas, 51, Detroit. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 12 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Harold William Bowman Jr., 48, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Serve 10 days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Scott Harold Hundo, 48, Alanson. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

Catherine Ann Schlappi, 39, Harbor Springs. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Serve 10 days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Lesli Ann Cole, 34, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Serve 10 days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

William Martin Sanderson, 19, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

John Alan Sanders, 23, Gaylord. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$780 in fines and costs.

Timmie Carroll Spain, 33, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$980 in fines and costs.

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Joseph Charles Rusan, 18, Otsego. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend Impact weekend within 90 days; \$300 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Thomas Davis, 24, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling \$500.

Amanda Lavere Bargas, 22, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Brandy Rose Coveyou, 17, Walloon. Failure to stop/identify accident. Serve five days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Robert Gerard Klekotka, 44, Boyne City. Operating off road vehicle-operator license suspended/revoked. Serve five days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Brandie Kay McMillan, 17, Boyne City. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Serve five days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Grace Elinor Kapler, 43, Sterling Heights. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$780 in fines and costs.

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Adam Brian Shaul, 18, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property under \$200. Serve 10 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve five days in jail.

Hope Lyn Fuller, 26, East Jordan. Check insufficient funds under \$100. Serve six days in jail; \$151.50 in fines and costs.

Paul Geoffrey Swenson, 37, Valparaiso, Ind. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Katherine Lynn Curtis, 42, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 33 days in jail with credit for one day, 294 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,380 in fines and costs.

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Paul Geoffrey Swenson, 37, Valparaiso, Ind. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Katherine Lynn Curtis, 42, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 33 days in jail with credit for one day, 294 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,380 in fines and costs.

Grace Elinor Kapler, 43, Sterling Heights. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$780 in fines and costs.

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Lexi Savana Jean Henkel weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born March 17 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee to Kurt and Amber Henkel of Manistee. Her maternal grandparents are Bill Williams and Loretta Richardson of

Charlevoix and Charmaine Williams of Warren. Her paternal grandparents are Jim and Shauna Henkel of Livonia and the late Verna Henkel of Livonia.

Alyssa Maye Sherman weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces was born March 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ted and Tracey Sherman of East Jordan. Her brother is Carter Sherman. Her grandparents are Ted and Nancy Sherman of East Jordan and Mike and Nancy Ortwin of Clarkston. Her great-grandparents are Jean Peterson of East Jordan and Florence Nauman of South Lyon.

Victer Samyley Brayden Lewis weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces was born March 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Samyley and Bridget Lewis of Central Lake. His grandparents are Joseph and Bonnie Lewis of East Jordan and Betsy and Mike Brown, Dale and Iris Musser and Jim and Alice Fales, all of Central Lake. His great-grandparents are Elva Pickard, Laura-Lee Brown, Vera Musser and Clarence Fales.

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A fond farewell to Courier publisher



Julie Witthoef
'Just a thought'

I can count the number of people on one hand who I call mentors.

These people have positively influenced my character and my career, acting as life-long guides.

I have been fortunate enough for six years to have one of these people, Courier publisher Ken Winter, oversee me professionally.

Starting out as a cub reporter in 2000, I found Winter to be a quiet ally. He commended my positive work ethic and quietly steered misguided efforts.

He is a steady teacher, with concrete answers to any newspaper

question I can come up with.

Over the years he also became a friend. One I shed a few tears on when the stress of the job was overwhelming or when I started to reel in the face of life's occasional tumultuous storm.

At review time, he would ask me what my professional goals were. I responded regularly that the Courier editor's seat is where I wanted to be. He continued to quietly groom me and in May 2005 offered me the seat.

As he prepares to take the next step in his career, the ideals he has instilled in me and the confidence he has in me will continue to act as my map.

Early this week, in talking with Elsa Schaller-DeWitt, president of Northern Michigan Review Inc., the Courier's parent company, she said it best, saying farewell to Winter on Friday, March 31 will be "bitter sweet."

Winter, 55, started with the

company on March 1, 1972 after graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in journalism. That was the same day the Schaller family welcomed their daughter, Gretchen Schaller-Arnold into the world.

He moved north from the Lansing area to accept a position with the Petoskey News-Review, covering Charlevoix County. Just out of college the self-made media man was already a seasoned journalism vet. His career began at age 14 when he was a teen writer for the Lansing State Journal's Sunday youth page.

At Northern Michigan Review Inc. he filled the editor's shoes at the Courier from 1974-1976 and at the Petoskey News-Review from 1982 to the present. One of his greatest accomplishments came in 2001 when he added publisher's duties to his responsibilities as News-Review editor following the death of his friend and long-time boss,

Kirk Schaller.

The transition was seamless.

Now, as I prepare to say good-bye I had to ask the question that will hopefully some day make me the success in the newspaper industry that Winter is today — what kept your passion alive all these years? He said he loves the diversity of the work and the people. He said his staff and the daily interaction with community members will be what he misses most.

His next step is fitting and I envy college and high school students who will have the opportunity to call him teacher.

In early April, as Petoskey High School students return to classes following spring break they will be welcomed by Winter's smile. He plans to complete his student teaching requirements in Matt Tamm's government class.

In the fall, he will direct his energy toward teaching local and U.S. government at North Central Michigan

College in Petoskey where he currently teaches a journalism class.

I am sure in a few years, some of his students will be sitting in a political seat somewhere locally or in Washington D.C., and like me, will be looking down at their mentor counting hand thinking about Winter's role in their lives.

Thank you Ken and good luck.

Ownership of Northern Michigan Review Inc., parent company of publications including the Charlevoix Courier, the Petoskey News-Review, The Gaylord Herald Times, The Graphic, Super Shopper, PhoneGuide and Saturday, is expected to change hands from the Schaller family to Schurz Communications Inc. on March 31. Doug Caldwell will serve as the newspaper's new publisher.

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Daylight-saving time and other April observances



Benjamin Gohs
'Just a thought'

The beginning of Daylight Saving Time (DST) will be observed on Sunday, April 2 this year.

Some debate the necessity and usefulness of DST. And, why not, since Benjamin Franklin first proposed it in a column he wrote in a French newspaper — as a joke.

Now, more than 300 million American's a year are affected by what began as a jest. And it got me wondering how many other observances and pseudo holidays there are floating around the calendar.

That was when things began to go south. Not only were there already more observances lined up for April than I could write about in one sitting, some of them were downright strange, even by my standards.

Here is a sampling of the many observances for the upcoming month.

For those of you longing to learn how to perform CPR on Fido, April is Pet First Aid Awareness month and Alcohol Awareness month. I mean really, if you're going to be practicing mouth to mouth on your Basset Hound, you want to be three sheets to the wind.

What goes better with doggy breath anyhow, red or white wine?

April is Workplace Conflict Awareness month. My boss told me not to include this one — I told her to go suck an egg.

Sorry Charlie Day and Anti-Circumcision Day both fall on April 1. Not the two most uplifting observances I've seen. And you only have one day to get over it because Reconciliation Day is April 2 — Sorry Charlie.

In case you feel the need to let everyone know how much they get on your nerves, Hate Week is seven days long (April 4-10).

Bar goers may be dismayed during the Alcohol-Free Weekend (April 7-9) when they find out that, she isn't that attractive and he isn't that funny.

Explore Your Career Options Week is April 10-14. And after the egg sucking comment, this'll be a must for me, I'm sure.

Is it a coincidence that Tax Day, Take a Wild Guess Day, That Sucks Day and Husband Appreciation Day all fall on April 15? Probably not. Get revenge on whoever has

been stealing your pudding packs at work from April 17-23. That's no skunk in your lunch box, it's egg salad week.

April 18 combines Tax Freedom, Stress Awareness and Wear Your Pajamas to Work days. So, you have the convenience of getting nailed for tax evasion, losing your mind and arriving at work in your bathrobe and slippers — don't say I didn't warn you.

Pet Owners' Independence Day is April 18. Apparently you get to stay home and sleep while your pet goes to work. I'm thinking this day is celebrated by the same people you see on pet psychic programs asking some self-appointed doctor of tomfoolery whether Fluffy has post traumatic stress disorder after being separated from the rest of the litter.

Those of you who need to trim the extra weight you gained en-

joying National Jelly Bean Day on April 22, will have a chance at a good cardiovascular workout while reminding the kids who's boss on Spank Out Day April 30.

Both Playground Safety Week and Scoop the Poop Week, kickoff on April 24. The answer as to why seemed obvious at first, but now I'm not quite so sure how they tie in.

Call me a traditionalist, but I think observances should be kept to the big holidays and memorials. You know, the things that really matter, like April 28, Hairball Awareness Day.

To see a year's worth of observances, check out www.brown-iclocks.com.

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Letters to the editor

Don't give up library building

Editor:
In 1996 when the attorney outlined the transfer agreement of the Charlevoix District Library, she wrote, "Real property is conveyed by quit claim deed with school district retaining right of reverter if district library ceases to operate public library." The library is not ceasing to operate and selling it. Using the money to pay down the debt is a continuing use of that asset.

The Charlevoix Board of Education believes that by preventing the library from selling its current building when they move to the new facility, they will be saving taxpayers money. The building is appraised at \$595,000 and the revenue from the sale can be used to pay down the library debt, saving the taxpayers approximately \$600,000. The property could then go on the tax rolls and generate tax dollars for the community. This could amount to approximately another \$600,000 over 40 years. That's \$1.2 million.

Also, the school would probably spend at least \$200,000 to upgrade the building. That's \$1.4 million — hardly a money-saving strategy.

School funding is a problem with the legislature. They have changed the rules that the voters approved with Proposal A. Now the per pupil base is \$6,700. However, according to Kristie Bach's article in the Traverse City Record Eagle's Sunday, March 19 edition, Grosse Pointe Public Schools received more than \$28 million over and above the per pupil amount. Bloomfield Hills received over \$31 million more. Birmingham and Farmington each received over \$41 million more. Southfield and Ann Arbor each received over \$42 million more. This is hardly the equitable funding voters were promised.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools) Dr. (John) Sturrock and the board of education should concentrate their efforts on fixing the funding prob-

lem with the Michigan Legislature and not trying to take funding from other community sources. The school has plenty of property and a sinking fund to build administrative offices. They received \$635,000 for the old middle school property. They should not try to take downtown library property and taxable assets for their offices. And the library board should not trade a \$600,000 property for a \$120,000 property.

Why should taxpayers give up \$1.4 million for school offices in downtown Charlevoix?

Connie Saltonstall
Charlevoix

Give library to the Rainbow Shoppe

Editor:

The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education and the Charlevoix Public Library Board should give the present library property to the Rainbow Shoppe. Do something positive.

John E. Haggard
Charlevoix

Bid process letter response

Editor:

After reading the letter to the editor (regarding the City of Charlevoix's skate park materials bid process) printed (on page 5) in the March 22 edition of the Courier I talked with (letter writer Dale Newman) Mr. Newman. We had a lengthy and informative discussion. I told him he should have called before having his letter go to print. He was fairly new to the situation, the original salesman we had worked with was no longer at Alden and we had been working with another one of his salesman. I explained the roles of Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., Stebe Construction, and the City of Charlevoix and their joint efforts for this project. I will do so here as I feel it needs to be clarified. Scott Stebe is the construction advisor on the Charlevoix Community Skatepark

Inc. board. Current board members are: Vickie Daman, Scott and Laura Stebe, Michelle Witthoef and John McLean. Suburbanrails is the skatepark design group. It was Scott's and the fund-raising board's responsibility to get material quotes for our budgeting needs. After Katrina we were a bit spooked to say the least. This I explained to Mr. Newman, was why there had been numerous requests over the course of the last year. No bids were solicited by Stebe Construction on behalf of the city. Material estimates were requested and reworked for budget. We all worked in conjunction together.

On March 6, (Charlevoix city manager Mike Wiesner) Mr. Wiesner informed Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. just prior to the city council meeting that there was no bid from Alden Lumber. We were absolutely stunned and dismayed. I had a copy of it. There had been a lot of time and effort put into working with this company who wanted to be part of this project, who was civic minded, and was under the impression a bid they submitted was good for the closed bid session from the first bid request. There were two. Apparently, it was never received at the city end or overlooked in the second bid request that was put out due to a minor change. No one knows what exactly happened, but I believe the power of doing business by fax impeded this somehow. OK, so that is water under the bridge. There are more details but why rehash it in a public forum? It would serve no purpose. Our goal is to move forward.

What needs to be stated is that the closed bids requested by the city were done correctly. I told Mr. Newman that his letter to the editor made it look like Stebe Construction undermined the process and I wanted it corrected. Anyone who knows us knows we don't operate like that and we have poured our heart into this project and we would not jeopardize it for any reason. Charlevoix Community

Skatepark Inc. has always been responsible with the funds entrusted to us by soliciting donations to underwrite the project. Alden Lumber's bid included a \$2,500 donation. Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. had even proposed to Mr. Wiesner that we buy the lumber and "donate" it to the city. We are all wishing we had taken that to city council. Mr. Newman had no knowledge of all the different entities working on this project and the roles in which they were working together. Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. had no control over the bid process, we had just asked for Alden Lumber to be included. Mr. Wiesner obliged. He knew they had been working with the fund-raising group. I personally think by accident it was sent to our fax number not the city's. That is the only explanation. We are truly sorry for the confusion, the negative comments and having community relations strained. All of us are a bit to blame and need to acknowledge that. We have all learned a lesson.

Additionally, we as a board have learned many lessons in this venture. We have run this non-profit like a business, being professional, courteous and fiscally responsible with donated funds. Sometimes at an emotional price. We have swallowed our pride many times. We are giving a huge \$160,000 gift to the City of Charlevoix, to the children of the area and to visitors. We have been patient beyond belief, doing everything asked of us to meet the criteria set by the city in this joint effort. It has gotten complex and frustrating at times. We think like fund-raisers, Mr. Wiesner thinks like a city manager, always with the best interest of the city as his foremost concern. I am sure he has never encountered two more passionate mothers than Vickie and I. We have all been asked why we

are doing this numerous times. The answer is simple — because the end result will benefit many children. If it brings joy to just one then it was worth it. It's that simple.

Construction is scheduled to start April 3, weather permitting. Stop by and see the progress. Thank you to all who have supported this project. Most of all a special thank you to Vickie Daman, you are awesome and an inspiration to all. Zeke should be very proud of your efforts.

Laura Stebe
Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. board member
Stebe Construction representative

Sexual Assault Awareness

Editor:

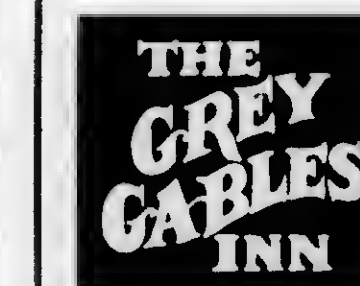
April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is dedicated to increasing awareness about this important issue. Sexual assault is something we hear in the news that happens to "other people." Contrary to that belief, sexual assault happens everywhere, including northern Michigan. Increasing awareness is the first step in creating social change.

It is clear that sexual assault is everyone's problem. However, there is something we can do as a community. We need to respond to this issue, not just acknowledge the problem. Every time a man's voice joins those of women in speaking out against rape, the world becomes safer for all of us. We can increase awareness by abolishing myths that place blame on the survivor, rid our society of gender role stereotypes and speak up when sexist remarks are made. We also need to encourage parents to

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have open communication with their children.

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is a community-supported, non-profit agency serving residents throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Osego counties. The Women's Resource Center provides speakers on sexual assault for school and community groups. To learn more about sexual assault or to schedule a program for your school or organization, please call (231) 347-1572. The 24-hour crisis and information line is (800) 275-1995.

Sara Phillips
Community Prevention Coordinator
Petoskey

'Thank you' Irish Festival supporters

Editor:
I would like to thank the Charlevoix community for their tremendous support of music and the arts in our schools. During this past week more than 500 people of all ages participated together performing various forms of instrumental music, dance, vocal music and acting. Students and adults showcased beautiful works of art such as illumination, calligraphy, sculpture, quilting and set design plus integrated displays of history. I am of course referring to the fabulous concerts that were performed by the Charlevoix middle and high school band department's during the Irish Folk Festival and the elementary school's musical. We have also had the opportunity to enjoy wonderful productions by the performing arts department and will enjoy the upcoming Art Show on May 18.

Music is a gift that we all possess and is something that we can enjoy and share for our entire lives. Thank you for en-

couraging our young students to continue learning and perfecting their craft and for doing everything that they can to stay in the program and keep music in their lives. CDs of the Irish Folk Festival are available by calling the Charlevoix Middle School band room at (231) 547-3234.

Jayne Bennett
Charlevoix Public Schools' Director of Bands

Historical look at weapons supply

Editor:

The United States supplied weapons to Iran when the shah ruled Iran. The United States supplied weapons to Afghanistan when Afghan fighters fought the Soviet Union. The United States supplied weapons to Iraq when Saddam Hussein fought Iran. Now the United States supplies weapons to Saudi Arabia.

President Bush declares that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States were responsible for his war with Afghanistan and Iraq. Fifteen of the 19 terrorist sky jacks responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States were from Saudi Arabia not Afghanistan or Iraq.

The fourth freedom of the four free-

doms that the "greatest generation" fought for in World War II was, "The freedom from fear which, translated into world terms, means a worldwide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor-anywhere in the world."

Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

Kudos to Irish Fest performers

Editor:

Kudos to Charlevoix High School and middle school plus all the parents who attended the program Wednesday, March 22 in the high school gymnasium.

The program, "Irish Folk Festival: Traveling Down an Irish Road," was very well done. Jayne Bennett, band teacher and conductor was impressive in leading the group. They were good.

It was standing room only and you could hardly find a parking spot. So, if you wondered where everyone was Wednesday night, it was concert night. The songs, music and dances all had an Irish flavor and we were all Irish on March 22.

Shirlee Koerber
Charlevoix

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Swenor to smooch swine

(Above) Roxann Roberts, a first grade teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School, helps her students plan this year's March Across Michigan, wherein the students read enough books to visit 30 different Michigan attractions which are represented at different locations throughout the school. Because the kids met their goal, principal, Richard Swenor, will read from the rooftop and kiss a pig at 2:55 p.m. today, March 29.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on March 22, 2006. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the March 8, 2006 meeting as presented.

The issue of the Smoking Regulation was referred to the Internal Government Committee.

Motion approved Resolution #06-019, Whiting Park Renovation Grant, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #06-020, Appointing Director and Assistant Director of CCE-OEM to Coordinate Emergency Management.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

COMMUNITY

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Western Michigan University dean's list

Nicholas Schwein, of Charlevoix, a student attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, was named to the school's dean's list for the fall semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Hope College dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Hope College in Holland, were named to the school's dean's list for the fall semester: Eric Bourassa, Taryn Drost, Katherine Madison and Amanda Boss. Bourassa, a junior at Hope College and son of Delwyn and Linda Bourassa of Charlevoix, also was a featured performer in the college's 18th annual Musical Showcase which took place Feb. 27 at DeVos Hall in Grand Rapids.

Grand Valley State University graduates

Charlevoix students attending Grand Valley State University earned degrees in December. They are Shawna Flowers, Amber Parsons, Michael Simpson and Ryan Vogelheim. Parsons and Flowers both earned a bachelor of science degree. Simpson and Vogelheim both earned a bachelor of business administration degree.

Grand Valley State University dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Grand Valley State University in Allendale, were named to the school's dean's list for the fall semester: Molly Arnold, Lyndsay Blechel, Ashley Fitzgerald, Shawna Flowers, Tess Hoaglund, Rachel Kanine, Marjorie Romig, Brittni Simonti, Jacob Teuscher, Jeremiah Teuscher, Shawn Trudeau and Danielle Wager. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Northwestern Michigan College dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, were named to the school's dean's list for the fall semester: Samantha Kupka, Christina Sanchez, Nicholas Tripphorn and Kristy Trudeau. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Ferris State University dean's list

Christie Ward, a Charlevoix resident enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Ferris State University was named to the university's dean's list for the fall semester.

CMS eighth grade band students play March 8 honors performance



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix eighth grade band students were selected to perform for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's middle school honors show March 8 in Gaylord. The students met with 130 musicians from 25 area schools. They spent the day rehearsing with guest conductor Penny Daab from Big Rapids and performed a concert. Eighth grade band students that performed at the honors competition March 8 in Gaylord are (from left) Jenni Curry, Ty Jones, Jaimee Eubanks, Mikaela Witthoef, Celina Wanek, Kayla Kehrer, Sarah Green and Roberta Molter.

Charlevoix Area Hospital offers freedom from smoking clinic April 11

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association will host a Free From Smoking clinic.

The program will provide support, guidance and advice to assist in becoming smoke-free.

This free, eight-session, seven-week program, starts April 11 and ends May 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

To register call (231) 547-8672 or e-mail potern@cah.org.

The clinic will take place at the following dates and times: Orientation/registration will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11. Session one, "On the Road to Freedom," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18.

Session two, "Wanting to Quit," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25. Session three, "Quit Day," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2. Session four, "Winning Strategies," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. Session five, "The New You," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9. Session six, "Staying Off," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16. Session seven, "Let's Celebrate," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30.

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Obituaries

David Rosenthal: July 25, 1925 - March 19, 2006

David Rosenthal, 80, went into the loving arms of his heavenly Father on March 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

David was born in Josephine, Poland on July 25, 1925. He was preceded in death by Rosa (Friske) his wife of 37 years.

He is survived by his wife Elsa (Friske) and four children; Klaus (Ross) Rosenthal and his wife Ever

of Petoskey, Rita Williams and her husband Aron of East Jordan, Ralph Rosenthal and his wife Laurie of Charlevoix and Walter Rosenthal and his wife Michelle of Charlevoix. He is also survived by his seven granddaughters, four grandsons and great-granddaughters.

David had a deep and abiding love for the word of God which he

read daily. He was known by family members as a man who loved to pray and was extremely devoted to his heavenly Father. His other loves included gardening and fishing. He was the owner of Rosenthal Orchards in Charlevoix for 28 years before retiring in 1987.

A funeral service took place on Friday, March 24 at the Community Church of God.

Standusky; and many nieces and nephews.

His parents, brother Don, and sisters, Kathryn Farmer and Virginia Helms preceded him in death.

A funeral took place on Monday, March 27, at the Barnard United Methodist Church. The Rev. Michael Maurer officiated. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barnard United Methodist Church.

Carl Bogart: March 9, 1916 - March 23, 2006

Carl Edmund Bogart, 90, of Charlevoix, died on Thursday, March 23 at his home.

He was born March 9, 1916, in East Jordan, the son of Edmund G. and Cora (Wright) Bogart. He moved to Charlevoix in his teens and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1934.

On Dec. 7, 1945, he married Clara Potter in Charlevoix. Carl worked as an electrician and builder, and wired many rural homes, bringing power to

them for the first time. He and Clara owned and operated the Colonial, Archway, and Villa Moderne motels in Charlevoix.

Carl was a member of the Barnard United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Clara, of Charlevoix; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Bogart; brother-in-law, Richard Farmer; brothers and sisters-in-law, Garrett and Bertha Potter, Ernie and Mildred Potter and Quinella Potter, all of Charlevoix, Shirley Potter of

Lee Rohloff: Nov. 30, 1915 - March 26, 2006

Lee J. Rohloff, 90, died at his home in Coldwater on Sunday, March 26.

Lee was born on Nov. 30, 1915 in Lynch, Neb. to Frank & Jane (Kalkowski) Rohloff.

He attended school in Oak Creek, S.D., living on his family ranch through the dust storm and the depression. His parents eventually moved to Traverse City and then to Charlevoix, where Lee operated a Cities Service Gas Station and radio repair shop. He was always ready to help his close friend Father Neubecker at St. Mary church and school and enjoyed playing with the Wayne Belding band. Lee then went to work for Barnum Bros. Fiber Co. in Detroit.

He married Elsie Rumisek on Oct. 12, 1940 in Detroit and together they moved to Berwyn, Ill., where he was employed at the International Harvester Special Machine Shop. In 1943, they moved to Coldwater and purchased Sissens Auto Repair. Lee went on to serve his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy Air Force. In 1946, upon his return to the states, he and Elsie opened "Rohloff Auto Sales" which was in operation for 25 years, selling Hudson and Packard autos and later Studebaker and Dodge cars and trucks. After selling the business, Lee worked for four years at Althaver Chevrolet Auto Sales in Union City.

Lee was a member of St. Charles Church. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus and also belonged to the American Legion. During his youth, Lee enjoyed repairing Model T Fords and playing the guitar and banjo in a small band with his mother and friends.

After his retirement he and his wife enjoyed spending the winters in Sebring, Fla. Lee enjoyed the outdoors, feeding the birds and tinkering in his garage. He especially enjoyed building many different

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items such as yard trailers, chimies and bird feeders, playing cards and reading. Most of all, he enjoyed his family, grandchildren and friends. Lee is survived by his wife, Elsie; daughters, Betty (Dave) Martin of Fort Wayne, Ind., Patricia (Gary) Allen of Gladwin; sons, Robert (Janet) Rohloff of Rio Verde, Ariz., and James Rohloff of Coldwater; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Phillip Rohloff.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, March 29, at St. Charles Borromeo Church with Rev. Fr. Leon and Rev. Fr. Brian Stanley officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater.

Memorials may be directed to the Deacon Al Provot, Branch Area Food Pantry. Please visit www.duteherfh.com to leave a message in the family on-line guest book.

Sandra Smith: Oct. 29, 1938 - March 27, 2006

Sandra Joan Smith, 67, of Charlevoix, died Monday, March 27, at her home in Charlevoix.

She was born Oct. 29, 1938, in Sault Saint Marie, the daughter of Donald and Alice (McGuire) Dean.

She married Earl E. Smith on July 11, 1959, in Traverse City, and they made their home in Charlevoix in 1969.

For 25 years, Sandy worked as a custodian at Charlevoix Elementary

School, retiring in 1993. She loved to fish and camp, and her time spent at Indian Lake in the Upper Peninsula.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Earl E. of Charlevoix; son, Mark Smith of Charlevoix; daughter, Colleen (Tony) Gonzalez of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Her son, Ronald, preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 2003.

Visitation will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29,

at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, at the Winchester Funeral Home with burial following at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. Nancy Rohde will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health-Hospice, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North		9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
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BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road		9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.
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BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8033 Church Road, Ellsworth		10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School Divine Worship Service Rev. Michael L. Teuscher		547-9446
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 05855 M-66		10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday School Morning Worship Evening Worship Thursday Evening Pastor: James D. Green		547-4300
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Sunday School Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Rev. Carl Alfman		588-7805
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Sunday Morning Worship Senior Leader: Paul Bradley		237-0800
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Sabbath School Worship Service Adventist Community Services Pastor Greg Timmins		231-238-0052
SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH US-31 & Old US-31		10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
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Gastric bypass surgery support group formed

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

A support group for gastric bypass surgery patients and those considering the surgery, has been formed at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Louise Hilligan, a 62-year-old Charlevoix resident who underwent the surgery two years ago Hurley Medical Center in Flint, led the effort to form the group.

Gastric bypass surgery is not currently offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The surgery reduces the amount of food the stomach will hold and the digestive tract will absorb. A common approach is for a doctor to cut the small intestine and attach it to a tinier stomach they create. This bypasses about 30 percent of the intestines and reduces the amount of calories digested.

Hilligan's incentive to act stemmed

from her psychological needs following the surgery. She said the support she needed just wasn't available.

"I don't think the psychological side of having gastric bypass surgery is dealt with properly. It's an unbelievable psychological adjustment," she said.

And, she said she isn't alone.

"I'm certain I'm not the only one dealing with its psychological impact. There are about 15 people in Charlevoix who have had the surgery and we all have some of the same problems," she said. "It's a huge life change. We need to be there for each other."

The group will meet twice a month at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays starting April 4, in conference room B at Charlevoix Area Hospital, located off Lakeshore Drive.

Guest speakers will be featured at meetings. And Hilligan will lead the discussion with topics to include

breaking old habits and maintaining a healthy diet. She said her goal is to help herself and others avoid becoming a statistic.

"Seventy to 80 percent of people who have the surgery gain the weight back," she said. "I was a success but I'm only two years out."

Hilligan, who was 60 years old when she underwent the surgery, went

from weighing 265 pounds to 145 pounds. She said in the beginning she lost a pound a day.

She said the benefits are tremendous. Hilligan is no longer diabetic and is more active. However, she said maintaining her weight is a challenge she and others in the area who have had gastric bypass surgery, face daily.

"No matter how dedicated and determined you are, there's a little voice inside you that's bigger than you are," Hilligan said.

For more information about the gastric bypass surgery support group call Hilligan at (231) 547-2851.

For information about the surgery visit www.obesityhelp.com.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX Regular City Council Meeting Synopsis Monday, March 20, 2006 - 5:30p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed suspending rule 4 of City Council Rules and Procedures regarding the order of business.
- Motion passed approving the November 21, 2005 minutes.
- Resolution 2006-03-02 adopted, appointed the DDA as the City of Charlevoix Cool Cities Advisory Group.
- Public Hearings were held on the following items:
 - A. Ordinance 709 of 2006: Amendment to the 2005-06 City Budget (Ord. 699 of 2005)
 - B. Ordinance 710 of 2006: Proposed 2006-07 City Budget
 - C. Resolution 2006-03-03: Application for Michigan Community Block Grant (CDBG).
- Resolution 2006-03-03 adopted, application for Michigan Block Grant (infrastructure improvements including sanitary sewer, Michigan Scientific, 12625 U.S. 31 N.)
- Ordinance 709 of 2006 passed, Amendment to the 2005-06 City Budget (Ord. 699 of 2005).
- Ordinance 710 of 2006 passed, 2006-07 City Budget.

Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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BUSINESS

Northwestern Bank to build new branch office

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Northwestern Bank plans to move its Charlevoix branch office from its current location near the intersection of U.S. 31 and M-66, to the corner of 1455 Bridge and 1228 State streets.

"The new facility will be much more convenient for our customers and a friendlier place to bank," said Richard Jackson, executive vice-president for Northwestern Bank.

Jackson said the existing facility, which Northwestern Bank acquired in 2002 after taking over Standard Federal's six northern Michigan offices, is outdated and the location impedes visibility.

"Facilities are very important to the bank. And it's awkward to get to at the intersection there," he said. "The new facility will upgrade customer service with better drive-in banking, a nicer lobby and more privacy."

According to information provided in Northwestern Bank's development plan review application, the new site will combine two lots

— the Capri Motel property at 1455 Bridge Street, owned by Jerry and Kim Wades, and the 1228 State Street property, which is the former residence of the late Leona Bartlett.

The Wades' motel operation has been in the family since 1952. Jerry Wades said they opened recently and will continue to operate until the deal with Northwestern Bank has been finalized.

Jackson said the goal is to start construction this summer. He said the project will likely take about six months to complete.

The site plan calls for demolition of the existing house and motel and construction of a one-story bank building to be located on the 45,971 square feet combined two parcels. Three drive-through windows are proposed on the north side of the site.

Jackson said at the new facility the bank will offer the same services that it currently provides. And the new office may add two new full-time positions to the staff of six full-time employees.

The Charlevoix Planning



Photo by Julie Witthoft

(Above) Pictured are the site of the Capri Motel and the residence (back, left) of the late Leona Bartlett. Both are proposed for demolition to make way for a new Northwestern Bank branch office.

Commission reviewed the bank's development plan on Monday night, March 27 and unanimously recommended it be approved by Charlevoix

City Council. Council will consider the plan at its meeting scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 3.

For more information about Northwestern Bank or the proposed project, contact market manager, Zane Carter, at (231) 547-6561.

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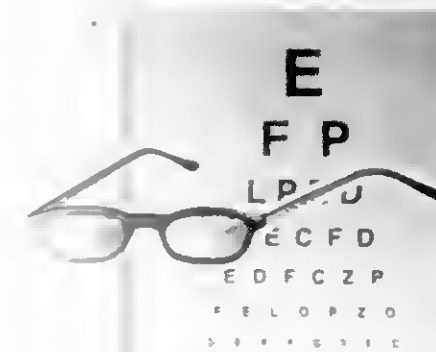
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Neighboring berm

Crews at St. Marys Cement Inc. work on what will soon be a 25-foot berm surrounding the property after Charlevoix Township passed a mining ordinance requiring some type of 25-foot barrier around the property if mining activity approaches 200 feet of the perimeter. Officials at St. Marys chose to create an aesthetically pleasing earthen hill which will be covered with grass and trees over a fence, in spite of the higher cost.



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Audicare hearing specialist attends Baby Boomer hearing loss conference

Dr. Marlene Bevan of Audicare Hearing Centers in Charlevoix recently joined leading hearing care professionals from across the United States at a conference on Baby Boomers and hearing loss in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The conference explored attitudes and issues surrounding hearing loss among this new generation and looked at the newest high tech hearing solutions designed with technologically savvy, style-conscious Baby Boomers in mind.



Dr. Marlene Bevan

According to a survey conducted by the Better Hearing Institute, as many as one in two Americans over the age of 50 has a hearing problem. A six-year study by the House Ear

Institute found that Baby Boomers in particular may be contributing to an increase in early hearing loss due to their excessive exposure to loud rock music.

"Many adults will begin to see the first noticeable changes in hearing acuity as they reach their 50s," Dr. Bevan said. "In fact, every second person over age 50 experiences a decrease in speech understanding in noisy listening situations."

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Dr. Bevan explores new hearing aid technology

HEARING

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ations like business meetings, social gatherings and restaurants."

According to Dr. Bevan, many people in the 50-plus generation resist addressing hearing loss, often waiting until the hearing loss is seriously affecting their quality of life.

For Baby Boomers, who expect to continue working or plan to stay socially active, untreated hearing loss negatively impacts work situations and relationships and can drastically affect future employment prospects.

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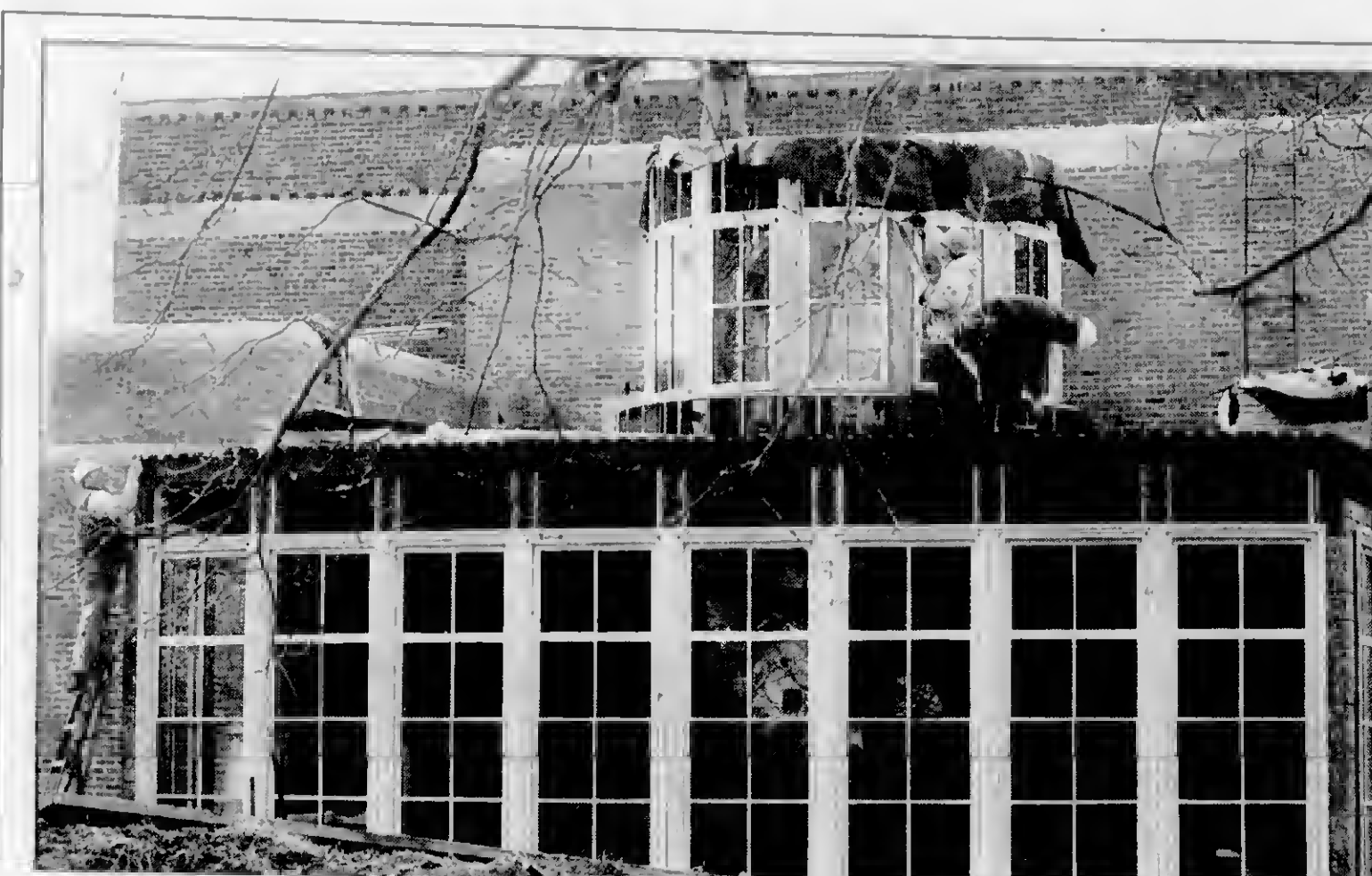


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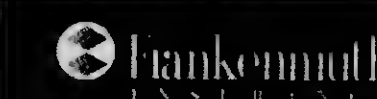
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Charlevoix students present Irish Festival



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(Above) Trombone players Katie Young, Megan Menosky and Nikki Speigl play one of many Irish songs presented by student performers at the Charlevoix Band Department's Irish Folk Festival March 22 in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium.



Photos by Julie Witthoef

(Above) Marty McCormack of the Irish band Switchback plays acoustic guitar during one of five songs he and his partner Brian Fitzgerald played at the Irish Festival program. (Above, right) Sarah Stevenson and Kimber Wager perform a traditional Irish dance during the program. A professional recording of the festival is available by calling Charlevoix Public Schools director of bands Jayne Bennett at (231) 547-3234.



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The Irish Festival included several skits performed by students. The skits told the story of St. Brigit and her role in Ireland's history. Above, Bailee Stevens plays the role of St. Brigit.

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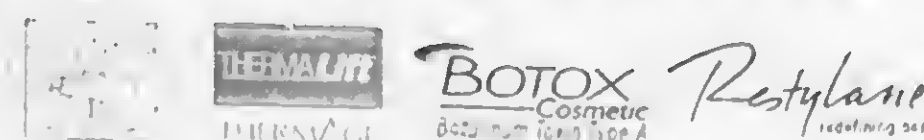
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Spring Musical

(Above) The high school auditorium was filled to capacity during the Charlevoix Elementary School's Spring Musical March 23. Here, (from left) third-grader Cassie McCraney, and fourth-graders Zach Hankins and Tanner Geer give their rendition of Harry Belafonte's "Banana Boat Song." (Below, from left) Third-graders Elora Wingo and Kassie Burke perform. They are two of the 150 elementary students who participated in this year's musical.



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Event coordinator Tonya Mann said the imprints are ideal for Father's Day and Mother's Day gifts.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Charlevoix Children's House, located at 8700 Mercer Boulevard, in Charlevoix.

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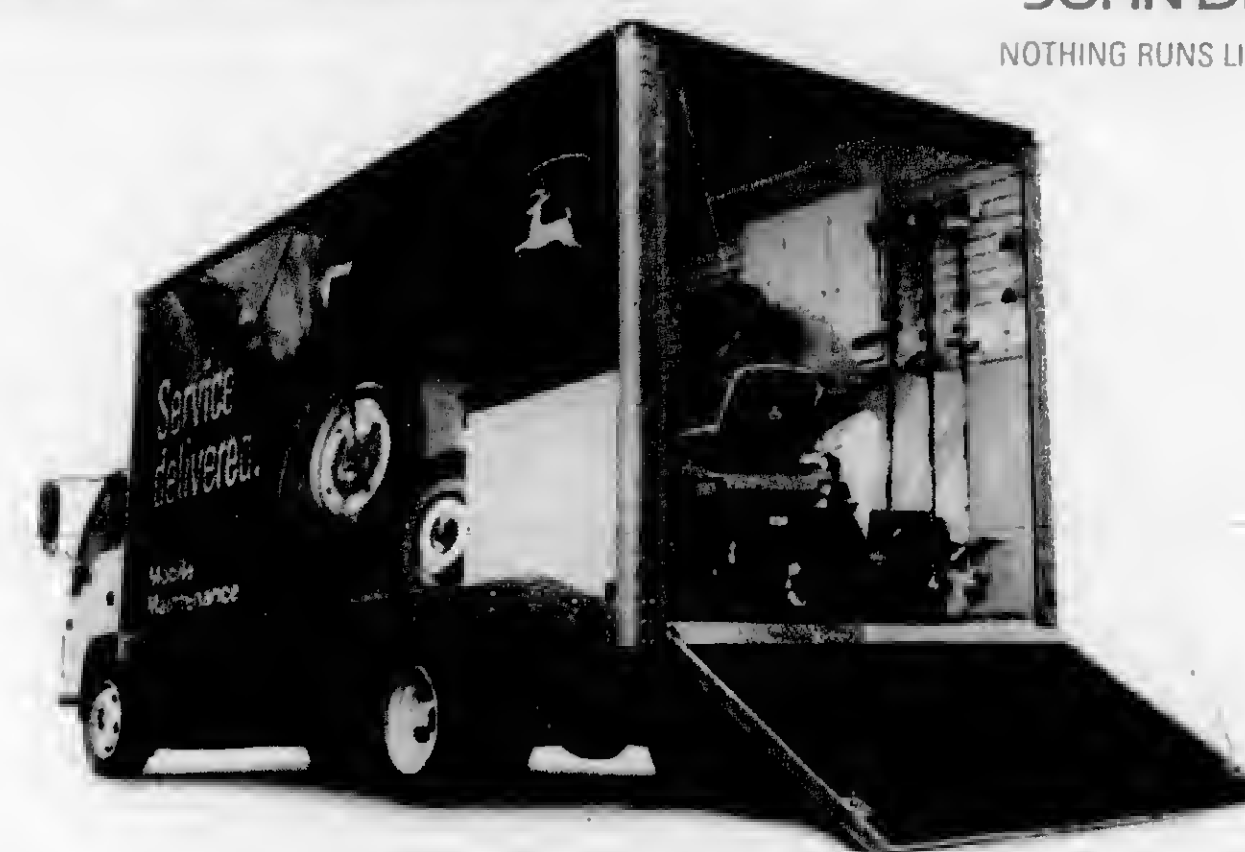
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City planning survey results compiled

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Results are in from the survey pictured above which was distributed by the City of Charlevoix's planning department. About 100 people responded to the survey which was printed in the Nov. 2, 2005 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. These responses will be used to shape the city's new master plan.

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

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These responses will be used to shape the city's new master plan. The master plan is a guide for development over the next five to 10 years which details residents' goals

and objectives for growth in the city. These goals and objectives are then implemented using the city's zoning ordinance.

"Attitudes change over time. It's important to look at what is going on in the community and to find out what people's attitudes are toward them," Charlevoix city planner, Gerry Harsch said.

About 3,200 surveys were distributed through the newspaper. The surveys were created during city planning commission brainstorming sessions. The survey was a 12-page form

with specific community development questions that participants responded to by agreeing or disagreeing.

Of those who submitted the completed survey, 40 are city residents, 25 live in outlying townships, seven reside outside the planning area and 25 did not give their place of residence.

The primary focus for responses to be included in the master plan overhaul will be on those residents who live in the city.

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Survey says: Architectural controls not top priority

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those surveyed said contributes to the city's beauty, is its waterfront. The second, was city beaches and the third, was city parks. Lower ranking items were the petunias and remodeled city hall.

However, petunias were listed as the number two item contributing to the city's uniqueness. Recreation offerings like the ski hill, marina, baseball park and skate park ranked first for their contributions to unique character.

The number one threat to the city's beauty, according to those surveyed, is vacant downtown buildings. Unsightly development came in a close second while sprawl ranked low on this list.

Big box stores ranked first in terms of growth respondents said adversely effect the city's small-town character and architectural design was a low ranking element.

Harsch said he was surprised to see respondents are not concerned with architectural controls.

"Character maintenance is on the low end of the scale of what people are thinking about," he said.

This was also evidenced by responses to questions about the priority of creating a pattern book to guide redevelopment of existing housing and new building projects in the city.

"It wasn't a priority," Harsch said.

He explained that the city is within less than 25 acres of being totally built out. That acreage is concentrated along May Street, south of the new apartment complex, a piece behind the

Wojan Window and Door Corporation plant, about eight acres by Irish Boat Storage off Carpenter Avenue and Pete Phillips' piece off Petoskey Avenue on Charlevoix's north side.

Harsch said the majority of this property is zoned residential.

"That's about it," he said of available development place. "Over time redevelopment will take place. It's always dynamic. It's not that we're built out and it stops."

Harsch said the city's land use plan, which is also being updated, is locked in by the space constraints.

The future of residential uses will likely be addressed in the revamped master plan. Harsch said the master plan will likely more realistically address densities and lot sizes in the residential district. Currently, he said 60 percent of homes in the R-1 residential district are non-conforming when it comes to lot size.

"The plan will bring that in line with reality," he said.

To maintain the beauty and character of the city those surveyed said the number one priority should be controls on the height and scale of structures.

Top ranking items to persevere city neighborhoods and streetscapes are listed as sidewalk maintenance and continuing of the city's Shade Tree Commission's street-side tree planting effort.

Provisions for affordable housing outside the development of apartment complexes were to allow construction of mother-in-law quarters above garages and creation of a housing conservancy.

Economic priorities and initiatives supported by those surveyed for furthering business and industry include providing utility services where needed and facilitating expansion of existing businesses. Those surveyed also support establishment of spring, fall and winter events to support year-round service at retail stores.

With the survey complete, the Charlevoix Planning Commission is working on policies steered by goals and objectives for the master plan.

This will include a direction on transportation, utilities and historic districts.

One piece that is not yet ready which is needed to complete the master plan is the infrastructure plan being worked on by engineers with Performance Engineering. The downtown development authority's plan is being updated by a consultant and a plan for the Mt. McSaubu property has been proposed.

Master plan revamping has been

going on for about a year. Other work that has been completed includes infrastructure mapping and aerial photography.

Harsch said the goal is to have the plan complete by June 1. Public hearings will take place prior to city council's adoption of the plan.

Once the master plan has been adopted, the planning commission will work with city council to support the plan's goals through zoning and a capital improvement plan.

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Registration is underway for Win-Some Women Christian Retreats to take place in May. (Above) Special music guests at the retreat are Steve and Annie Chapman who have been ministering hope and healing through music for over 25 years.

Registration opens for May Win-Some Women's Retreats

Win-Some Women Christian Retreats will celebrate its 35th year with three back-to-back retreats for women at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Registration is currently underway for these spring retreats. The theme for this retreat is "Sheltered by the Lord."

Keynote speakers for this retreat are Gordon and Gail MacDonald. Respected husband and wife team, the MacDonalds are well-known speakers and authors. For many years Gordon pastored Grace Chapel in Lexington, Mass. and is now ministering as Pastor Emeritus. He also serves as editor-at-large for Leadership Journal and is chairman of World Relief Corporation. He is the author of more than a dozen books, including, "When Men Think Private Thoughts and A Resilient Life." His best-selling book, "Ordering Your Private World," won the Gold Medallion and the Platinum Awards from the Evangelical Christian Publishing Association.

Gail has found great joy in serving alongside her husband. She is an insightful Bible teacher and speaks with her husband at retreats and conferences around the world. Gail is the author of, "High Call, High Privilege" and "In His Everlasting Arms: Learning To Trust God In All Circumstances."

Special music guests are Steve and Annie Chapman who have been ministering hope and healing through music for over 25 years. The humorous insights and inspirational themes of their music focus

on marriage and the family, encouraging husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and children of all ages to draw near to Jesus Christ. Annie is a musician, popular speaker and author of several books including, "Ten Things I Want My Daughter To Know," "The Mother-in-law Dance" and "A Woman's Answer To Anger."

Steve's life-long enjoyment of the great outdoors has yielded unique spiritual insights that are featured in his books, "Full Draw," "Outdoor Insights," and "A Look At Life From A Deerstand." The Chapmans have been guests at the Billy Graham Crusade, and featured guests on Focus on the Family and the 700 Club.

Participants during each retreat will have an opportunity to attend two out of three breakout sessions featuring Gordon and Gail MacDonald, and Annie Chapman in addition to their ministry during the main sessions.

Scheduled dates for the two-date retreat sessions include May 16-17, May 17-18 and May 18-19.

Brochures containing registration forms are available at Country Clutter and Promises and Praises in downtown Petoskey and at the Rainbow Christian Bookstore in Traverse City. To request a brochure by mail contact Win-Some Women Chairperson, Geri Burgess at (231) 582-9423 or mail a request to Win-Some Women, P.O. Box 503, Petoskey, MI 49770. Requests by mail and phone must include the requester's name, address and telephone number.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 709 of 2006

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2005 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix, Ordinance No. 699 of 2005, Budget Appropriation Act of 2005-06 is hereby amended as follows:

		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund Revenues:				
Taxes	Rv	\$1,728,500	\$1,774,946	\$46,446
Licenses & Permits	Rv	8,500	6,500	-2,000
Federal Grants	Rv	0	15,796	15,796
State Grants	Rv	276,500	295,802	19,302
Charges for Services	Rv	642,500	565,997	-76,503
Fines & Forfeits	Rv	27,600	23,925	-3,675
Interest & Rents	Rv	116,500	126,374	9,874
Other	Rv	4,900	37,698	32,798
Fund Transfers	Rv	172,500	272,297	99,797
	RV Total	\$2,977,500	\$3,119,335	\$141,835

General Fund Expense:				
Legislative	Ex	\$51,000	\$54,235	3,235
General Govt	Ex	488,700	493,383	4,683
Public Safety/Health	Ex	1,158,000	1,158,522	522
Public Works	Ex	158,200	169,566	11,366
Recreation & Culture	Ex	963,600	1,070,631	107,031
Other	Ex	170,100	62,140	-107,960
Fund Transfers	Ex	110,000	110,000	0
General Fund	EX Total	\$3,099,600	\$3,118,477	\$18,877

Major Street	RV Total	230,100	229,135	(965)
Major Street	EX Total	222,600	241,336	18,736
Local Street	RV Total	156,200	151,558	(4,642)
Local Street	EX Total	149,200	143,564	(5,636)
Airport Fund	RV Total	2,069,000	2,117,097	48,097
Airport Fund	EX Total	2,110,700	2,161,308	50,608

Downtown Development Authority	RV Total	4,742,900	730,562	(4,012,338)
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total	4,543,037	602,166	(3,940,871)
PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	RV Total	\$69,300	\$61,426	(7,874)
PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	EX Total	\$53,989	\$46,912	(7,077)
PI#9 Industrial Park Improv	RV Total	5,000	4,500	(500)
PI#9 Industrial Park Improv	EX Total	2,000	27,263	25,263

PI#10 City Hall Improv	RV Total	\$238,300	\$274,100	35,800
PI#10 City Hall Improv	EX Total	\$464,300	\$485,192	20,892

Electric Fund	RV Total	\$5,470,965	\$5,400,635	(70,330)
Electric Fund	EX Total	\$6,135,358	\$5,882,852	(252,506)

Sewer Fund	RV Total	\$893,300	\$1,198,841	305,541
Sewer Fund	EX Total	\$1,192,900	\$1,224,157	31,257

Marina Fund	RV Total	\$10,800,600	\$256,760	(10,543,840)
Marina Fund	EX Total	\$10,751,400	\$144,043	(10,607,357)

Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total	1,269,400	1,607,544	338,144
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	EX Total	1,200,077	1,334,714	134,637

Motor Pool	RV Total	460,100	495,348	35,248
Motor Pool	EX Total	568,200	581,779	13,579

DPW Site	RV Total	\$136,800	\$136,800	0
DPW Site	EX Total	131,800	136,600	4,800

Perpetual Care Fund	RV Total	15,000	13,000	(2,000)
Perpetual Care Fund	EX Total	0	4,200	4,200

This amendment to include the write off of bad debts for the year as follows:

General Fund	24,129 (ambulance)
Marina Fund	60
Electric Fund	18,035
Water Fund	1,019
Sewer Fund	782
Total:	\$44,026

Ordinance No. 709 of 2006 was adopted by the Charlevoix City Council at a regular meeting held on March 20, 2006 with the following yeas and nays vote:

YEAS: Council members Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms, Beer, and Campbell
NAYS: None
Absent: None

State of Michigan)

City of Charlevoix) ss

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson Jr., Mayor

Lighthouse fund-raisers kick off with sticker sale

On April 1, the Harsha House Museum store will be offering lighthouse bumper stickers for a donation of \$5.

All proceeds from the sale of these stickers will be allocated to the Charlevoix South Pier Light restoration project. The sticker depicts an image of the town's trademark lighthouse along with the letters CVX, the Federal Aviation Administration's three-letter airport code for the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

"We believe that using the airport code, along with the image of the lighthouse, is the best way to promote the lighthouse restoration project as well as the City of Charlevoix's pending ownership. The code is easy to read from a distance allowing us to keep the sticker compact," said chairperson of the Charlevoix Lighthouse Keepers Committee, Mary Adams.

The Charlevoix Lighthouse Keepers Committee has met several times to discuss fund-raising campaign plans. Annually, for the next five years, the committee will apply to the State Historic Preservation

Office for lighthouse grants.

"We hope to be awarded their maximum annual grant of \$40,000, which will require us to raise matching funds totaling \$20,000 each year. Thanks to a generous challenge grant from a loyal historical society member who has pledged to support this project by donating \$10,000 per year for five years, we are confident that we can raise the money necessary to complete the restoration within that period of time," Adams said.

Throughout the spring and summer, the lighthouse fund-raising group will announce additional offerings to raise money for the historic project.

This fund-raising effort has been initiated as a result of the United States Coast Guard's plan to excess its inventory of lighthouses. The City of Charlevoix has applied for ownership of the Charlevoix South Pier Light. Once the transfer of title takes place, there will be a partnership between the city, as owners and the Charlevoix Historical Society, as stewards. The Coast Guard will continue to operate the

light as an aide to navigation and the Army Corps of Engineers will continue to maintain the pier.

"The city, along with the Charlevoix Historical Society, have applied to enter into a Historic Lease with the Coast Guard. That lease will give us standing to qualify for state and federal grants to help fund the restoration. Though we anticipate that it may take up to two years to have title transferred, with the lease in hand, we can begin restoration," Adams explained.

The Charlevoix Lighthouse Keepers Committee has created a "Keeper of the Light Club" with giving categories ranging from \$1 to over \$5,000. The society will maintain a list of club members that will be displayed in the Harsha House Museum for the duration of the restoration project and then stored in the historical society's archives as a permanent record of the community's broad based support.

For more information or a complete list of giving opportunities, contact David Miles or Steve Goslee at (231) 547-0373.



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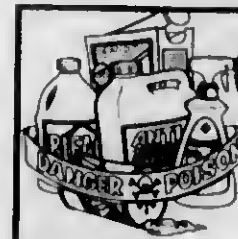
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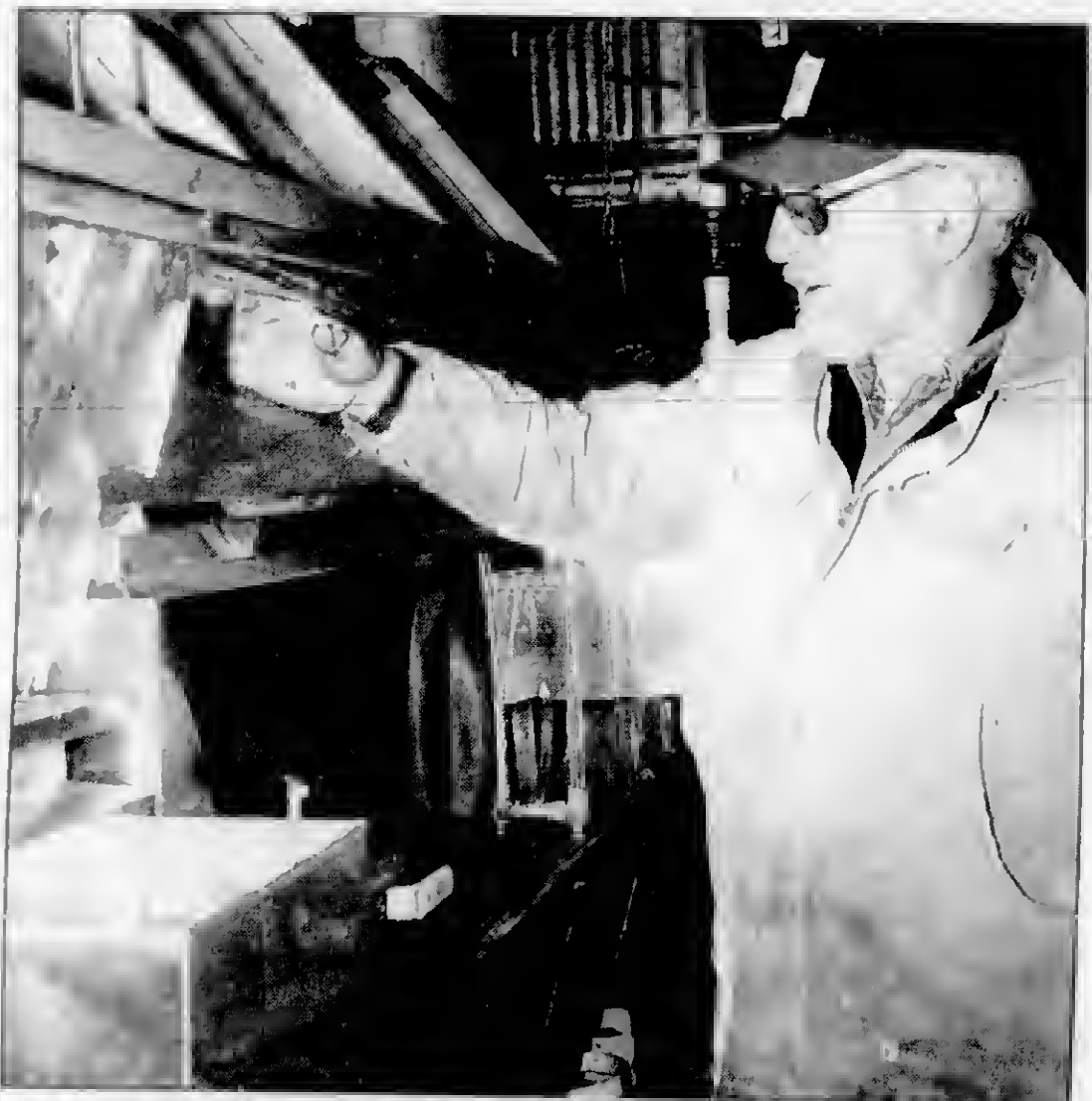
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A spring ritual Parsons harvest maple sap for Harwood Heritage Gold syrup

Photos by Julie Witthoef



The Parsons' family sugar bush which includes four acres of maple trees shouldering Harwood Lake in the heart of Norwood Township has been harvested since the 1920s. (Above) The new collection system installed by Dave Parsons this winter is expected to double the spring sap yield this year. Parsons is expecting to bring in over 200 gallons of his signature Harwood Heritage Gold syrup. Warm temperatures, like those seen this week, increase the sap flow. (Below) Parsons checks the status of the sap, boiling in the wood fired evaporator system which he also upgraded this year. More information about Harwood Heritage Gold syrup is available on-line at www.harwoodgold.com or by visiting the farm at 00061 Parsons Road.



Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 710 of 2006
BUDGET APPROPRIATION ACT

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Charlevoix did give notice of the time and place when a public hearing would be held in conformity with provisions of Section 7.8, Article VII of the City Charter, which Public Hearing was duly held pursuant to said notice and in conformity therewith;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2007 are hereby appropriated on an activity level basis (a detailed breakdown by detail level can be found in the Budget Details document) as summarized by the following:

GENERAL FUND			
REVENUE:		EXPENSE:	
Taxes	\$ 1,987,000	Legislative	\$ 56,700
Licenses & Permits	6,100	General Government	554,400
State Grants	287,900	Public Safety/Health & Welfare	1,407,000
Charges for Services	611,100	Public Works	180,700
Fines & Forfeits	28,900	Recreation & Culture	880,500
Interest & Rents	126,300	Other	107,500
Other	19,900	Fund Transfers (Out)	110,000
Fund Transfers (In)	10,000		
Appropriation from Surplus	219,600	TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$3,296,800
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$3,296,800		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Charlevoix does hereby levy a tax of 11.4521 mills (9.05 mills operating and 2.4021 mills infrastructure) for the period of April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the general expense and liability of the City of Charlevoix and for infrastructure improvements, and is levied pursuant to Section 8.1, Article VIII of the City Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed 1.3631 mills for the period April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 on all real and personal property in the Downtown Development District, according to the valuation of the same within the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed .70 mills for the period April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix, according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the cost of rubbish collection and other related services provided citizens allowed by the act, and is levied pursuant to Michigan Public Act 213 of 1969; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the rate increases for Sewer rates effective April 1, 2006, and the rate increases in the rate section of the budget for airport rates, ambulance rates, recreation fees, marina docking fees and all rates listed in the "Rates" section of the Budget Details document; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the following budgets for the period April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 in the amounts set forth below by fund:

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Major Street Fund	586,700	\$ 586,700
Local Street Fund	168,400	168,400
Electric Fund	6,690,893	6,690,893
Sewer Fund	1,675,400	1,675,400
Water Fund	1,211,600	1,211,600
Marina Fund	11,444,100	11,444,100
Motor Vehicle Fund	726,600	726,600
Downtown Development Auth	5,814,700	5,718,542

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Airport Fund	1,112,800	1,104,100
Employee Fringe Benefit	1,668,400	1,627,500
Perpetual Care Trust Fund	80,900	80,900
Fire/Ambulance Fund	30,700	0
Sewer Tap-in Fund*	136,700	130,000
Northside Sewer Fund*	161,900	
Infrastructure Improvement	608,300	608,300
Public Works Sine Fund	137,800	137,800
Industrial Park Fund	19,000	19,000
City Hall Improvement Fund	245,100	243,438
McSamba Recreation Fund	13,500	10,000
Downtown Parking Fund	4,400	0

Ordinance No. 710 of 2006 was adopted by the Charlevoix City Council at a regular meeting held on March 20, 2006 with the following yeas and nays vote:

YEAS	Council members Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms, Beer, and Campbell
NAYS	None
Absent	None

State of Michigan	)
City of Charlevoix	)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson Jr., Mayor

Hospice foundation offers pain management teleconference

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities.

For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care.

It also provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals — including doctors, nurses, ethicists, educators, social workers and bereavement counselors — to share and exchange ideas and obtain continuing education credits.

This year, the Hospice

Foundation of America's 13th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Pain Management at the End of Life."

The teleconference will examine the gap between knowledge and application of effective pain control in the person with a terminal condition, including pharmaceutical, psycho-social, spiritual and complementary aspects of pain management.

The teleconference will be moderated by Frank Sesno, professor of public policy and communication at George Mason University and special correspondent with CNN. The program will be broadcast from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5 at Charlevoix

Area Hospital.

A distinguished panel of local experts will examine ways in which health care workers and the general public can work together to improve approaches to pain management.

For more information, call Linda Parsons, at (231) 547-8569.

Early registration is recommended as space is limited.

This program is offered free-of-charge. Continuing education credits are available for a fee.

Northern Michigan Chorale offers vocal music grants

The Northern Michigan Chorale offers vocal music grants for summer music study.

These grants are available to girls and boys ages 14 and up living in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 21.

Letters should include the applicant's name, address and telephone number and should specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music

camp assistance.

High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place on Monday, May 1. Applicants will be notified of time and place.

Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale's fall and spring concerts.

Send letters of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, P.O. Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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New Rayder varsity softball coach hired

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayder High School athletics department lost two familiar faces from its softball program, and managed to gain one highly experienced coach in the process.

Two resignations were entered for the 2006 softball season by coaches Liz Grunch and Dean Spenceley.

Charlevoix High School principal, Gary Grundman, said Grunch, the program's former varsity coach, needed a decrease in her hectic schedule. Grunch coaches three sports in addition to teaching full-time. Former junior varsity softball coach, Spenceley, resigned because he is a member of the school board. It is school board policy that board members cannot serve as coaches.

Grundman said he is confident the new coach, Tony Zimmerman, will be a positive addition to the athletic department.

"I feel real good about it. We had four applications for the position and he was the best candidate," Grundman said. "He understood and knew the most about softball, and he did the best job in the interview at convincing me that he understood how to coach girls and how to get them to do what he wants them to do in softball."

Zimmerman, a 12-year softball coaching veteran, took over as the Rayder varsity softball coach after the two former coaches resigned.

As a graduate of Phoenix Tech,



Tony Zimmerman

Zimmerman is an architectural designer by trade, husband of Robin and father of daughters Madison, 16 and Haley, 8.

Zimmerman said the Charlevoix community has made him feel welcome.

"I'm very proud to be a part of the community. The overall enjoyment of being accepted in town has been great," he said. "I'm looking forward to serving the youth program."

Zimmerman was the varsity softball coach for three years and the assistant varsity coach for two years at Millington High School.

"And then I spent one year as varsity assistant at Charlevoix high and before that I had 10 years of coaching in summer programs throughout the state," he said.

For a decade, Zimmerman coached kids 18 and under.

"I'm extremely excited and very glad to be here," he said. "I am very proud of all the kids at this point. I'm looking forward to having a very successful year."

Zimmerman said he has always enjoyed working with kids in sports, especially when he was coaching

his children.

"I played throughout my high school career and college," he said. "I got into the coaching end of it with my daughter."

He added, "I actually get more enjoyment out of coaching than I did out of playing."

Zimmerman said the most important thing the kids could get out of this season is to have a team attitude and to be the best they can.

"It gives me lots of satisfaction when the kids achieve a goal they set out to do," he said. "The satisfaction is in teaching the kids and giving them opportunities I've had and teaching them how to play as a team and how it affects you throughout your life."

Zimmerman said he goes into each season looking, not at how well the team can do win-wise, but how much the individuals can grow.

"Whatever team I'm coaching, my goal is for each individual athlete to get at least five things out of it," he said. "I want them to learn five new things or improve on five things they are already trying to accomplish."

CHS track and field club compete at championship

A group of Charlevoix High School students preparing for the upcoming track and field season have formed a competitive pre-season training club.

Brandon Stevens, Jacob Wimmer, Nate Sotuyo and Scott Plude competed on Saturday, March 18 in the Michigan All-Division State Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

At the recent championship, they broke their club and school record by 11 seconds, finishing with a time of 8 minutes, 24 seconds in the 3200 meter relay.

The boys were state medalists in the 3200 meter relay in 2005, finishing fourth.

Sotuyo missed being a state medalist in the 800 meter by four one-hundredths of a second. He finished ninth with a time of 2:04.45 minutes.

Youth wrestlers place at meet March 18 in Gaylord

Charlevoix elementary and middle school wrestlers hit the mats on March 18 in Gaylord.

The competition was tough, but over half of the Charlevoix team placed in first, second or third places.

According to coach Craig Golovich, the wrestlers were up to the challenge and were able to use the mat time to practice their skills in the round robin style tournament.

Third place finishers were Kody Gould, Collin Turkelson, Trevor Van Norman, Spencer Bruce, Avery Penfold, Eric Trippelhorn, Alex Waha, Jordan Farmer, Ryan Penfold, Steven Belfy and Jacob Roach.

Many Rayder wrestlers were awarded "Pin pins" which are given to those who were able to pin opponents.

First place finishers were Jared McLean, Mick Hinkle, Justin Perkins, Sammy Hovie, Eli Daman, Brad Rizzo, Casey Swadling, Hunter Turner, Chris Levens and Zach Smith.

Second place finishers were Tabetha Penfold, Oliver DeYoung, Jamey Eakes, Jake Novotny and Matt Levens.

Third place finishers were Kody Gould, Collin Turkelson, Trevor Van Norman, Spencer Bruce, Avery Penfold, Eric Trippelhorn, Alex Waha, Jordan Farmer, Ryan Penfold, Steven Belfy and Jacob Roach.

Northstar's take St. Patrick's Day tourney

Boyer Area Hockey's Northstar Group Midget team posted a sweep, winning the St. Patrick's Day Tournament Championship March 17-18 at the Summit in Lansing.

With dogged determination and tremendous team play, the team scored 25 goals and gave up only six in four games. Goalie Nick Ferree earned two shutouts.

In the first game, Boyne shutout Big Rapids 4-0. Ryan Pardee put Boyne on the board less than two minutes into the game. Will Brown scored a power play goal, assisted by Nick Dunwoody and Pardee. Russell Williams drove in two goals with assists from Brown and John Miller.

In next draw, Boyne manhandled Bellbrook, Ohio winning the game 9-1. Justin Stolt and Nick Dunwoody each scored twice, and Russell Williams, Chad Newson, John Miller, Matt Mills, Ryan Pardee and Keegan David each scored once. Dunwoody and Evan Keller were both play makers with three assists. Miller gave two, and Britt King, Will Brown, Stolt, David and Williams tallied one each.

High energy and two way hockey ruled the 5-0 win against Chelsea. Russell Williams netted the opener, and Nick Dunwoody and John Miller each hit the twine twice. Will Brown gave two assists, Scott Sutliff, Josh Aown, Justin Stolt and Duane Aulger gave one a piece.

The championship game was a rematch with Big Rapids. By the end of the first period, Russell Williams and Ryan Pardee scored twice each, and Matt Mills scored once. Big Rapids clawed their way back to a 5-6 score by halfway through the third period, but Boyne put one more on the board and went into defensive mode and earned the 7-5 win. Nick Dunwoody and Evan



Courtesy photo

Boyer Area Hockey's Northstar Group Midget team posted a sweep, winning the St. Patrick's Day Tournament Championship March 17-18 at the Summit in Lansing. (Above) The team poses with their trophy. Team members pictured are (front) goalie, Nick Ferree (second row, from left) Scott Sutliff, Justin Stolt, Keegan David, Ryan Pardee, Nick Dunwoody, John Miller, Matt Mills, (third row, from left) Chad Newson, Russell Williams, Will Brown, Britt King, Evan Keller, Josh Aown, Duane Aulger, coach Kevin Pardee, (back row, from left) coach John Miller, coach Ed Boyer and coach Al Aown.

Keller scored the last two. Game assists came from Britt King, Will Brown and John Miller. The Most Valuable Player award for the game was given to team captain Ryan Pardee in his last game in USA Youth Hockey League.

The championship win marked the end of the Northstar's successful season.

The team went 33-22-2 overall, 8-3-1 in league play, qualified for the district semifinals, and took back to back tournament championships.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Men's Senior League March 20, 2006				Tuesday Night Ladies - March 21, 2006					
	W	L			W	L			
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	32	16	R & C Roofing	303	347	Paul Bunyan Lanes	25	18	
B VanLoose & Sons	29	19	St. Mary's	188	402	Grey Gables Inn	25	19	
J Arnold Painting "A"	26	22	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				25	18	
Paul Bunyan Lanes	26	22	Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game	
Selph Trucking	23	25	Larry Darrach	603	226	Charlevoix Foot Clinic	24.5	19.5	
J Arnold Painting "Z"	22	26	Gordy Salph	224	224	Birdies Beauty Shoppe	20	24	
Bur's Buds	20	28	Chuck Pop	571	212	Great Lakes Concrete	19	25	
The Flight Deck	14	34	Roger Crain	566		Oleason's Food Store	19	25	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Young At Hearts - March 23, 2006					
	Series	Game		W	L		Series	Game	
Greg Stachler	274	Spiretime	36	12	Joe Sladek	13	31	St. Mary's	109
Del Hart	620	Has Beens	28	20	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				
Don Potter	572	Half & Half	27	21	Series	Game	Series	Game	
John Gregory	213	Past Timers	25	23	Cindy Mansen	499	199	Carrie Blanchard	523
Shawn Putman	560	Alley Cats	23	25	Leanna Mosoryak	505		Amy Russell	463
Church League - March 23, 2006				22	26	Krista Fowler	196	Lynette Webb	443
	W	L		22	26	Debbie Odium	188	Gutter Gals - March 16, 2006	
Paul Bunyan Lanes	379	271	Twilighters	17	31	Mary O'Brien	497	W	L
Lutherans	357	293	Irish Rollers	14	34	Double Deckers - March 19, 2006			
Mark White Paint & Stain	350	300	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Russell A & J	107	113
			Series	Game	Series	Game	W	L	Burger King of Charlevoix
Ralph Kison	542	182	Webb	52	12	27.5	16.5	Paul Bunyan Lanes	103
Stan Fiedorek	518	191	Sladek	26.5	17.5	25.5	18.5	Argonne Supper Club	92
Mo Dixon	518	181	Blanchard/Drain	25.5	18.5	26.5	17.5	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES	
Art Rulis	24.5	19.5	Russell C & R	25.5	18.5	25.5	18.5	Series	Game
Don Wells	482	160	Steln	24.5	19.5	24.5	19.5	Mary O'Brien	554
Zettie Kison	421	160	Fitzpatrick/Blind	23	21	23	21	Diana Spreng	505
			Spencer	23	21	23	21	Bennie VonHeens	446

Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the week: Carrie Blanchard with a high game of 208. Congratulations!

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Work resumes

Windemuller Electric, the contractor with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the bridge traffic light upgrades was back on the job on Tuesday, March 28. Traffic coming into town from the north has been reduced to one lane since fall 2005 to accommodate work on the traffic light at the north side of the bridge. The project is aimed at modernizing the lights on the north and south sides of the bridge. The project contractor, completed work on the south side but was thrown off schedule on Nov. 30 when a dump truck exceeding legal height requirements tore down the north side light. No time frame for completion has been released.

Crooked Tree Culinary Arts Series continues April 4 with The Fish

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's third annual Culinary Arts Series is now underway.

Local chefs from award-winning restaurants are teaching how to prepare culinary delights from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the Bob Forman Kitchen at the arts center.

Classes will continue through the end of April. On April 4, The Fish will present a program centered around creating different types of sushi along with panko and wasabi sea scallops and a ginger crème brûlée.

On April 11 Crow's Nest will present turkey morel pasta, pan-fried perch, maple syrup crème brûlée and a selection of Michigan wines.

On April 18 Pellston Market will prepare soupe de poivron rouge, salmon with red wine shitake sauce, and coffee white chocolate mousse.

On April 25 the final restaurant in the series will be Stafford's preparing grilled asparagus with warm morel vinaigrette, micro greens and

crispy shallots, herb crusted baby lamb rack over fava bean risotto harlot reduction and apricot and cherry cobbler.

The participation fee is \$40 per class for Crooked Tree Arts Center members and \$50 per class for non-members.

The arts center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey.

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(03-29-1-084)

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(03-29-4-085)

EMPLOYMENT 086

HOUSECLEANING, mid June through August, 3 mornings per week, private home on Lake Charlevoix, near Iron-ton. Call Bruce 248-444-0442.

(03-15-3-086)

DENTAL ASSISTANT wanted for Petoskey office. Applicants should possess willingness to learn and adapt easily to change. Willing to train right candidate. Please send resume and 3 references to P.O. Box 95, Petoskey, MI 49770.

(03-29-3-086)

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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President, Charlevoix County Community Foundation

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(03-22-2-088)

Ken Winter

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(03-22-2-088)

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(03-29-2-134)

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(03-29-2-134)

OATS, BARLEY, medium red June Clover, certified soybean seed. Call 989-723-1886.

(03-22-3-134)

WANTED TO RENT MISCELLANEOUS 145

NEW RESIDENCE on South Arm, one mile South of Iron-ton Ferry on West side of arm, looking for dockage for 45 ft. power boat. Call John at 248-641-7608.

(03-29-3-145)

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(11-10-168)

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(03-29-3-169)

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(03-29-3-169)

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(03-08-169)

PETOSKEY, TWO bedroom, contemporary, close to hospital, view of the bay. \$635.00 monthly includes water, sewer, trash pickup and common laundry area. No smoking, no pets. Security deposit and one year lease required. Call 231-547-6025, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 231-675-7544 after 4:00 p.m.

(03-08-169)

SECOND FLOOR, 2 BR, 1 BTH. \$575 plus electric. 1-month security deposit. No pets. Downtown Charlevoix, above Olesons. 231-547-6548. See Bob.

(03-01-3-169)

CHARLEVOIX RENTAL Apartment overlooking Round Lake Harbor. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, inside Jacuzzi for 8, wonderful kitchen, central AC & heat, roof deck via circular stairway, wood flooring, utility room, storage loft and great views. Available April 1 with yearly lease at \$950 per month. Call Richard 231-547-1077 or Aila 231-547-1155.

(03-15-3-169)

PETOSKEY, NEAR hospital, 1-bedroom contemporary, second floor with views of the bay. NO smoking, NO pets. \$525.00 per month, includes water, sewer, garbage pickup and laundry in unit. 1-year lease and security deposit required. Call 231-547-6025 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or 231-675-7544 after 4:30 p.m.

(03-08-169)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169

CHARLEVOIX, ONE bedroom, upstairs, contemporary, close to downtown. No smoking, No pets, \$475.00 per month. Includes water, sewer and trash pick up, common laundry area. Security deposit and one year lease required. Call 231-547-6025, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., after 4:00, 231-675-7544.

(02-08-169)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

PETOSKEY HOME for rent, 211 Sunset Avenue, by Winter Sports Park with great views, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2.5 heated car garage with walkout basement. Close to town and waterfront. \$1,500/monthly plus deposit. Call 1-810-714-5570.

(03-29-3-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-547-6445.

(9-15-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(3-31-174)

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(12-28-174)

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BOATS & MARINE EQUIP. 203

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(03-29-4-203)

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(03-22-17-203)

40' BOAT SLIP 2006 season lease, Pine Lake Yacht Club on Lake Charlevoix. Full amenities. \$3,300. Call Todd 248-352-2454.

(03-22-6-203)

30 FT. BOAT SLIP for lease at Northwest Marine. All clubhouse amenities included. Great rate for the 2006 season. Please call 231-536-7942 for more information.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-010959-DE

Estate of Warren Earl Duplessis, Deceased
Date of birth: April 19, 1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Warren Earl Duplessis, who lived at 1728 S. Peninsula Rd., East Jordan, Michigan died February 18, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joseph B. Beaudoin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 29, 2006

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street, Ste. 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4059

Joseph B. Beaudoin
PO Box 466
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4344

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT - CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
File No: 05-035-21-CH
Hon. Richard Pijtas

LINDA H. MATTHEWS and SALLY RANDALL SWANSON LLC, Plaintiffs,

v.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP, EDWARD YOUNGER and CAROLINE YOUNGER, his wife, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES AND LEGA-

TEES OF LAURA BOWMAN CASE, AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN PERSON CLAIMING THROUGH SUCH HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES,
Defendants.

TOPP LAW PLC
BY: SUSAN HLYWA TOPP (P46230)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
213 E. Main Street
P.O. Box 1977
Gaylord, MI 49734-1977
989-731-4014

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT TO QUIET TITLE

TO: The heirs, assigns, devisees and legatees of Laura Bowman Case, and any other person claiming through such heirs, assigns, devisees or legatees.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that your default for failure to plead or otherwise defend as provided by law was entered on March 22, 2006. Plaintiffs Linda H. Matthews and Sally Randall Swanson LLC will present a Judgment to Quiet Title for entry by the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas on Friday, April 21, 2006 at 2:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

Top Law PLC
By: Susan Hlywa Topp P46230
Attorney for Plaintiffs
Dated: March 23, 2006
L(03/29, 04/05, 04/12)

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

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Area events

Rayder Baseball Camp

The Charlevoix High School baseball program will host the Rayder Baseball Camp for baseball players in first through sixth grades. The cost is \$15. Camp hours for first through third grade participants are from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Hours for fourth through sixth grades are from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The camp will take place on April 1. Prizes will be given away at each session. For more information or to register, call Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-1111.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 6 in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 East Main Street in Boyne City. The workshop focuses on using oral family histories and genealogical facts to compose a short biographical sketch (also known as an ancestor vignette) of your ancestors' lives.

Presenter Patrick McCleary has many years of experience with genealogical study and compiling historic vignettes for both his personal use and a variety of publications.

This is an activity-based workshop. Participants are asked to choose an ancestor to write about. Then, to bring the following information about that ancestor to the workshop: Family information, his or her obituary, a photograph if possible and one to three stories about that person.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information call Jo at (231) 582-9602 or Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Wine tasting fund-raiser

The Charlevoix County Humane Society is celebrating spring with an array of fine wines and gourmet

appetizers.

The wine tasting fund-raiser, "Taste of Spring," is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, April 7 at Garrett's on Water Street in Boyne City.

Tickets are \$20 per person. 100 percent of proceeds are directed to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Garrett's on Water Street at (231) 582-1111.

Pineapple Story

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene will present the "Pineapple Story" video during the 6 p.m. service on Palm Sunday, April 9. The "Pineapple Story" is a personal account of how God used a pineapple garden to teach a Christian missionary the power of meekness. This inspirational testimony demonstrates the victory and power available to us through applying scriptural principles in our life and ministry. Everyone is welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt

The 15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt takes place at 2 p.m., April 15 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

The Easter Bunny will be on-site as children armed with baskets collect 6,000 prize-filled eggs.

Children will be divided into three age categories before the hunt begins. Categories are 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years.

Spring Art Show

A Spring Art Show at St. Mary School will last from April 21-28. The show features art in various mediums made by students under the direction of Lori Bolt. Pieces will be on display throughout the school.

The public is invited to stop by the school located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix to participate. For more information call (231) 547-9441.

Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic

On April 29 the Charlevoix High School baseball team will host its first annual Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic at Antrim Dells Golf Course.

The format will be a four-person scramble. The cost to participate is \$65 per person which includes doughnuts, golf, door prizes and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the baseball team's immediate and future needs.

Additionally, golfers may purchase chances to win hole-in-one prizes, games and raffle items. Live and silent auctions will also take place.

Tickets for dinner and an opportunity to bid in the auctions are \$20 per person.

To become a sponsor, donate prizes or auction items or to register for the golf scramble, call Kirk Heckendorn at (231) 547-2683 or 675-1941 or e-mail him at kheckendorn@charter.net.

Baby-sitter training

Baby-sitter training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 6 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with training in safety, basic childcare, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is \$25 for the class and includes a baby-sitter's list that contains many of the items needed to feel confident and skilled as a baby-sitter. Snacks and lunch are provided. For more information, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor two, six-week support groups for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on

June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Harsha House hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

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Lyle Gennett presents post Katrina program

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will host a program featuring Charlevoix resident Lyle Gennett who will present video footage, set to music, from his trip to Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

The guild event will take place at 11 a.m. on April 10 in the large classroom near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital located off Lakeshore Drive.

Guild members, hospital volunteers and members of the public are invited to attend.

For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

Conservation issues to be topic of April 6 political forum

Marvin Roberson, a nationally known Sierra Club forestry specialist, will be the featured speaker in an open forum to take place at 7 p.m. April 6 at the Boyne City Hall, located at 319 North Lake Street in Boyne City.

Roberson will lead a discussion focused on why voters should consider conservation issues before casting votes, at the non-partisan forum sponsored by the Charlevoix County Democratic Party.

"Most Americans consider themselves environmentalists, and yet environmental issues are normally quite low on voters' priority lists when choosing candidates," Roberson said. "Yet, these issues are really economic, health, and national security issues. Conservation issues should be a high priority in election night decision making."

An Upper Peninsula native, Roberson holds a master's of science degree in forest ecology from the University of Michigan. Prior to becoming the Sierra Club's Michigan Chapter forest policy specialist, he was the National Director of Lands and Habitat Programs for the Sierra Club, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

The April 6th forum, while hosted by the Charlevoix County Democrats, is open to everyone regardless of political affiliation.

"Our goal is to stimulate discussion on issues important to all the citizens of Charlevoix County," said Charlevoix County Democratic Party chair, Bill Lovett. "We welcome debate and all points of view and hope to see a good turnout for this important forum."



Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

Historical Society presents transportation program

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present "Getting Here Is Half The Fun?" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4 at the Depot. This program will be hosted by Harsha House Museum Co-director, Steve Goslee. He will share the story of transportation to and around the Charlevoix area from 1721 to present day. The discussion will feature stories of how people traveled to Charlevoix to begin a new life. For more information call (231) 547-0373 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

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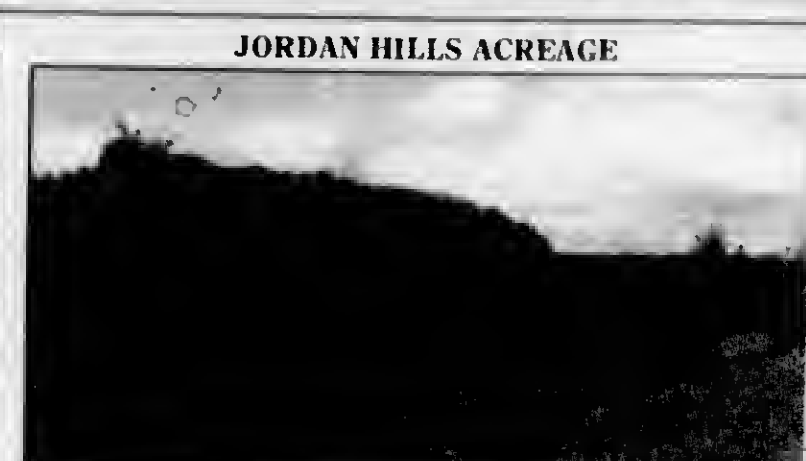
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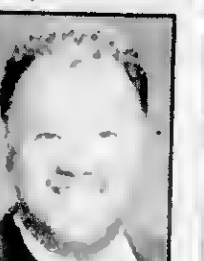
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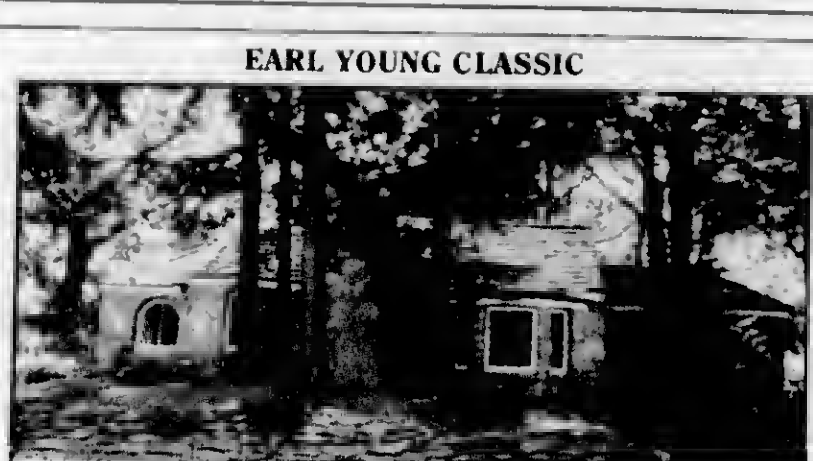
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ISD seeks millage renewal May 2

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Mark Eckhardt

The Charlevoix Emmet Intermediate School District has a millage renewal proposal on the ballot for the May 2 election.

"If this millage doesn't pass, and the schools choose to continue to operate these (vocational) education programs, the money would have to come out of their general fund."

Mark Eckhardt,
Superintendent
Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District

tion.

"If this millage doesn't pass, and the schools choose to continue to operate these (vocational) programs, the money would have to come out of their general fund," said superintendent of the Charlevoix Emmet Intermediate School District, Mark Eckhardt. "And, with all the cuts by the state to the general fund and operating funds, my guess is the programs will not be operating."

Of the 3,400 students in the Intermediate School District, 2,700 are enrolled in some type of approved vocational-technical educational program.

The 39 programs include business, hospitality, foodservice, building trades, technology, marketing and computer aided drafting.

"They (students) wouldn't be in them if they weren't high-quality programs," Eckhardt said. "These are for all kids,

whether they are college bound students or not."

He added, "These programs cover the whole array of students."

Eckhardt said the importance of these vocational-technical programs is paramount. And, he emphasized that this is simply a renewal of a millage which originally passed in 1996.

"In 1996, there were 11 classes being offered. Now, there are 39," Eckhardt said. "I believe very strongly in these programs for students to meet the needs of the workforce out there. If the millage does not pass, then you are probably looking at 2,700 students enrolled in high school who will not be able to participate in these programs or exposure will be very limited."

He added, "These high-quality programs are for all kids."

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The road to the Mrs. Michigan title

Former Miss Charlevoix competes for the state title

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

One of Charlevoix's newest married women and a former Miss Charlevoix will compete for the title of Mrs. Michigan America.

Pageant veteran Tanya Umulis, 22, will compete April 15 in Owosso in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant.

The articulate Umulis married Charlevoix city patrolman Matt Umulis on Jan. 7.

"It's been a while since I've had the itch (to compete in a pageant). I never thought I would compete once I got married. I thought I would put that behind me," she said.

But she said after her jaunt down the aisle her competitive spirit didn't change. And a week before her wedding, when her mother-in-law mentioned she would soon be eligible for a new pageant circuit, the Mrs. league, Umulis thought to herself, "That's not such a bad idea."



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident Tanya (Wyniawskij) Umulis was crowned Miss Charlevoix in 2000. After getting married in January, she registered to compete in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant.

When her supportive husband caught wind of the idea he smiled and said, "I could be married to Mrs. Michigan."

"I knew I had to do it," she said. With her mind set on competing,

Umulis hit the streets in search of sponsors to fund the \$595 entry fee as well as to pay for two pages of advertisements in the event program.

"I never could have done it without them," she said.

While Umulis is aiming to place in the top five out of the over 20 women currently registered in the competition, her track record and home office dripping in tiaras, are evidence that she hasn't had to settle for a runner-up finish often.

Umulis started her pageant career in 1998 when she was 14. After spending a season singing in between segments at the Miss Teen Northwest pageant in East Jordan, watching each of the contestants, she knew she could compete.

"I won it the next year at 14," she said.

The following year, in 1999, she went on to win Miss Northwest.

"Then I had the tick. By nature, I am an extremely competitive person," she said. "Once I did the two pageants and won both, I felt invincible."

Summer 2000 marked her favorite win, being crowned Miss Charlevoix during the Venetian Festival.

"It was the best feeling in the world next to my wedding day," she said.

In 2001, as a freshman at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant Umulis competed against 22 girls and won Miss Greater Central Michigan, one of 28 preliminary competitions to qualify for the Miss Michigan pageant.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Francis Thomas Buchannon, 37, Boyne City. Use of Vicodin. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for six days, 365 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$700 in fines and costs.

Dannon Scott Shotmiller, 19, Petoskey. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve 40 days in jail; \$700 in fines and costs.

Kayla Renee Wiltjer, 21, Boyne City. Embezzlement of more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 180 days in jail, to serve 20 days, 150 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; write a letter of apology; \$2,850 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Guy Fisher, 20, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession-second offense. Serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$200 in fines and costs.

Gary Leigh Erdman, 40, Whitehall. Careless driving; and open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling \$525.

Benjamin Samuel Hoover, 28, Whitehall. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Serve 15 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Nina Marie Erdman, 40, Whitehall. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Serve 15 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Mark James Tybinka, 24, South Lyon. Disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling \$350.

Adam William Jones, 30, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended-first offense. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Scott Michael Wiltjer, 19, Petoskey. Assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of

10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$700 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael McCleary, 33, Grandville. Impaired driving-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days, serve 45 days on an electronic monitoring device, 70 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,230 in fines and costs.

Mitchell Jon Matthew, 47, Walloon. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, to serve 45 days on an electronic monitoring device, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,285 in fines and costs.

Raymond Walter Hahn, 37, Ellsworth. Prohibited operation of a snowmobile. Fines and costs totaling \$500.

Kimberly Faye Scott, 39, East Jordan. Embezzlement agent/trust greater than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail, to serve 45 days in jail, 305 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; \$1,050 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Richard Joannis, 36, Grand Haven. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Joseph Dever Harshman, 28, Charlevoix. Driving while operator's license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 32 days in

jail with credit for two days, to serve 30 days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Adam James Morey, 29, Walloon Lake. Check, insufficient funds, less than \$100. Serve 20 days in jail; \$495 in fines and costs.

Daniel Michael Carlson, 27, Casnovia. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 30 days in jail; \$700 in fines and costs.

Joyce Elaine Starks, 43, Boyne City. Disorderly conduct. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve 16 days in jail, 73 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$300 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court
The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Elijah Richard Pace, 21, Charlevoix. Probation violation-controlled substance-manufacturing/delivering marijuana. Sentenced to a minimum of 24 months to a maximum of 48 months in prison with credit for 400 days in jail. Probation violation-motor vehicle-unlawful use. Sentenced to a minimum of 16 months to a maximum of 24 months in prison with credit for 400 days in jail.

Gregory Scott Fleming, 30, Boyne City. Controlled substance delivery/manufacture marijuana. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 120 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$890 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Steve Kostyshyn Studio, 17977 Ferry Road, Charlevoix, by Stephen Kostyshyn

D & A House Cleaning and Lawn Maintenance, 5300 North M-66,

East Jordan, by Dennis J. Prevo and Annie M. Neltett

Kerr's Cleaning & Services, 08730 Horton Bay Road, Petoskey, by Eugene Dawn Kerr and Jeffrey Lynn Kerr

Bridge Street Partnership, 228 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Fred J. Schmidt and Ken A. Schmidt

Donegal Danny's Pub, 26420 Carlisle Road, West Beaver Island, by Marilyn Gillespie-Racine and William Racine

Mountainside Grille, 2495 U.S. 131, Boyne Falls, by Marjorie Faith Beckman

Route 66 Oil Exchange Inc., 04645 M-66 South, East Jordan, by Gary R. Lapeer, Brenda L. Lapeer and Pat Gibbard

Randy's Auto Restoration, 10528 Maple Grove Road, Charlevoix, by Randy Wilkison

Three Lakes Lawns & More, 320 Robinson St., Charlevoix, by Steven J. Gauthier

Chris' Cleaning Service, 10504 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by Christine H. Manker

Marriages
The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jason Robert Boyd Scott, 25 and Christin Lynne Nessen, 20, both of Boyne City

Michael Boyd Heaton, 65 and Ina Pendić, 47, both of Boyne Falls

Births

Landon Jacob Clees weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces was born March 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jon and Christina Clees of Ellsworth. His siblings are Michael and Gavyn. His grandparents are Judy Clees of Charlevoix and Gina Shortridge of Nashport, Ohio.

Hudson Rames Vollmer weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born March 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Bryan and Jen Vollmer of Charlevoix. He has a sister, Olivia. His grandparents are Jim and Louise Hilligan of Charlevoix and Bob and Judy Vollmer of Ellsworth.

Brynn Victoria Bennett weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born March 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mike and Tami Bennett of Ellsworth. Her brother is Elliott. Her grandparents are Eric and Paula Dietel and Larry and Jackie Boog, all of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Tom and Shirley Mattem and Kitty Bennett of Durand and Betty Boog.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, in a story entitled Northwestern Bank to build new branch office, which appeared on page 13 of the March 29 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. It was incorrectly stated that the Hamilton family has owned the Capri Motel property since 1952. The motel has been in the family for three generations.

Fate of ISD programs in the hands of voters

MILLAGE

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grams are truly an indispensable opportunity for these students."

Eckhardt said, while too numerous to mention them all, a benefit of vocational-technical education includes the hands-on learning experience.

"These programs provide quality experience in the area of vocational education learning programs," he said. "The students learn a trade and they learn how to be productive citizens."

He added, "They're doing great things in these programs. These students are just phenomenal in what they're doing."

Some of the students of the Intermediate School District's video production course were invited to compete against large corporations such as Ford Motor Company and IBM in a marketing campaign contest and the students won first place.

"The kids that are leaving here are able to get a job right out of high school, or they can continue their education and get a leg up on everybody — that's our goal," Eckhardt said.

If anyone is skeptical about voting for this millage, Eckhardt said, "What they need to do is visit their high school and the kids and see how important this is for the students to get great, high-quality educational programs."

One of 57 intermediate school districts in the state, Charlevoix Emmet Intermediate School District attends to 11,450 students in 11 public school districts with six private schools and three public academies.

Local pageant veteran sets her sights on Mrs. Michigan crown

PAGEANT

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Tanya Umulis

In 2002, she competed in the Miss Michigan pageant where she didn't place, but said she learned valuable life lessons.

"It taught me more about the direction I want to take in life. To want to be in the community and help out wherever I can. To know at the end of the day, you've made someone else's life easier," Umulis said.

In 2003, she was crowned Miss Lake Michigan USA, a preliminary to Miss Michigan USA. She competed twice at the state level for this title, finishing in the top 10 one year and earning third runner-up the second year.

Since then, Umulis has taken a break from the glam pageant world, volunteering at area schools — acting as a mentor and tutoring students — and working toward her teaching degree at Spring Arbor University. Her goal is to teach sixth grade.

She said coming off a three-year

break in the rat race, her strength continues to be the interview portion of the competition.

"I'm always myself. I don't put on an act," she said. "Once you've figured out what makes you happy, you automatically feel comfortable enough to nail any question they throw at you in an interview."

Her ability to be genuine in the cut throat pageant world she said stems from her mobile childhood. Her father, a civil engineer, moved regularly for work and Umulis said there she learned to be resilient and carved her competitive edge.

Her training for the upcoming event has included a regular exercise regimen as well as studying current events.

She said the one obstacle she will have to overcome is that she has no children at this time.

"This is uncharted waters for me. Being in competition with people my exact age is second nature. I'm uneasy knowing someone may score higher on the basis that they've accomplished more based on their age," she said. "I can't compete with a PTA mom, but maybe their (the judges) not looking for a PTA mom."

The prize package to be awarded to the woman crowned Mrs. Michigan America includes \$13,000 in prizes and a two-week trip to Tucson, Ariz. for the Mrs. Michigan pageant to take place in August.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

A slippery commute

A mix of heavy snow and rain fell Monday morning and early afternoon creating dangerous driving conditions and throwing thoughts of spring back into hibernation. But the weather didn't stop Charlevoix resident Karen Klooster (above) from taking her scheduled bike outing to Charlevoix Public Library.

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OPINIONS

Direct sign funding to a more worthy project

In March, wooden and steel posts began popping up all over town in close proximity to existing signs. According to representatives of the Michigan Department of Transportation, this project will replace all signs along U.S. 31 and M-66 in Charlevoix and Antrim counties. The total project cost, \$500,000, is being funded by the federal government.

The same type of sign overhaul is underway in areas of southern Michigan as well.

We've been taking a close look at the signs scheduled for replacement and don't see the point of replacing most of them. The posts are in good shape and the signs are readable and aesthetically acceptable.

There are efficiencies that can be realized in replacing all the signs at once. But when you have a plumbing problem at home do you have the plumber service each loo in the house or just the one with the issue?

Fixing something that isn't broken is a waste of money. And we argue this sign replacement project follows that logic. Instead, the state can take those funds allocated by the feds and contract with local county road commissions annually to have defunct signs replaced as needed. Other funds could be earmarked for needed road improvements such as Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

It's nice to see job creation come of the sign project. But this small amount of work does little for the

EDITORIAL



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Signs along U.S. 31 and M-66 in Charlevoix and Antrim counties are being replaced. The project cost is \$500,000. See the related story on page 9.

high economic picture in Michigan.

Our country's deficit is at an all-time high, and education, which we feel is the key to future economic prosperity, is in peril.

Why are we throwing money away to replace perfectly good signs. In Michigan, \$500,000 could be used to increase per pupil funding or for specialized job training.

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Incompetence emerges as the new political buzzword



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Incompetence is the new political buzzword.

Conservatives say the liberals are incapable of governing and keeping us safe and are too incompetent to understand what must be done. Liberals say that conservatives hire their friends, regardless of competence. One thing is clear in all this, incompetence is a bipartisan problem. It may even be a society-wide problem. It's not just an individual problem of a few incompetent bad apples. Widespread incompetence appears to be a social disease. We can only hope it isn't contagious.

The problem with incompetence is that it is apparently compatible with a large number of desirable characteristics. It's possible to be intelligent and incompetent. Take note of the Enron scandal where the perpetrators were identified in a recent book as the "smartest guys in the room." They may have been smart, but if they were really competent, they would have avoided bankruptcy and never have been caught.

It's possible to be capable and incompetent. I note that while my tax returns

done by H and R Block are capably completed, the parent company is under investigation in New York state for improper tax filing. Somebody is doing something incompetent at H and R Block's headquarters. All the corporations that have recently been forced to revise their annual statements of profit and loss suggest that for many accountants, capability and incompetence go hand in hand. If accounting is precision work, then preciseness and incompetence are also compatible.

It's possible to be clever and incompetent, sincere and incompetent and, most troublesome, decisive and incompetent. The decisive incompetent person is a potential national or international disaster just waiting to happen. After watching daily newspapers for only a few days, examples abound. The Educational Testing Services making grading errors, FEMA making all possible errors, federal lawyers coaching witnesses (something known to be wrong by first-year law students.) The FBI has been trying since before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to develop a new computer system to keep track of their information and have had to abandon more than one new system because they didn't work. NASA lost a Mars probe because someone didn't comprehend the difference between centimeters and inches. I have not even mentioned Iraq, and still the list is long enough to be discouraging. It seems to include all political, social and educational groups.

Most often when something involving computers goes wrong, it is described as a computer glitch, which suggests that the computer is somehow incompetent. Computers cannot be incompetent. There is always a person who programmed them incompetently, even though we almost never know who it was.

If we begin to fail as a nation it will not be because of moral rot or a decaying family structure, it will be because of incompetence. Nations with an abundance of competent citizens will thrive.

Certainly people make mistakes. The clue to avoiding serious problems is to find the mistakes before they result in any action. The old carpenter's rule "measure twice, cut once," is a better solution to incompetence than a Harvard education. The problem is not just being incompetent, but acting out the incompetence. The source of real competence is most simply caring about the outcome of your actions.

When hiring or voting, look for evidence of competence, not for evidence of intelligence, cleverness, capability, sincerity or decisiveness. Those last mentioned are all fine and potentially valuable things, but none of them is worth a fig without competence. I hope that we can teach people competence, or that they can learn it on their own.

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Watchful eye on PA
Editor:
For those of you who are involved, support, and are alumni of the Charlevoix performing arts program at Charlevoix High School, it's time to take some action. With the retire-

ment of Connie Ford there is the distinct possibility that our program may cease to exist or be seriously damaged. Budget considerations by the superintendent's office, the school board, and the high school administration make the performing arts program a likely target for elimination. Irony, since we were asked to fund an exceptional high school auditorium.

I ask that all future and former students, parents, and the community at large contact the central office and the school board and demand they explore all the options available to them before taking action towards a program that has benefited hundreds of students over the years. The valuable skills that students for years have taken away with them from our program at Charlevoix High School have been applied in every occupation and profession. The elimination of this program would be a serious blow to the quality of our students' education.

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Steve Kaniola
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On behalf of the Charlevoix County Humane Society we would like to thank everyone who attended our Hawaiian Luau Fund-raiser on March 5. We would also like to thank

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Over \$5,000 was raised and will go toward the purchase of new doors in the dog kennels. A great time was had by all and we look forward to an even more successful luau in 2007. Thank you again for all your support. This event would not be possible without you and we hope to see you next year.

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Susan Kissinger
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Letters to the editor

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We would also like to recognize the speakers, staff and volunteers from area agencies that helped us make this event a success. With your help we were able to provide a day of fun, relaxation and education to 50 area caregivers. We appreciate our communities' continued support of our programs and thank you.

Heather O'Brien
Safe Crossings Community Services Coordinator
Hospice of Little Traverse Bay

Donations accepted

Since the article pertaining to the future of the Charlevoix Rainbow Shoppe was published in the paper, people have asked if we are continuing to accept contributions. The answer is a definite, "yes." We will continue to carry on business as usual. We are pursuing all avenues, whether it be constructing, or purchasing a building or staying at our present location.

We did receive a monetary donation toward our future plans and have set up a separate account at the Charlevoix State Bank under the "Rainbow Shoppe Building Fund." Donations may be made to this fund, but we are still praying for a generous angel for our non-profit organization.

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Northwest Academy

Deer herd management

Editor:
I write to you as president of Afton Deer Management, a growing group of concerned citizens in this area whose purpose is the cultivation and maintenance of a healthy and well-managed deer herd. This year, our group tilled approximately 60 acres of public lands for deer feed, plus private lands, and members prune trees on state land, and plant fruit trees for feed each year. Our group has established routes for regular surveillance of deer to aid the Department of Natural Resources in obtaining an accurate deer count and we are working on a winter feeding program.

Members regularly attend meetings of the Natural Resources Commission. A study of surveys and revenues for the Department of Natural Resources shows that there has been a decline for the last five years at the rate of about 4 percent per year. We are concerned that our area is losing considerable revenues over the years due to our decreasing deer population. The number of licenses issued is decreasing also.

We have written to our senators and representatives requesting that they transfer control and give full charge of management of the deer herd to the Natural Resources Commission.

Right now, there is a separation in that control over licensing and legal size of the deer taken is legislative. Currently, the Natural Resources Commission can only control the number of doe permits issued.

I would request that every interested person recognize the importance of this issue and write to your local representatives to request a bill that will give the Natural Resources Commission this power. It is a working tool they can't do without in their efforts to manage Michigan's deer herd.

John L. Ormsbee
Cheboygan

'Thanks' Walk for Warmth supporters

Editor:
On behalf of the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, I would like to thank all of the participants in our 5th Annual Walk for Warmth. Not only did we reach our goal, but surpassed it by raising \$3,666.15.

This money will be used for low-income residents of Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties, helping us ensure that no family goes without heat.

Also, thank you to Jessica Selissen, our raffle winner, for donating \$100 of her \$200 winnings back to the fund.

Lorie Selissen
East Jordan

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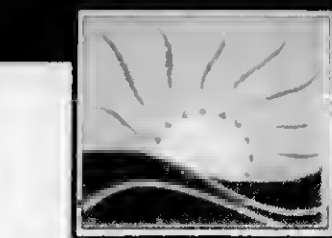
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COMMUNITY

45th Anniversary

Howard and Rosemary Horton

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horton will observe their 45th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 8.

Howard Horton and the former Rosemary DeLaney were married April 8, 1961, in the rectory of St. Catherine's Church in Oshtemo, by the late Rev. Fr. Robert Pelletier.

Howard retired from the Medusa

Cement Company, and Rosemary retired after 30 years of teaching high school. They have a son, William, of Los Angeles, Calif.; a daughter, Mary Farrell of Norton Shores; and three grandchildren, Laura, Maggie and Jack Farrell. The Hortons' son, Michael died in 1998.

Library board offers 'Hard Hat Sneak Peak' at project

The Charlevoix Public Library board of Trustees has invited the community to a "Hard Hat Sneak Peak" party where participants can view construction progress at the new library.

In celebration of National Library Week, the sneak peek will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17.

Attendees are asked to call the library to reserve a helmet at (231) 547-2651. Self-guided tours will be leaving at 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. from the Clark construction trailer on-site at 220 Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

"The project is on time and within budget and looks absolutely marvelous. The transformation from school to library is amazing," said Mary Ann Chew, president of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees. "The 'Hard Hat Sneak Peak' is a

chance for us to share our enthusiasm and excitement with the entire community."

The tours are self-guided with volunteer docents and Clark Construction personnel situated inside the facility to answer questions. An adult must accompany children under 12. To view demolition and construction photos, visit the library Web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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April 11 exchange offers new and gently used items

The 1st Annual Girlfriend's Exchange will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at Grey Gables Restaurant located at 308 Belvedere Avenue in Charlevoix.

Girls are invited to attend the event which will allow participants to buy or sell gently used or new clothing, shoes, make-up, accessories, knick-knacks and more.

There are still a few tables available for those looking to sell items. Those interested in setting up a table space can contact Beth Martin at (231) 547-1768.

Hayes Township Cleanup

JKW SALVAGE will start the first phase of the spring clean-up May 1st.

They will pick up:

- All metal items, including brass, copper, aluminum, etc.
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- Car batteries
- Lawn Mowers
- Car parts
- Tires with or without rims

Any items mentioned above will not be picked up by North Country Sanitation on the next phase.

NORTH COUNTRY SANITATION will begin the second phase of the clean-up May 4.

AS A GENERAL RULE, CLEANUP ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Household furniture, including chairs, couches, mattresses and tables
- Dry carpeting cut into lengths of four feet or less and rolled and tied securely and weighing no more than fifty (50) pounds.
- All other items must be bagged, boxed or bundled and weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

CLEANUP ITEMS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Any liquids including unsolidified paint, motor oil and antifreeze
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- Dangerous items, such as gasoline or hot ashes, burning barrels

Be aware that if any of the above items are put out they will be left. North Country Sanitation reserves the right to refuse any material not suitable for pickup.

Both companies will go down each road once so be sure to have anything you want picked up next to the road by 6:00 a.m. on the 1st. They may not be able to complete the cleanup in one day but they will NOT return to any road they already covered. There will be no service on private roads unless the mail is delivered to individual mailboxes or garbage service is provided to individual properties. Make sure that you have nothing near the road you don't want picked up! Mark any containers "SAVE" that you want left. KEEP ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP BY SALVAGE YARD SEPARATE FROM OTHER ITEMS OR THEY MAY BE LEFT.

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COMMUNITY

Engagement

Parvatiyar — Kammermann



Madan and Renu Parvatiyar of Cincinnati, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Survi Parvatiyar, to Noel Jacob Kammermann, son of Eric and Vel Kammermann of Charlevoix.

Survi, a graduate of Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, received her bachelor of science in biology and her juris doctorate from the University of Cincinnati. Survi is employed as an associate immigration attorney at Stephen Jeffries and Associates in New York City.

Noel, a graduate of Charlevoix High School, received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Wahash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., and his masters in mental health counseling from the University of Cincinnati. Noel is employed as the assistant director of Next Step Employment Services for Project Renewal, New York, N.Y. Project Renewal's mission is to renew the lives of homeless men and women in New York City.

A Sept. 3 wedding is planned in Loveland, Ohio.

Junior Master Gardening classes offered at Charlevoix Elementary School

Charlevoix Elementary School will be offering after school Junior Master Gardening classes to third through fifth-grade students.

The classes will take place every Tuesday beginning April 18 and will run through May 30.

Cost for program enrollment is \$15 per participant. This cost includes a Junior Master Gardening notebook, crafts, a T-shirt and field trip(s).

Junior Master Gardening is sponsored through Charlevoix County 4-H and Master Gardeners. The registration deadline is on Friday, April 18.

For more information contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

NWA students place at State Solo and Ensemble

The Northwest Academy Advanced Band members attended the State Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, March 25 in Manistee.

Of the eight events the group participated in, five performances received first division ratings and three received second division ratings.

Three students qualified with high proficiency scores and received a first division rating. They are Devin Toton who scored a 92 percent, Gary Toton who scored an 88 percent and Anna Kroon who scored a 87 percent. Two ensemble events also received first division ratings. They were Kellie Young and Devin Toton with a tenor sax and trumpet duet and Kellie Young, Allana Leslie and

Anna Kroon with a saxophone trio. Receiving a second division rating were Anna Kroon, Kellie Brethauer and Emma Maynard with a clarinet trio and Gary Toton and Allana Leslie with a tenor sax duet. Allana Leslie received a 60 percent on her Proficiency I tenor sax solo.

This is the eighth consecutive year that a large percentage of Northwest Academy band students have scored high ratings at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

"I am very proud of the results that these students have been able to accomplish year in and year out," said Gary Stutzman, director of bands for Northwest Academy.

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Hog heaven

Charlevoix Elementary School students chanted, "Kiss the pig. Kiss the pig," before their principal, Dick Swenor, kissed Wilbur of Boyne Valley Farms. Swenor had earlier promised to kiss a pig if the students met or exceeded their reading goal.

Obituaries

Alice Schoof: March 13, 1932 - March 23, 2006

Alice J. Schoof, 74, of Charlevoix, died on March 23 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

She was born on March 13, 1932 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Alfred and Cordelia (Herrmann) Thomas.

She resided in Whitewater, Wis. for many years before retiring and moving to Charlevoix in 1996.

She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Iowa State University and then went on to teach at State University of

New York in Plattsburgh, N.Y. and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 25 years.

She enjoyed reading, politics, keeping up on current news events and had a special love for traveling.

On June 14, 1958 in Villa Park, Ill., she married Jack Schoof who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Barbara (Mark) Kwasny of Columbus, Ohio, Martha (Stanley) Kupka of Charlevoix; and three grandchildren, Samantha Kupka and Katie

and Michael Kwasny.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, April 1 at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Rev. Nancy Rohde officiated. Interment will take place in Lakeview Cemetery in Bellaire at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Doctor's Without Borders, P.O. Box 1856, Merrifield, VA 22115, or to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Hazel Rehkopf: Jan. 8, 1914 - April 2, 2006

Hazel Rehkopf, 92, of Bay Shore, died on Sunday, April 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m., today, April 5, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix where visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Pastor Casey Smith of Parr Memorial Baptist Church in Petoskey will officiate. Charlevoix Chapter #72 will conduct an Order of the Eastern Star Memorial Service.

Hazel was born Jan. 8, 1914, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of John and Esther (Olson) Winks. She graduated from Creston High School in Grand Rapids and was voted prettiest girl of the class.

During World War II, Hazel worked as head of the engine branch,

aircraft parts, at Keesler Field in Biloxi, Miss. She later worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" during the Korean War at General Motors in Grand Rapids, where she continued to work after the war in automobile manufacturing. After leaving General Motors, she worked as a nurse's aid, studying to be a licensed practical nurse, but was forced to quit because of health reasons.

She moved to Charlevoix in 1971, and continued to work in health care as a hospital volunteer, having logged almost 5,000 hours at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Hazel was a member of Parr Memorial Baptist Church in Petoskey, Life Member of Charlevoix Chapter #72 Order of the Eastern

Star and member of Queen Esther Shrine #15, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Charlevoix. She was an Honorary Life Member of the Michigan Grand Chapter.

Hazel married Phillip Rehkopf on Dec. 25, 1940, and he preceded her in death on March 29, 1991. She is survived by her daughter, Janada Ann-Rehkopf Chingwa and son-in-law, Daniel John-Rehkopf Chingwa of Bay Shore; cousin, Lyle (Ruth) McNamara of Petoskey, their children, Mike (Nancy), Tom (Michele), and Rick McNamara, Patty (Randy) Draper and Joni Foster; and Anna Gray, who was like an adopted daughter, of Petoskey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmet or Charlevoix county humane societies.

Memorial service

Russell Dohm: 11 a.m. April 28, Brookside Cemetery

A graveside service for Russell F. Dohm, 82, of Charlevoix, who died March 8, will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 28 at the Brookside Cemetery

in Charlevoix.

The Reverend Todd Thompson of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church will officiate.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Services at 1 & 150 E. 2nd Ave. 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m. Pastor: Ryp Harkins 547-6430	ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7435
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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 05855 M-66 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (At Park Ave.) Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m. Church Office 547-9122
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Todd Thompson 547-2654 or 547-5168	FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31 Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800
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County-wide highway sign project underway

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Wooden posts being installed near existing directional signs along U.S. 31 and M-66 in Charlevoix and Antrim counties are part of a \$500,000 overhaul of signs in both counties.

According to Rise Rasch, the Traverse City transportation service manager for the Michigan Department of Transportation, the project, which started in March, is a routine procedure being undertaken by the department of transportation. The project is being funded by the federal government.

Rasch said the signs have not been replaced for over 10 years. And added that the life expectancy of the signs is over 15 years.

Some of the signs are made of plywood, others are aluminum. The material is dependent on the location and function of the sign. The poles are either steel or wood.

The project is expected to be complete in early May. Rasch said the project shouldn't require lane closures along either U.S. 31 or M-66 as most of the work is in the shoulder off the road.

The department of transportation is not undertaking any major road improvements in Charlevoix this summer.



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Wooden posts like those shown above, located off U.S. 31 near Martin Road on Charlevoix's north side, are being installed near existing directional signs along U.S. 31 and M-66 in Charlevoix and Antrim counties.

Weight restrictions lifted for commercial truck traffic

Weight restrictions for commercial truck traffic was lifted effective 8 a.m. on Monday, April 3, for the entire lower peninsula.

Weight restrictions remain in effect for the Mackinac Bridge and Upper Peninsula.

There are no restrictions for legal axle weight loads on trunklines designated as "all-season routes." All extended permits will be valid for oversized loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single trip permits will not be issued for any overweight loads of loads exceeding 14-feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960.

Easter Blessings

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

100 Oak Street, 231-547-9482

Mundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 13, 7 pm
"At the Foot of the Cross," message by Pastor Chip Sauer from Matthew 27:11-56

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 16, 10 am at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium
"Coming Home," message by Pastor Chip Sauer from Luke 15:11-32

"Gone/Christ Arose" and "Up from the Grave" by the choir; "Come Unto Me" by Rick Torres and Maggie Dickson; Children's message from Jan Boss; "Come to Jesus" by the Children's choir

Community Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14, Noon at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church
(Carrying the cross from Oleson's to the church, beginning at 11:30 am)

Message by Mike Dennis, First Baptist Church (Sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association)

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD

05291 M-66 North, Charlevoix
Pastor Ryp Harkins, 547-6430
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Sunday Worship Service

10:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt directly following the service

SAFE HARBOR BAPTIST CHURCH

US 31 & Old US 31 South, Charlevoix
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson

Good Friday Services

Good Friday, 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church

Easter Egg Hunt

April 15, Noon

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

6 am at Ferry Beach. Breakfast to follow

Easter Sunday - 11 am

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

State Street at Clinton, Charlevoix
Rev. E. James Gunn

Mundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13 - 7 pm
Holy Communion & stripping of the altar

Good Friday

Friday, April 14 - Noon
Community Good Friday Service begins at Oleson's parking lot for a cross procession at 11:30 am to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church for the community service.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16
6:30 am - Sunrise Song & Word Service
10 am - Breakfast in the fellowship hall
11 am - Easter Worship

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHARLEVOIX

104 State Street, Charlevoix

Mundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 13, 7 pm

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14, Noon
Service begins at 11:30 am in Oleson's parking lot for a cross procession to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church for the community service

Easter Services

April 16, 6:30 am Sunrise Song & Word Service at Ferry Beach
10 am Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
11 am Easter Worship

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

Thursday, 7 pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

Sunday 6:30 am at Depot Beach

Traditional Worship at 11 am

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

03682 Washington Ave, Charlevoix, 547-9008
Pastor: Rev. Michael Smith

Breakfast - 9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, 11 am

We invite you to participate in placing flowers on the Cross of Christ as we celebrate Resurrection Sunday!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

209 E. Main Street, Boyne City, 582-5045
Pastor: Rev. Peggy Natlerman

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, 9 am

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Palm Sunday

April 8, 5 pm Mass

April 9, 9 am & 11 am Mass

Holy Thursday - 7pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - Noon

Good Friday Liturgy - 12:30 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil - 9 pm

Easter Sunday

Mass - 9 am & 11 am

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH

Community Good Friday Service

April 14, 1 pm

Community Easter Sunrise Service

7:30 am at Ferry Beach

Easter Sunday Service - 11 am

Family Film Night 6pm

SANE 2005 report: 34 drug related arrests in county

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Drug enforcement officers had an eventful year in northern Michigan in 2005.

Despite levels higher than they'd like to see, the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) team's recently released 2005 annual report reflects a leveling off of certain types of drug prevalence in the area.

Two of the drugs which seem to be most prevalent, said Det. Lt. Ken Mills, Unit Commander for SANE, are cocaine and prescription drugs.

"Counts for cocaine have doubled. We've seen it and heard about it on the street," he said. "When it comes to prescription medication, it's still high, but it seems to be more leveled off."

He added, "That problem is not going to go away, because those folks that are addicted need help. It's hard to get off them. We may arrest some folks. They may be convicted and go to jail, but they come back out and a lot of times it's not long before they're right back out there."

"Prescription drugs continue to be a problem with overdose deaths. And the amount of cases we're working is still high," Mills said. "But, marijuana is still the most popular."

There were 226 drug related arrests made in 2005 in the nine-county area SANE covers. From that, 608 counts were levied against those individuals. Drugs were seized with a street value of \$345,874. In Charlevoix County, 34 arrests were made.

The net income received by SANE from asset forfeitures totaled \$101,554.

To put Charlevoix County's arrest rate of 34 in perspective, Antrim County

had no arrests, while Chippewa County had 50.

Mills said SANE's goals are more associated with focusing on taking drug traffickers off the streets than simply worrying about the amount of drugs they seize.

"Getting someone out of commission that is constantly doing business, we feel, has the biggest impact, so they're not bringing (drugs) into our communities," he said.

Mills said, due to factors such as affluence and lesser degrees of crime, prescription drugs are easier to attain in northern Michigan.

"If they're properly prescribed and properly taken, they're a wonderful thing," Mills said. "People who have chronic pain need these drugs to get by. But, there's a small group of individuals who know they can make money by selling it and know they can get high from taking it."

He added, "We've tried to get the word out on the dangers of prescription drugs, but a lot of people think that, since they're prescribed by doctors and made by a pharmaceutical company, they're safer than heroin, and that's not the case."

Mills said his team prioritizes as they see trends in arrests, treatments and trafficking shift.

"We identify the trends we feel are the most dangerous and try to have an impact on those," he said. "We noticed that methamphetamine in treatment records is up significantly from 2004-2005. In 2004, they only had a couple admit to using it in our four northern lower counties."

He added, "In 2005, 13 admitted to methamphetamine being their primary drug of use. That's a significant jump. We want to keep our eyes on those

things as they move north."

Mills said he is satisfied with the work SANE performs in northern Michigan.

"We feel pretty good about what we're doing. A lot of what we do in our small rural communities has great impact," he said. "Arresting someone with a little cocaine might not seem big, but he may be dealing to other communities, so the impact that has in our small community is big."

Mills added, "In a bigger city, as soon as you arrest someone for crack, there is someone else on that street corner, but it doesn't happen that quickly (in this area)."

Methamphetamine production is on the rise throughout the country, and while Mills said it hasn't been the most popular drug in the area, it is out there.

"Everybody is affected by methamphetamine, whether it's someone dumping their biohazards or waste from the cooking process or someone driving with this in their system," Mills said.

"The recovery rate (with methamphetamine) is pretty dismal. At 6 percent, meth has the lowest recovery rate of all addictive drugs."

He added, "And not only that, the chemicals in the labs themselves are pretty toxic and explosive in nature."

Despite SANE's successes throughout the years, Mills said, his team is not immune to the fiscal chopping block.

"Our board is dealing with a budget situation — everybody is feeling that," he said. "Our grants are being cut drastically, and coming up next year, we're taking another hit to our funding."



Courtesy photo

This stash of assorted drugs and cash resulted from one of the many seizures performed by the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) team in northern Michigan. The 226 arrests made by SANE in its many jurisdictions ranged from absconding and delivery of cocaine, to maintaining a drug house and possessing burglary tools.

He added, "We feel the impact that we have is something that people don't notice since we're covert in nature and our investigations are ongoing. Some of the best stuff we do never gets into the paper."

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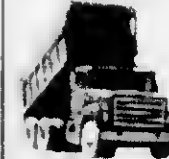
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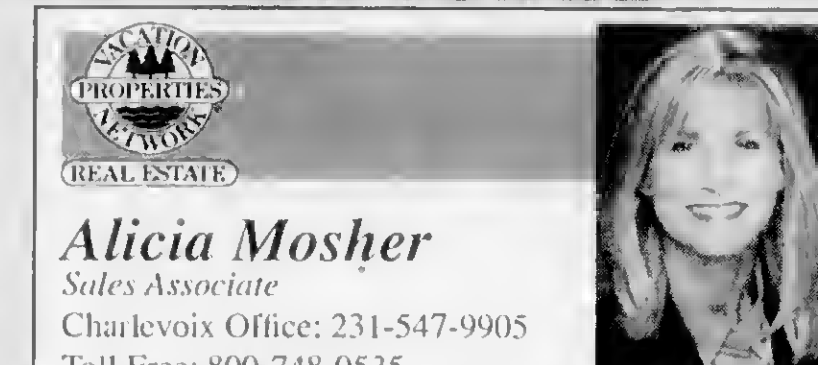


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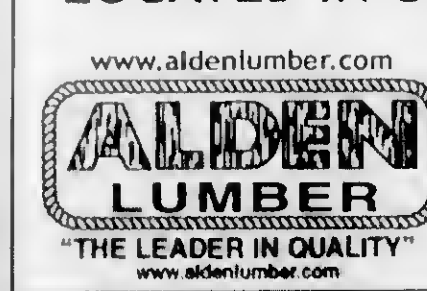
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Health department proposes sanitary code

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A unified sanitary code has been proposed for the four counties under jurisdiction of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

With sanitary codes written on dates ranging from 1968 to 2001, the codes of Emmet, Otsego, Antrim and Charlevoix counties have at least a few variances from each other.

"This is a proposed code," said director of environmental health, Scott Kendzierski. "Where we're at right now is, we're trying to incorporate the final revisions to the code. We've had input from commissioners, installers, real-estate (agents) and pumpers. We've had really diverse groups giving input on this."

Kendzierski said he hopes to see the proposed regulation go to public hearings by as early as May or June.

"Depending on how things go, we could potentially have a new code adopted by fall, but it's a long process and I think it needs to be done in a thoughtful way with input from everyone," he said. "We're certainly not trying to rush this process."

He added, "We started over two years ago. I think when Emmet (County) went through their revision, it took them three years, and

I don't expect we'll have it done before the three-year mark."

The main changes in the proposed Unified Sanitary Code, Kendzierski said, include an expansion of definitions to allow for clearer meanings, changes in construction standards which will allow for septic tank risers for easier location of septic tanks in the field and the ability to install an effluent filter to extend the life of septic systems.

Kendzierski said another of the proposed changes includes advanced treatment systems which use innovative technologies to pretreat wastewater before it goes to disposal and more oversight to ensure proper maintenance of systems.

The board of health will look at the proposed regulation. If approved, the proposal will be taken to the four counties for public hearings.

"I think there will be some issues. It will create some small costs to the system," Kendzierski said. "An effluent filter can cost anywhere from \$40 to \$120, but it is a great benefit to reducing solids going out into the field and it extends the life of the system."

The proposed regulation also provides some language to deal with the event that someone is granted an easement from their neighbor for a pump back system when one person's land isn't suit-



Scott Kendzierski

both parties," he said.

Kendzierski said the main reason for the proposed regulation

able, but their neighbor's is.

"Even though we've been doing this for a number of years, we're providing the right legal language that protects

is to get people to maintain their septic systems before the systems fail.

"If it doesn't pass, I think some of the benefits in the code won't be implemented, and as time moves on and this area becomes more densely populated, we need to address issues of how we manage septic systems," he said. "Also, we have revised the appeals section of the code, creating a five-member appeals board."

He added, "Having a board of health review over the appeals that are granted will maintain consistency over the counties on how appeals are granted or not granted."

Kendzierski said, if the proposal passes, an on-site maintenance monitoring system will be established to create a registry to track permitted, on-site septic systems, which will help ensure maintenance is done in a timely manner.

"And once on the registry, anytime a tank is pumped, we'll get a statement. If it hasn't been pumped in five years, we'll send a notice to the homeowners."

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Lions Club plans April 15 disc sporting event

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

You might not catch Tiger Woods out on the course from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 15, but citizens of all ages will have the chance to enjoy a disc golf and disc horseshoe clinic sponsored by the Lions that day at Ferry Beach Park.

"We're asking all of our Lions to show up to learn how to play these games to see if it's feasible to go ahead with a fund-raiser," said Bern Cannan of the Lions Club of Charlevoix. "This is strictly a learning experience. We're also going to invite anyone from the public to come down and join in."

Dave Fuller, head of the Northern Michigan Disc Sports Organization, will bring a team of experts to demonstrate some of the many disc oriented games available.

"We'll be featuring disc horseshoes, which is quite a fun game, and some disc golf," Cannan said. "We'll actually be setting up some targets for people to shoot at."

Disc golf has been an organized sport since the 1970s. It can be played for a low cost, discs range in cost from as low as \$7 or \$8 and the sport can be played just about anywhere with some open space.

"Put two of these targets 40-feet apart and you have a disc horseshoe course," Cannan said. "Or, put 18 of them around a field and you have a (disc) golf course."

While a golf ball is hit into a hole in the ground, disc golf is won by getting the disc into the target, which consists of a canvas

and metal basket, in the fewest throws.

"The one that's the easiest and most fun to teach people is disc horseshoes," Cannan said. "You get to throw a lot of times, it's a short distance and it doesn't take much space."

The Lions first conceived of the possibility of holding a disc sports fund-raiser after learning Fuller's group raised more than \$5,000 in a single event.

"The one on April 15 is free-of-charge. We may have people sign up for events, but right now, it's more or less a clinic," he said. "If there are some events we can do where we'll get some competition, we'll take it from there."

Cannan added, "We're very good at putting on golf outings — this is the 13th year we're putting on a golf outing, and we've attracted over 125 golfers. We know how to do that and would apply some of the same things as we do for golf."

The Charlevoix Lions Club has approximately 25 different beneficiaries. "And we're looking at adding some more," Cannan said. "Disc sports can be played any time of the year. The only thing that can stop it is a blizzard or thunder and lightning."

The Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) has more than 16,000 members, and the game is played throughout the world. Possibly the most popular disc sport is the disc golf, although disc horseshoes and the other varieties of disc games are becoming more

popular.

Cannan said the Lions Club is in the early stages of deciding whether to hold a cold weather disc sport fund-raiser.

"This is just a feasibility study to see if we can attract enough attention to put on a major event next year sometime between January and April," Cannan said. "We hope it would be something to do in the off-season for the Lions and the community and any visitors that we can attract."

If the Lions decide to go ahead with the fund-raisers, they will be planned during times the golf courses are unused.

"We have people who don't like to go downhill on skis in the wintertime," he said. "All ages can play disc sports. Even the youngest can throw a disc into a basket."

He added, "I'm 86. So, if I can throw it, anyone can throw it. And, it's good exercise. Just the activity of walking and throwing is enough to get your blood moving."

The Charlevoix Lions Club has been around for 43 years and is part of Lions International, a large volunteer organization founded in 1917.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Lions Club member, Bern Cannan, shows his disc tossing skill by throwing at a disc golf target. This target, which took less than two minutes to set up, can be used for many disc sports including golf, around the world and horseshoes.

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Photo by Dana Dvoracek

Hayden Dvoracek of Charlevoix recently welcomed spring with the arrival of a new calf, Reddy.



Photo by Julie Christiansen

Charlevoix's U.S. Coast Guard cutter Acacia returns to its home port in Round Lake on March 2 following training on Lake Michigan.



Photo by Glo McAlister

Tyler and Allison Burchyett of Hernando, Miss. sit with their son at Michigan Beach during the summer 2005 while visiting grandma, Glo McAlister.



Photo by John Nickelsen

(Left) Racine, Wis. resident John Nickelsen submitted several scenery shots of the Charlevoix area. This look at Horton Creek on a serene January afternoon shows the creek's winter mood. Nickelsen said he shoots the creek almost every time he visits Charlevoix.



Photo by Nikki Louise

Ellie, 5, and Mason, 7, of Charlevoix spent a cold winter Sunday building this snow fort with their dad.

PARENTING

Combatting sleep struggles, creating healthy snoozers



Sharon Smorch
'Kids' corner'

Most common infant and children's sleep problems are bedtime struggles—having trouble going to bed and falling asleep and nighttime awakenings that are usually the result of being unable to return to sleep by self-soothing. These problems may be far reaching.

Sleep disruptions will affect a child's mood and behavior causing daytime sleepiness, decreased attention span, restlessness, excessive physical activity (hyperactivity), irritability, impulsiveness, distractibility, decreased memory, excessive crying and temper tantrums. Research shows that sleep disorders experienced in infancy may persist into the toddler years and later childhood, it may even predict further sleep and behavior management problems.

A child's sleep problems also affect parents, causing them to lose sleep, affecting their mood and behavior and impacting their interaction with their children. Parents can help prevent sleep problems before intervention is required by understanding their child's natural sleep patterns and creating an environment that encourages developing good sleep practices.

Every baby has a distinctive pattern of sleep and waking. As time passes, you'll see that these follow a natural and consistent rhythm throughout the 24-hour day. Usually this will emerge by 6 weeks, with clear individual awakenings. A daily sleep schedule can be learned by 3 to 4 months.

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Not being able to self-soothe is usually related to development of negative sleep associations. Meaning the conditions that are present at the time the infant falls asleep must be present again for baby to fall asleep (rocking, nursing, etc.)

Sleep patterns affect baby's behavior throughout the day as well as baby's health and development. Sleep disturbances in children are associated with daytime behavior problems. Sleep deprivation increases the chance of accidental injuries and may affect the heart, immune system and digestive system of the baby.

Babies and children thrive on routine. A consistent and positive bedtime routine will reduce bedtime struggles and influence sleep.

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Usually between 3 and 5 years, most children stop napping altogether. At this time, their nighttime sleep will probably increase.

Snoring, noisy breathing and breathing pauses are symptoms of Obstructive Sleep Apnea or Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome. Parasomnias are common in young children. These are usually nighttime arousal or partial arousal such as sleep walking, sleep talking, sleep terrors as well as nightmares. This is normal development.

However, persistently too scared to fall asleep and frequent awakenings with severe nightmares may signal an anxiety disorder or serious emotional stress.

Prevention of poor sleep habits is the key to a good night's sleep. When sleep disorders are diagnosed and treated you will see a remarkable improvement in mood, behavior and attention.

Sharon Smorch is a the Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center Coordinator.

The center is located within the hospital at 14700 Lake Shore Drive in Charlevoix. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-8900.

Maintaining healthy sleep habits in teens

The following is a list of six tips for maintaining healthy sleep habits in teens.

1. Sleep is food for the brain. Lack of sleep can make you look tired and feel depressed, irritable and angry. Even mild sleepiness can hurt your performance from taking school exams to playing sports or video games. Learn how much sleep you need to function at your best. Most adolescents need between 8.5 and 9.25 hours of sleep each night to awaken refreshed, not tired.

2. Keep a regular bedtime and wake time schedule, and maintain this schedule during weekends and school, even during vacations.

3. Get into bright light as soon as possible in the morning, but avoid it in the evening. This light helps to signal the brain when it should wake up and when it should prepare to sleep.

4. Understand your circadian rhythms. Then you can try to maximize your schedule throughout the day according to your internal clock. For example, to compensate for your "slump (sleepy) times," participate in stimulating activities or classes that are interactive. Try to avoid lecture classes and potentially unsafe activities, including driving.

5. After lunch (or in the afternoon), avoid caffeine, which is a stimulant. Also avoid alcohol, it disrupts sleep.

6. Relax before going to bed. Avoid heavy reading, studying and computer games within an hour of going to bed. Don't fall asleep with the television on — flickering light and stimulating content can prevent restful sleep.

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Monthly featured event: Easter Egg Hunt



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The 15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 p.m., April 15 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park. The Easter Bunny will be on-site as children armed with baskets collect 6,000 prize-filled eggs. Children will be divided into three age categories before the hunt begins. The categories are 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for April reading.

Penny Ives,
"Rabbit Pie."

Ages 2-5

Six small rabbits, one bath, six pairs of pajamas, six cups of milk, six carrots, one story, and a sprinkling of kisses. These are the ingredients for rabbit pie, a mother rabbit's recipe for tending to her six little ones. Best served at bedtime, this book is sure to be a favorite read-aloud treat.

Lee Bennett Hopkins,
"Got Geography."

Ages 5-9

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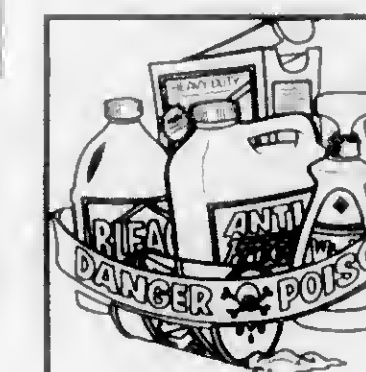
Ages 7-12

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Lewis Carroll,
"Alice's Adventures in
Wonderland."

Ages 8-12

This revised children's classic is a must for all families. Helen Oxenbury has added her delightful watercolor illustrations of Alice and all the wonderland characters. This edition would be a wonderful first introduction to Alice's world.



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P.J. party

On Thursday morning, March 30, first-grade students at Charlevoix Elementary School enjoyed their annual pajama party during which principal Dick Swenor read a bedtime story to them.

Literacy celebration to take place on April 13 at elementary school

Literacy will be celebrated during fun activities for families with children age birth to five beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at Charlevoix Elementary School.

On tap for the evening will be several interactive literacy events. Special guest readers will read books to children. Chris Hauke, Charlevoix Library Youth Services Supervisor, is working with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District staff to provide the fun activities for parents and children birth to five. Older siblings are welcome to attend with their family.

A light dinner will be provided from 5:30 to 6 p.m., with all the

activities following.

"While interacting with their children, parents will learn new activities and strategies to expand their child's learning," said Leslie VanDeCar, a family school liaison with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

The evening is sponsored by Charlevoix Elementary School and Stepping Stones to School. Stepping Stones to School is a network of free services open to all families with children, ages birth through five. Stepping Stones to School is designed to help families walk their child toward school readiness starting at birth. Studies show that the potential success of a child depends

on the level of parental and adult involvement beginning at birth.

Besides learning about events, families that enroll in Stepping Stones to School receive invitations to play groups to meet other families with young children; newsletters with information on health, nutrition and fun activities to try at home; birthday packets from the local elementary school until the child reaches kindergarten; access to an event line listing area activities; and home visits from a registered nurse.

For more information about Stepping Stones to School or the location and date of activities at your local elementary school, call (231) 547-6217.

DNR anticipates active wildfire season

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which is responsible for wildland fire protection of 20 million acres of state and private land, is anticipating an active spring wildfire season.

"The outlook for 2006 calls for a fairly active spring which will likely include at least one large wildfire," said Scott Heather, Department of Natural Resources state wildfire supervisor.

Statistics kept by the Forest, Minerals and Fire Management (FMFM) Division show that the Department of Natural Resources already has responded to more fires burning more acres in 2006 than it did by the time in the early spring 2005.

According to representatives of the Forest, Minerals and Fire Management (FMFM) Division, 2005 was considered a very active year for wildland fire.

Heather explained that while most

of the state received a higher than normal amount of rain during the winter, many parts of the state didn't receive a lot of snow.

"This means that fine fuels, such as tall grasses and weeds, did not get compacted," Heather said. "These materials will dry out and carry fire rather quickly."

Heather added that the drought conditions seen in some parts of the state in the summer and fall 2005 have been fully mitigated and the summer and fall wildfire seasons in 2006 should see moderate activity with fires not burning as deep into the organic layer.

Most of Michigan's wildfires occur in April, May and June, with minor occurrences in the summer and fall. In 2005, Department of Natural Resources fire officers responded to 535 fires that burned 4,342 acres.

"The majority of wildfires in our

state are caused by citizens burning yard debris in the spring," Heather said. "Simply put, the best sources of fire prevention out there are our citizens."

Heather offered these tips to help prevent wildfires:

- Always obtain a burning permit, which is free, before doing any outdoor burning. Information on how to obtain a permit is available on the Department of Natural Resources Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- It is safer to burn debris in the evening, when the temperatures are cooler and there is usually less wind.
- Always use water to extinguish a fire. Keep adding water and stirring the ashes until the fire is completely out. Merely covering a fire with dirt often does not completely extinguish it.
- Avoid burning yard waste if possible, and compost it instead. Information

on how to recycle or compost yard waste is available on the Department of Environmental Quality's Web site at www.michigan.gov/deq or from any Michigan State University Extension Service office.

- Maintain a "ring of safety" around

your home to protect it from wildfires. Keep tall grasses mowed within 30-feet of all buildings. Thin out trees within 30-feet of all buildings so their crowns do not touch, and trim the bottom branches off all evergreens to 6-feet above the ground.

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Connie Swander (left), lab director at the Michigan State Police Forensics Lab, was one of several speakers featured at the Northwest Academy Career Day event which took place March 24 at the school.

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Local boys place at Cub Scout Pinewood Derby



Tiger Cub champions (above, left to right) 1st place, Ryan Graham, East Jordan Pack 17; 2nd place, George Adams, Cheboygan Pack 187; 3rd place, Kyle Reed, Alanson Pack 4; 4th place, Brandon Goldsmith, Harbor Springs Pack 55; 5th place, Dan Nesburg, Charlevoix Pack 11; and 6th place, Drew Wyatt, Alanson Pack 4.

On Saturday, March 25, the Cub Scouts of the Northern Trails District held the district-wide Pinewood Derby Championship at the Boyne Falls High School. Participating were 96 scouts from 20 Packs, representing five counties in the double elimination event.



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Webelos champions (above, left to right) 1st place, Diamond McPherson, Ellsworth Pack 16; second place, Zachary Johnson, Petoskey Pack 5; 3rd place, Aiden Holliday, Petoskey Pack 5; 4th place, Nicholas Snabes, Charlevoix Pack 11; 5th place, Kevin Lange, Boyne City Pack 53; and 6th place, Brandon Cardwell, East Jordan Pack 17.

Class of 1956 reunion planners seek classmates

Members of the Charlevoix High School Class of 1956 need assistance in planning their fiftieth class reunion.

The reunion event weekend has been scheduled to take place Aug. 18-20.

The following classmates cannot be located at this time: Barbara Joseph, Sandra Kaumits, Marilyn Jones, Karen Thrasher, Gary Coveyou, Evelyn Doyle, William Gasco, Irving Dubey, Don Wulstead, Bonnie Wakefield and Gerald Harrington.

Those with information about the classmates can contact reunion committee member Sharon Knutson by mail at 408 Burns St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or by phone at (231) 547-1209.

Two upcoming Charlevoix Senior Center fund-raisers

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host two fund-raiser dinners to help defray the center's operational expenses.

The first will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12.

The dinner will feature roast pork with all the trimmings, a salad bar, dessert and a beverage for \$8 per person.

The dinner is open to the public, and take-outs are available by calling the center at (231) 547-5361.

The second is a Spring-Fling Dinner-

Dance which will take place on April 18 at the center.

The sit-down dinner will feature a choice of three entrees, including prime rib, baked whitefish and barbecued ribs. Sides will include a salad bar, dessert and beverage. Music will be provided by In-Service Band.

Tickets are available for \$25 per couple at the office of the senior center.

The center is located at 06906 Norwood Road, five blocks west of Flap-Jack Family Restaurant.

Library to host bedtime story hour, pajama party

In recognition of National Library Week, the Charlevoix Public Library will host a "Sleepy Time Stories" event.

Parents or guardians are invited to join their children in wearing their pa-

jamas at the story hour which will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19 at the library located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

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Rayder football players pump iron



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Charlevoix High School varsity football players recently competed in the Upper Peninsula State Power Lifting Championship March 25. They are (front, from left) Jake Rankl, Drew Klooster, Matt Kanine, Josh Wolletz and Zach Rankl. (Back, from left) Trevor Cole, Justin Klooster, Danny Waldron, Cliff Jones, Phil Michaud and Ray Jones.

Several members of the Charlevoix High School football team competed in the Upper Peninsula State Power Lifting Championship March 25.

Charlevoix placed fifth in the team competition and had several lifters medal by finishing in the top five in their weight classes.

The lifters competed in the dead lift, parallel squat and the bench press.

Second place finishers were Ray Jones, Cliff Jones, Josh Wolletz and Danny Waldron. Trevor Cole finished in third place. Finishing in fourth place were Drew Klooster, Matt Kanine, Justin Klooster, Jake Rankl and Phil Michaud.

Ray Jones was the top lifter for the Rayders with a combined lift of 1,125 pounds. Other top lifters were Drew Klooster, Cliff Jones, Trevor Cole, Matt Kanine and Zach Rankl.

"I thought our kids lifted very well considering this was our first ever weight lifting competition," said Don Jess, head Charlevoix High School varsity football coach.

Students face faculty in hoops showdown

At 7 p.m. on April 26 Charlevoix High School students will face off against members of the high school faculty in a basketball game at the high school.

Proceeds from the event will help support the "All-night Senior Party," a post-graduation party for the Class of 2006 to celebrate their accomplishments.

For more information, contact Chris Cole in the evening at (231) 547-4991.

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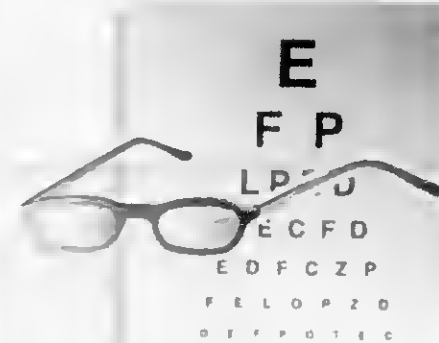
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Youth wrestlers finish season with March 25 Petoskey tourney



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The Charlevoix Elementary Middle School Wrestling Team ended their season with a tournament in Petoskey on March 25. The competition was tough, but everyone worked hard and did their best in this four-man and six-man round-robin style tournament. Wrestlers earning gold medals were Kody Gould, Jared McLean, Justin Perkins, Lucas VonLau, Jake Novotny and Hunter Turner. Second place finishers were Tristin Fillizetti, Jamey Eakes, Sammy Hovie and Avery Penfold. Third place finishers were Mick Hinkle, Eli Daman, Vincent VonLau, Curtis Russell and Jacob Roach. The team is coached by Craig Golovich and Nick Gould.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Disc sporting event

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 15, citizens of all ages will have the chance to enjoy a disc golf and disc horseshoe clinic sponsored by the Lions that day at Ferry Beach Park. (Above) Lions Club member, Bern Cannan, tries his luck with a disc.

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J Arnold Painting "A"	27	25		R & C Roofing	331	369		Irene Celliner	392	151		Annette Hostler	470	181	
Paul Bunyan Lanes	27	25		St. Mary's	196	444		Tuesday Night Ladies - March 28, 2006				Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles			
Seph Trucking	25	25		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				March 26, 2006				March 26, 2006			
J Arnold Painting "Z"	25	27		Series	Game	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
Bud's Buds	21	31		Scott Kehler	511	246		Grey Gables Inn	29	19		Cunningham, Mikulski	41.5	14.5	
The Flight Deck	16	36		Jim Potter	615	234		Charlevoix Foot Clinic	26.5	21.5		Hart	35	21	
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Jeff Smith	604	234		Young At Hearts - March 30, 2006				Oleson's Food Store	22	26		Hill Martinech	27.5	28.5	
Chris Pulman	577	226		W	L	Series	Game	Birdies Beauty Shoppe	21	27		Golovich	26	30	
Scott Dixon	577	226		Spartan	40	12		Central Drug Store	15.5	32.5		Herboldheimer	21	35	
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Paul Bunyan Lanes	403	297		Past Times	27	25		Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game
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Stan Fiedorek	168			Irish Rollers	16	36		Gutter Gals - March 23, 2006				Dave Golovich	408	147	
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This free, eight-session, seven-week program, starts April 11 and ends May 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

To register call (231) 547-8672 or e-mail poterm@cah.org.

The clinic will take place at the following dates and times: Orientation/registration will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April

11. Session one, "On the Road to Freedom," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. Session two, "Wanting to Quit," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25. Session three, "Quit Day," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2. Session four, "Winning Strategies," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4. Session five, "The New You," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9. Session six, "Staying Off," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16. Session seven, "Let's Celebrate," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30.

County man sentenced for violating environmental laws

A Charlevoix County man was recently sentenced for violating a court order and environmental laws.

Last week, Ingham County Judge Paula J. Manderfield of the 30th Circuit Court, ordered Steven G. Smith, President of C.H. Smith Company, Inc., to serve 30 days in the Ingham County Jail for contempt of court as a result of deliberately violating the court's permanent injunction that was issued on May 5, 2004, and prohibited the company from operating its gravel crushing plants.

"Disregard for Michigan's environmental laws can have serious consequences for the health of our environment," said Department of Environmental Quality director Steven E. Chester. "The DEQ is obligated to enforce orders and judgments issued by the courts and will continue to investigate and prosecute those who choose to violate our environmental protection laws."

Department of Environmental Quality staff first observed workers at the C.H. Smith Company operating prohibited crushing plants at the "Smith Pit" in Charlevoix County in September 2004 and documented additional evidence suggested ongoing activities at the site in early 2005.

Additionally, through further investigation by Department of Environmental Quality staff, it was discovered that Smith reactivated a dormant corporation, Undine Excavating Inc., with close relatives identified as the officers, for the purpose of avoiding enforcement of the permanent injunction against C.H. Smith Company.

"Harming Michigan's treasured environment is simply not permissible," said Attorney General Michael Cox. "My office will continue to prosecute anyone who acts with disregard toward our natural resources."

Gravel crushing plants can contribute to particulate matter levels less than 10 micrometers in diameter

(PM10). PM10 is readily inhaled into the respiratory system where it can accumulate and lead to various health concerns. The unregulated operation of gravel crushing plants likely results in excessive emissions of PM10 due to the lack of pollution reducing controls.

The permanent injunction ordered by the court in this case stems from C.H. Smith Company's failure to comply with federal and state air quality rules and regulations and an administrative consent order requiring, in part, the permitting and testing of the crushing equipment and the payment of penalties.

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Planned Parenthood preps parents and teens for prom

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan is once again offering free Prom Kits, which can be picked up at the health center at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey.

Prom Kits are provided as a tool for parents in helping their teens have fun during prom without engaging in risky behaviors, such as using alcohol or drugs, or putting themselves at risk for sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy.

"We encourage both parents and high school students to come

in and pick up a Prom Kit," said Lori O'Neill, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan director of education. "The information and materials will foster discussions about responsible decision-making and dealing with pressure in sometimes difficult situations."

The Prom Kits, which were first offered in 1994, continue to be a popular resource. They include brochures on communicating about sexuality, drinking and driving, date rape drugs, abstinence and other important topics.

"Planned Parenthood's Prom Kits can help begin conversations between parents and teens to help ensure that teens have a fun and safe evening," said O'Neill. "The Prom Kits contain important information for teens to understand, such as how drug or alcohol use can reduce inhibitions, increasing the risk of irresponsible sexual activity."

Free Prom Kits are available at the Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Health Center at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey. For more information call (231) 347-9692.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT - CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
File No: 05-035-21-CH

LINDA H. MATTHEWS and SALLY RANDALL SWANSON LLC, Plaintiffs,

v

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP, EDWARD YOUNGER and CAROLINE YOUNGER, his wife, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF LAURA BOWMAN CASE, AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN PERSON CLAIMING THROUGH SUCH HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES

Defendants

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Attorney for Plaintiffs
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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT TO QUIET TITLE

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on April 28, 2006. The premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

In the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 1 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said Section North 00 degrees 00 minutes 46 seconds West 1315.97 feet to a T-iron stake on the South eighth line of said section; thence along said eighth line North 89 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East 1340.83 feet to a one-half inch rod being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said eighth line North 89 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East 377.00 feet to a one-half inch rod; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds East 1068.58 feet to a one-half inch rod on the North line of the Boyne City-Advance Road; thence continuing South 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds East 34.67 feet to the center line of said Road; thence along said center line South 72 degrees 01 minutes 21 seconds West 396.04 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds West 34.67 feet to a one-half inch Rod on the North line of said Road; thence continuing North 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds West 1189.47 feet to the point of beginning, being a part to the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. And Parcel 6; In the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 1 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section North 00 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds West 1315.97 feet to a T-iron stake on the South eighth line of said section; thence along said eighth line North 89 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East 1717.83 feet to a one-half inch of being the point of beginning of this description; thence

continuing along said eighth line North 89 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East 423.80 feet to a one-half inch rod; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds East 932.68 feet to a one-half inch Rod on the North line of the Boyne City-Advance Road; thence continuing South 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds East 34.67 feet to the center of line of said road; thence along said center line South 72 degrees 01 minutes 21 seconds West 445.20 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds West 34.67 feet to a one-half Rod on the North line of said Road; thence continuing North 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds West 1086.58 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Genealogical Society meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 6 in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 East Main Street in Boyne City.

The workshop focuses on using oral family histories and genealogical facts to compose a short biographical sketch (also known as an ancestor vignette) of your ancestors' lives.

Presenter Patrick McCleary has many years of experience with genealogical study and compiling historical vignettes for both his personal use and a variety of publications.

This is an activity-based workshop. Participants are asked to choose an ancestor to write about. Then, to bring the following information about that ancestor to the workshop: Family information, his or her obituary, a photograph if possible and one to three stories about that person.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jo at (231) 582-9602 or Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Wine tasting fund-raiser

The Charlevoix County Humane Society is celebrating spring with an array of fine wines and gourmet appetizers.

The wine tasting fund-raiser, "Taste of Spring," is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Garrett's on Water Street in Boyne City.

Tickets are \$20 per person. 100 percent of proceeds are directed to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Garrett's on Water Street at (231) 582-1111.

Pineapple Story

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene will present the "Pineapple Story" video during the 6 p.m. service on Palm Sunday, April 9. The "Pineapple Story" is a personal account of how God used a pineapple garden to teach a Christian missionary the power of meekness. This inspirational testimony demonstrates the victory and power available to us through applying scriptural principles in our life and ministry. Everyone is welcome.

Comedy Troupe

The Little Traverse Civic Theatre's Second Sunday Improvisational Comedy Troupe will perform at 7 p.m. on Sunday,

April 9 at City Park Grill located at 432 East Lake Street in Petoskey.

Katrina aftermath program

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will host a program featuring Charlevoix resident Lyle Gennett who will present video footage, set to music, from his trip to Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

The guild event will take place at 11 a.m. on April 10 in the large classroom near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital located off Lakeshore Drive. Guild members, hospital volunteers and members of the public are invited to attend. For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

Easter Egg Hunt

The 15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt takes place at 2 p.m., April 15 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

The Easter Bunny will be on-site as children armed with baskets collect 6,000 prize-filled eggs.

Children will be divided into three age categories before the hunt begins. Categories are 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years.

Spring Art Show

A Spring Art Show at St. Mary School will last from April 21-28. The show features art in various mediums made by students under the direction of Lori Bolt. Pieces will be on display throughout the school. The public is invited to stop by the school located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix to participate. For more information call (231) 547-9441.

K of C Cash Raffle

Father Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 will host its 30th Annual Cash Raffle.

There are 250 tickets available for the drawing and event. First prize is \$10,000, second prize is \$1,500, third prize is \$1,000 and over \$4,000 in other cash prizes will be given away.

The drawing will take place April 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Tickets are \$150 and are available by calling John Haegard at (231) 547-4046 or (231) 547-6600 or by calling Louie McKenzie at (231) 547-6475.

Lasting Impression

An upcoming fund-raiser will allow participants to capture a child's hand or foot print in clay.

"Lasting Impression," a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Children's

House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will allow participants to pick a color of glaze to be used for the hand or foot clay imprint.

Event coordinator Tonya Mann said the imprints are ideal for Father's Day and Mother's Day gifts.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Charlevoix Children's House, located at 8700 Mercer Boulevard, in Charlevoix.

Rates are \$20 for a 4 inch square tile, \$30 for a 6 inch square tile, \$35 for circle 7 inches in diameter and \$50 for a 9 inch square. Custom sizes are available by request. The price includes clay firing and glazing.

People of all ages are welcome to participate.

For more information contact Tonya Mann at (231) 547-6960.

Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic

On April 29 the Charlevoix High School baseball team will host its first annual Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic at Antrim Dells Golf Course.

The format will be a four-person scramble. The cost to participate is \$65 per person which includes doughnuts, golf, door prizes and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the baseball team's immediate and future needs.

Additionally, golfers may purchase chances to win hole-in-one prizes, games and raffle items. Live and silent auctions will also take place.

Tickets for dinner and an opportunity to bid in the auctions are \$20 per person.

To become a sponsor, donate prizes or auction items or to register for the golf scramble, call Kirk Heckendorn at (231) 547-2683 or 675-1941 or e-mail him at kheckendorn@charter.net.

Baby-sitter training

Baby-sitter training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with training in safety, basic childcare, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is \$25 for the class and includes a baby-sitter's list that contains many of the items needed to feel confident and skilled as a baby-sitter. Snacks and lunch are provided. For more information, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on

Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group

for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Harsha House hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

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Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. An Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in meeting room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano

Club. For further information, call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW —

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW

Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information, call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support groups —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (231) 237-0103 for more information.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently

or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information, call (231) 439-3935.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information, call 547-0373.

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Charlevoix Senior Center lunches served at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

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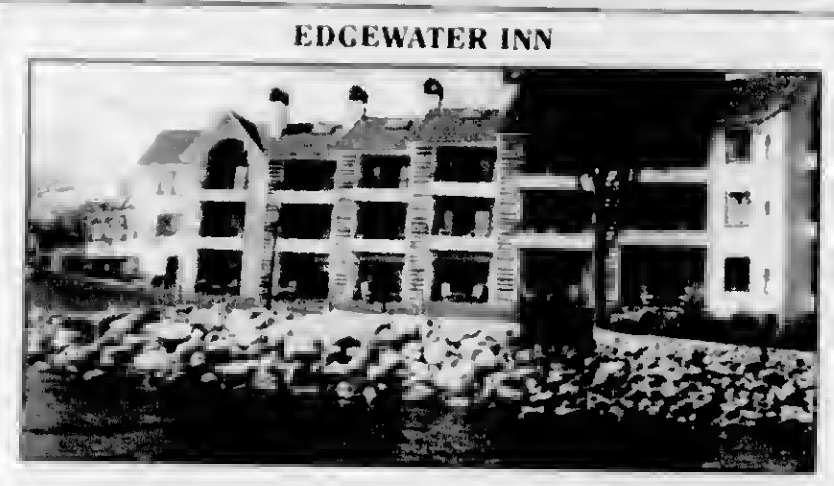
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Inside... Ford retires



Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Program Director Connie Ford will retire from her full-time position but may return on a part-time basis next year.

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In search of the Griffin



A group of local residents are working to base an archeological excursion out of Charlevoix.

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Next week
Make it Michigan, CES carnival and county business

Skate park construction kicks off

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Construction of Charlevoix's skate park is underway.

Scott Stebe of Stebe Construction was at the Carpenter Avenue site of the new Charlevoix Community Skatepark last week turning lumber into a half-pipe, quarter-pipes, roll-ins, a pyramid, fun boxes and grind rails.

"Everything should be in place by Memorial Day weekend," said Laura Stebe, a member of Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., the fundraising group that worked to create the city owned and operated park.

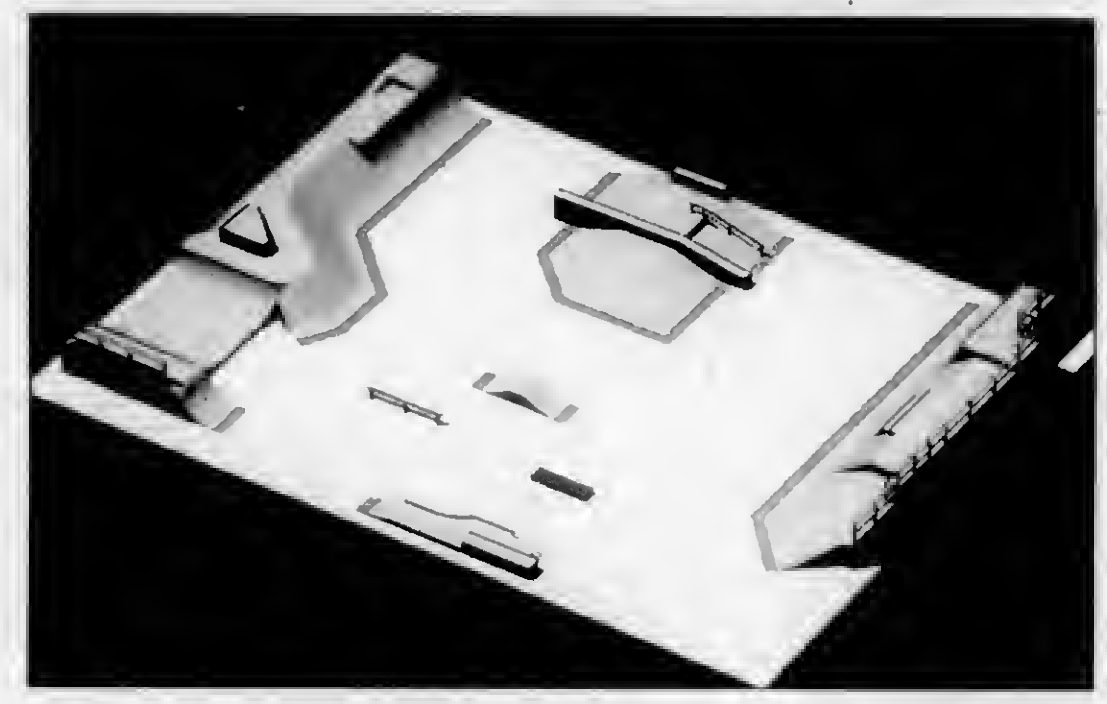
Skateboarding made its first appearance on the American extreme sports scene in the 1950s followed by in-line skating in the 1980s.

Since then, both sports have grown to become highly competitive recognized forms of fun and for some, even professions.

Charlevoix residents and visitors who call these extreme sports their gaming choice have spent decades searching for venues in which to practice and compete. Often finding themselves street skating — grinding on handrails, curbs, benches and other elements of Charlevoix's suburban landscape. All the while attempting to evade law enforcement, in hot pursuit.

According to Charlevoix City Police Chief Gerard Doan, city sidewalks, steps and handrails are prohibited for riding bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates. And with the popularity of these sports at an all-time

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Courtesy photo

These are the plans for the Charlevoix Community Skate Park, located off Carpenter Avenue. Construction at the site started last week and the park is expected to open Memorial weekend.

Congress backs retention of local Coast Guard cutter

House and Senate majority support needed to seal the deal

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

"When it becomes a law, basically Charlevoix can expect a continued presence of a vessel in Charlevoix."

Bart Stupak
U.S. Congressman

Charlevoix is now only two steps away from retaining a Coast Guard cutter presence.

According to U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak (D-Menominee), the United States Coast Guard has signed off on language in a bill which would retain the cutter Acacia, or if decommissioned, would replace it with another ice breaking asset.

"Everybody, the Coast Guard subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, has approved this language," Stupak said. "A bill will be taken up as soon as we go back the week of the (April) 24."

He added, "It's for the next year at least that they're going to keep ice breaking assets, as they call it, in the Great Lakes — in the report language they refer to Charlevoix

specifically. If they decommission the Acacia, they would have another asset there (Charlevoix)."

Stupak said there are several reasons for the Coast Guard's decision, including Canada's decommissioning of one of their main ice breaking ships.

And, he said, "Admiral Papp, the district commander in Ohio, will now be chief of staff of the new commandant of the Coast Guard. He came by three to four weeks ago and we had long discussion about the Acacia and the need for ice breaking assets."

The bill must be passed through the House and Senate before the president can sign it into law.

"When it becomes a law, basically Charlevoix can expect a

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Photo by Julie Witthoft

Spring break treat

Jennifer Woolley, 15 and Kristina Broman, 14, enjoy one of the last few days of spring break eating ice cream at Dairy Queen. The seasonal hot spot opened April 5. Students returned to classes April 11.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

James William Blaha Jr., 46, East Jordan, Retail fraud-third degree, Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, 76 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; serve seven months probation; not to enter Glen's Markets; \$350 in fines and costs.

Michael John Rapanos, 42, Midland, Impaired driving, Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Robert Arcine Mullen, 40, Charlevoix, Assault and battery, Serve 93 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; \$500 in fines and costs.

Steven Allen Hart, 24, Charlevoix, Impaired driving, Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$780 in fines and costs.

Dawn Marie George, 49, Charlevoix, Impaired driving, Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$780 in fines and costs.

David John Cadarette Jr., 26, Boyne City, No operator's license on person, Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines

and costs.

Kayla Raye Swadling, 19, Harbor Springs, Check insufficient funds, less than \$100, Serve six days in jail; \$363.07 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following case was recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Amber Ann Roberts, 29, East Jordan, Attempted controlled substance-maintaining a drug house, Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 30 days in jail; \$180 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Wood N' Florals, 04794 Eastwood Road, Boyne Falls, by Steven Lewis and Pamela Lewis

Daniel A. Brooks, 103 Division, East Jordan, by Daniel A. Brooks

Thompson Concrete Works, 10860 Burnett Road, Charlevoix, by Ryan Thompson

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Marriage
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Joseph Wayne Timsak, 21, Beaver Island and Jennifer Suzanne Moore, 25, Standish

Births

Michael Andrew Pheils and Melody Felene Pheils weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and 5 pounds, 11 ounces, respectively, were born March 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Timothy Steven and Linda Mae Pheils. Their grandparents are Diana Mae Wise of Boyne City, Kurt and Renee Wise of Alanson and Edward Henry and Nancy Marie Brazelton of Toledo, Ohio. Their great-grandparents are Francis Caroline Fisher of Toledo, Ohio and Fay Louis Fox of Boyne City.

Brayden Jacob Greensky weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born April 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Raymond Greensky and Amanda May-Greensky of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Woody and Leslee Pearson of Charlevoix, Steve and Laura May of Petoskey and Jacob and Lowana Greensky of Duluth, Minn. His great-grandparents are Ray and Sue Bice of Petoskey, Ray and Katherine Rychart of Minnesota and Katherine Olsen of Minnesota.

Molly Jo Muladore weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces was born April 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Matt and Sara Muladore of Ellsworth. Her grandparents are Dave and Brenda Muladore of Ellsworth and Mark and Sheila Essenberg of Ellsworth.

Snow showers bring flowers?

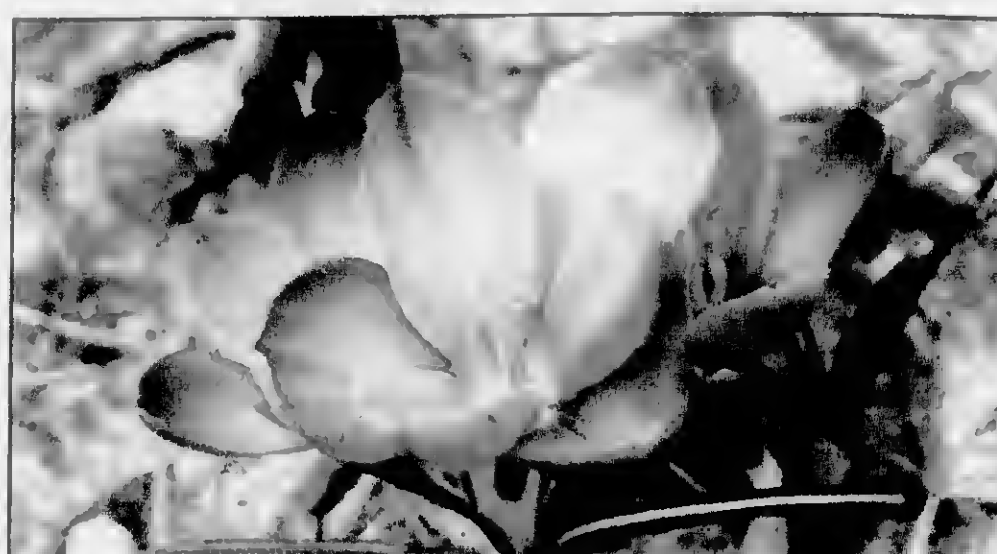


Photo by Julie Witthoef

A snowstorm on April 3 couldn't keep these blooms from opening. (Above) These vibrant, purple crocuses brightened up a dreary spring day April 6 at 105 Wood Street in Charlevoix. (Below) This daffodil is in full bloom on the north side of town.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Skate park to open Memorial weekend

SKATE
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high, he said it has been a challenge to enforce those laws.

Skateboarding and in-line skating are prohibited on Bridge Street and on sidewalks from Hurlbut Street to the bridge as well as in Bridge, East and Hoffman parks.

"It's a problem every summer. It puts pedestrians at risk of injury and damages curbs and handrails," he said.

Those cited are fined \$50 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense and \$100 for third or subsequent offenses.

A cease fire in the war between skaters and the police came in November 2003, when Zeke Daman, a local teen skater with a vision of creating a legal venue in which to, Iakie, McTwist and tailslide, wrote a letter to local newspapers outlining his plan. Daman proposed creation of a park where he and fellow skaters could legally pursue their passion.

His letter sparked the interest of a motivated group of parents, including Vicki and Kirk Daman, John and Patsy Ramsey, Vicki Hankins, Michelle Witthoef, Cynthia Parker and Scott and Laura Stebe.

This group became Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. The troop tackled a massive financial undertaking raising funds through coordination of events, sticker and sweatshirt sales and grant writing. They also went toe-to-toe with city council to iron out the staffing and insurance

issues. After years of blood, sweat and tears, plans were formed for the \$160,000 project and Daman's idea will soon come to fruition.

On Tuesday, April 11, representatives from Suburbanrails, skate park design and construction gurus, were in Charlevoix from their home base in Cincinnati, Ohio, to work on the park's fun box and quarter pipe.

Stebe credits the community for the success of this project.

"Having parents and a core group of students at the foundation of this plan made it work," she said. "There is a group of boys who are on a student advisory for the park, they are Zeke Daman, Burke Ramsey, Brennan Stebe, Taylor Witthoef, Conner Klooster, Shaun Couture, Stephen Parker, Mick Papp, Cameron Attee, Sean Thomas, Spencer Hankins, Colin Campbell, Ty Jones, Jed Daman and John Curtis. These kids have been the drive behind the force that makes this group work, they have great ideas, they are involved, and they helped design their park. They knew what they wanted and didn't want in their park."

Stebe anticipates part-time employees, possibly hired by the city, will staff the park during its seasonal operating time. Each of these employees will be trained in First Aid and CPR. Helmets are required for entry and will be available to rent.

"Anyone who skates or rides a bike is at heart a free spirit. They live to ride. With that always at the heart of



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Scott and Brennan Stebe on-site constructing a roll-in April 6 at the new Charlevoix Community Skate Park. The park is expected to be open May 26.

what we do as a group, we wanted to make this a safe place, a place kids want to go to, a challenging park with elements for every age level," Stebe said.

A fee schedule has not been established. Stebe estimated entry costs running between \$2 and \$3 with seasonal passes and scholarships available.

For more information contact Stebe at (231) 547-4505 or visit

Local nurse and author to speak at library

Local nurse and author, Katie McGinnis will share stories from her book, "A Nurse's Notes," at 7 p.m. on April 18 at the Charlevoix Public Library. McGinnis has been a nurse for 25 years. Her book tells entertaining, touching stories from her years in nursing.

She will also discuss how she became a writer and give a sneak peek into her new book.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Library will offer refreshments. The program is free and open to the public. The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix. For more information call (231) 547-2651.

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Life lesson testimonials leave lasting impact



Julie Witthoeft
'Just a thought'

Just before prom my senior year in high school, teachers and students gathered in the gym for a drinking and driving lecture.

I had heard these in health class before. I yawned and prepared myself for another, "Don't throw away your future," declamation.

A huge video screen was set up at half-court. The lights dimmed and I thought to my cocky self, ahhh, nap time.

Then, an in-your-face, graphic video about actual people who ruined their lives at a young age partying and driving, came on. It ended about 30 minutes later. As I caught my breath from the gore that I just witnessed, the lights came on and a pretty girl confined to a wheelchair made her way into the gym.

She proceeded to tell her story — popular girl goes to the prom with popular boy but never makes the dance. An alcohol-related car accident left her paralyzed from the waist down.

I don't remember her name or whether she was driving at the time of the acci-

dent, but I do remember that chair.

That first hand account showed me just because you're cool, doesn't mean you're invincible. I and others, were able to relate to her story, to put ourselves in her shoes and ultimately her chair.

I was reminded of this moment last week when I met John Curtis, a 20-year-old Charlevoix resident with a lengthy rap sheet and a phenomenal story of recovery to tell.

Curtis was laid up on the couch at his mother Jill Moore's home off See Road recovering from a knee surgery. No the injury wasn't sustained in an alcohol-related accident. It, and a host of others, stem from a rough and tumble life of snowboarding and skateboarding. The injuries started when he was 12 and came with a host of pain killers that his addictive personality grabbed onto with a grip only jail time could break.

I was tipped off by zealous Charlevoix Community Skate Park advocate Laura Siebe that Curtis might be a great interview.

The name rang a bell, I remembered he was affiliated with a group of students who were busted for smoking pot during school about three years ago.

Curtis said this was one of many incidents that started when he was about 16 and ended in 2004 when he got caught dealing marijuana and was sentenced to live months in Charlevoix County Jail and rehabilitation. It was during this

time that he said the fog from his abuse of drugs and alcohol began to lift and the reality of the path he followed into his late teens began to surface.

Now, two years into a sober lifestyle, Curtis has a strong story to tell. His choices have made finding a job a challenge in Charlevoix, a community where wounds from his escapades are still healing. His friends have dropped out of sight, he never graduated from high school and the host of high court misdemeanors came with hefty fines and costs.

His story is about losing some of the best years of his life to poor choices. Now, he has directed the energy and excitement from his new lease on life toward mentoring other kids headed down the one-way road to nowhere, in the hope that he can save them from the pain he carries.

His outlet for his message is the Charlevoix Community Skate Park where he has helped with fund-raisers and other aspects of the project. There, he plays a quiet role and listens intently. Siebe said in the short period of time the temporary skate park was open last summer, Curtis detoured three kids from going down his road.

He plans to assist at the permanent park, which is currently under construction off Carpenter Avenue, this summer.

Curtis said looking back on his life, he



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident John Curtis, 20, has devoted his free time to helping out at the Charlevoix Community Skate Park acting as a mentor to those in need.

doesn't blame Charlevoix for not having enough for kids to do.

"I had every opportunity in the world. That didn't deter me from my path. I'm not going to say if Charlevoix didn't build a skate park every child would be destined to become an inmate," he said. "We are raising the kids that are going to run our country. We can give them nothing and show them to give their kids nothing. Or we can provide them things that will teach them to live better lives." Curtis hopes he can provide some of

the tools to help keep kids on the path to a healthy lifestyle.

Maybe his scars will leave the same lasting impression on those he interacts with that the drunk driving victim had on me 10 years ago.

See the related story on park construction on page 1 of this week's edition of the Courier.

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Ushering spring with rituals and traditions



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

I brace myself for the final snowstorm of the year — usually occurring on the day it's time to return from spring break.

My husband, the over-achieving gardener, is fertilizing our lawn. I watch him

enthusiastically rake away the remains of winter into piles along the curb and I help out by diligently making my lists of things for him to do. Soon, the remains of winter's past will be whisked away by delightful people working to keep Charlevoix beautiful.

My husband and I hold our breath and hope for the best as our tulips are already beginning to do a sneak peek through the earth wondering if it's safe to come out yet. We question when, not if, Mother Nature will grace us with yet another snowstorm to remind us we are not in charge. Living in northern Michigan has prepared us. Our shovels and snow scrapers are still sitting at the ready. But

the storm, when it comes, will be quick, like the taking off of a child's Band-Aid, promising it will only hurt briefly.

We are already seeing the signs of spring. I stopped my car while driving by the Dairy Queen and I smiled at the mechanical repairman looking over some important looking contraption on the outside of the building. He didn't have a clue who I was but my smile must have said it all as he looked up and said, "Anytime now lady." He must have known I was looking forward to its opening. April 5, with great anticipation. People were even honking their horns. I quickly put my car into gear as many cars passed me waving. They must

be excited too.

The city street sweeper has replaced the snowplow and soon we'll be getting a thorough dousing from our local men in blue from the Charlevoix Fire Department. Sweeping and watering the streets is one sure sign in a small town that we are tired of looking at winter and want to literally give it a spring cleaning.

Walking along the channel is so much easier now that I don't have to battle the 40 mph wind coming off the lake and can actually get through my walk without ice crystals forming on my lashes. The ice floes and wind-created snow castles have disappeared along the lake.

Now I can hear kids on skateboards and parents walking their children in strollers. Garage sale signs are going up in quick numbers and people can see each others faces without heavy scarves and furry hoods. They are actually smiling at each other. Some have discovered new neighbors they didn't meet while closed in during the winter. More families are taking bike rides and the population has increased on the trail between Charlevoix and Petoskey.

Did I mention people smiling? Black and other dark colored jackets are replaced with lime green and teal ones.

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Letters to the editor

Editorial response

Editor:

Your observation about the money being spent on new road signs was right on. I have been watching this project too, and wondering just what was wrong with the signs we had. I have not figured it out. It would probably take an army of cub reporters to root out the genesis of this plan, but somewhere, at some ethical level of government, some person

decided it has to be done.

In our little corner of Northwest lower Michigan, our government is spending \$500,000 of federal funds on this program. Mid-April is an interesting time of year, as we are reminded where federal funds come from. There are 3,142 counties in the USA, all probably paying in, and certainly all scrambling for a share of the money.

Think about it. In our area alone,

Signs of spring in Charlevoix: petunias, smiles and sunshine

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The days are getting longer and it's becoming easier to get up as we see daylight instead of darkness. The recreation department is advertising Little League and summer league sign ups. Teachers report students having difficulty focusing as they see the yellow orb in the sky and are easily entertained watching birds eat fresh grass seed carefully planted by school personnel.

Recesses take place outside of the school building and students and teachers alike linger a little longer outside drinking in the beauty of just being in the outdoors. More people can be seen taking a walk during their lunch time. It's only a matter of time when posters will appear advertising the Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival and spring art shows.

Small towns like Charlevoix are friendly and inviting in the spring. We might complain feeling everyone knows your business and politics driving many a conversation during the winter months. But, when spring arrives, people are

happy to have made it through another Michigan winter and are able to walk the ice-free sidewalks.

Our small town will soon rally to plant 50,000 petunias and work on festivals and fairs for the upcoming summer months. The aroma of grilling on outdoor stoves will replace the smell of gas fumes that linger when the temperature is below freezing. Small buds have begun to appear on trees everywhere and crocuses grace the fronts of many homes. Flowers are like sunshine for the soul. With two Garden Clubs and many amateur gardeners in the wings, all seem appreciative of this time of year in our northern Michigan community whose growing season is brief and spotted with many frosts.

Spring is here ladies and gentlemen, so start your engines, and let the mowing begin.

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how many superb new football weight-training rooms could have been built for \$500,000? How many new middle-school assistant cheerleading coaches could have been hired? How many part-time special education teachers could we have avoided laying off?

The sign program is just one small example of out-of-control spending by our government at all levels, whether it's federal, state or local boards. What can be done? I don't know. Maybe in the next election a candidate will be campaigning with the slogan, "If elected, I promise to leave the hacon in Washington or Lansing or the hands of the people who earned it, and I will encourage my colleagues to do the same!" I'm not holding my breath, but if he runs, he's got my vote.

Bill Briggs
Charlevoix

Rivulet is not a motel

Editor:

I attended the Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals meeting Wednesday night (April 5) and lost my chance to speak clearly. I was too indignant.

The case under consideration at this meeting was the Rivulet project next-door to my house at 113 Pine River Lane in Charlevoix. Neighbors had appealed the decision of the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission that this project could go forward. We neighbors contend that Rivulet is a jumbo, square peg, being forced into a round hole. It's really a multi-family project trying to evade the setbacks and density rules for condos by

pretending to be a motel. This way the developer can make more money via a bigger project.

I had just heard the developer tell the Zoning Board of Appeals, panel that the design of the Rivulet was for automobile transients, not as a place to live. Remember, these are 1,600-2,000 square feet, two-story apartments, with several bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, etc.

Did I groan audibly? But just then, a panel member asked for comment from the public about objections to the project.

I was on automatic, I strode to the microphone and said I objected because of the sheer bulk. My ability to enjoy my home will be crippled since this three-story building will be built in the 10 foot setback. And then I said I also object because the proposal is dishonest. There were gasps. Perhaps saying that was not politic.

I mean, and what I wish I had said, is that I want to be associated with a community where there is orderly government. Where there is orderly, predictable zoning. Where there is orderly, consistent, enforcement of zoning. Where sharp operators don't have a chance.

I wish I had said the best path to long-term growth and prosperity for Charlevoix is to continue to incorporate the principles of controlled density and open space for our multi-family apartment building condos.

Citizens of Charlevoix, these principles are no longer being observed. One fake motel has already been approved north of the Sleep Inn on U.S. 31. Another, Rivulet, is proposed for the much smaller piece of land next to my house. What view do the city council members have for the future of higher density housing in Charlevoix?

Steven Hansen
Charlevoix

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"Thank you" supporters

Editor:

A big "Thank you," to the generous community of Charlevoix. We are indebted to the many businesses and citizens who donated to my son, Nathan Tripplehorn's, benefit dinner and fund. To Michelle Potter, Susan Klooster and Angie Waha for their tireless efforts organizing and executing the entire event.

Also, our thanks to Charlevoix Boy Scout Troop 11, the Charlevoix High School varsity football and wrestling teams, whose members and families supported Nathan's dinner in many ways. It's indeed heartwarming when so many individuals reach out to offer their love and support of Nathan at this time.

Julie Tripplehorn
Charlevoix

Build sports complex

Editor:

Are you tired of waiting to get time to practice or play in the gym? Please help me convince the people of Charlevoix to put a sports complex here. Some reasons are to make a gym available, get exercise for sports and students could get scholarships to colleges.

One reason we should have a sports complex in Charlevoix is we could make gym available for students, not just teams. This allows people to have space to play. Another example, is it's hard to get gym time in Charlevoix because there are teams playing in there.

My second reason is, if we have a sports complex students would get more exercise. In the winter the athletes have room to get in shape for their sports. And if they exercise they have the chance of increasing their heart rate because if they have that chance of passing out in their sport if they don't have room to exercise and they're getting de-

hydrated.

My final reason, we should have a sports complex is students could get scholarships to college. About half of our country's students get scholarships to college because they are practicing in sports like football, basketball and baseball. If they keep practicing their sports, they have a chance to get a scholarship to any college.

Morgan Stewart
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Clean-up beaches

Editor:

Have you ever seen our beaches so dirty? We should have beautiful, clean and sandy beaches for all of our summer tourists. Then, people may come from other towns or cities. I believe that we should clean the beaches of all garbage, animal waste, dead plants and/or grass.

First of all, there is so much garbage on the ground. For example, people don't want to sunbathe on top of garbage. A solution to this would be to place more trash cans. Also, there is food, paper products, pop cans, etc. scattered all over the ground. A way to solve this would be to place signs to tell people to clean up after themselves.

Second of all, we have a large problem about animal waste. We need to have animals from entering certain areas of the beaches. Two solutions to this could be to hire people to come by and remove it, or to construct a special area for animals.

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The last major problem about our beaches, is the dead plants and/or grass. Two easy ways to solve this problem would be to plant new grass seed, or we may even be able to provide/purchase sprinklers. If that isn't possible we could hire workers to come by and water certain areas at a time.

In conclusion, having cleaner beaches can attract more tourists. Our beaches can affect our city a lot. Please, clean up our beaches. These are what make Charlevoix. "Charlevoix the Beautiful." Please take a stand and support this statement today.

Emily White
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Start school later

Editor:

Do you always try to rush your children to school? Is your child getting bad grades in their first couple classes? Well, that may be the cause of not getting enough sleep and not eating breakfast in the morning. Please, help me to convince the school board in the Charlevoix area to start school later in the morning.

To start off, studies show that most children are tired in the morning during school. Getting only six hours of sleep a night is not enough for any growing child. The appropriate amount of sleep that is required for a middle school or high school child is nine hours every night. When I get up in the morning, I never have time to get

ready, get dressed, take a shower, eat breakfast, and make my bed before the bus comes to take me to school.

Another reason is that children's minds are always in a blur during the first couple hours of school. A lot of students have a hard time paying attention to teachers and their work. Parents often complain that their child is getting bad grades ever since they changed the time of school hours. Their children also complain it's because they are always tired during school.

Finally, a lot of students don't

have any time to eat breakfast in the morning. Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day? Can you imagine a morning without breakfast? If you went to middle school every day, then you'd get a pretty good idea of how it feels.

So, as you can see, waking up later is good for everybody. Please, help me win the fight of later school hours. Together, we can make a difference.

Allie Hankins
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

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50th Wedding Anniversary

Richard and Mary Moore



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore of Charlevoix will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 14.

Richard Moore and the former Mary Dixon were married April 14, 1956 in Lansing. Richard retired from Viatic after 32 years, and Mary retired from Murdock's Homemade Ice Cream after 18 years.

Their children are Dianne (Kirt) Eggers of Wadsworth, Ill.; Gary (Gaynell) Moore of Virginia Beach, Va.; James Moore of Houston, Texas; Steven Moore of Lansing; Thomas (Rita) Moore of Charlevoix; Joe (Denise) Moore of Charlevoix; and Lyddy (Thomas) Morrison of Charlevoix. They have 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt April 15



Courtesy photo

Children up to age 10 are invited to participate in the 15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt April 15 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

The 15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 p.m. April 15 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

The Easter Bunny will be on-site as children armed with baskets collect 6,000 prize-filled eggs.

Children will be divided into three age categories before the hunt begins. The categories are 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years.

Grief Support program offered by Hospice of Northwest Michigan

Loss of any kind is the focus of a series presented by Hospice of Northwest Michigan and designed to help people cope.

A series of five, weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 25 through May 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 207 Nichols Street in East Jordan.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan

Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency.

The program is designed to help those grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work. Facilitators for this program are Rev. Nancy Rhode, a hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, Hospice of Northwest Michigan bereavement coordinator.

Anyone who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal

with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others may participate.

To register, call Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231) 536-2842. There is no charge for this program.

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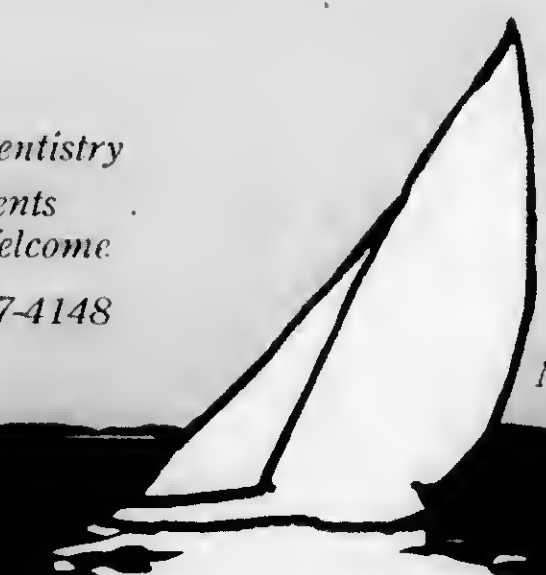


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What does Easter mean to you?

"What is the most important holiday of the year? Christmas? Easter?" I asked my father.

"It's Easter because without Easter, Christmas would have no meaning," he replied.

If I asked you what Easter means to you, what would you say?

You might say that Easter is the day that Jesus rose from the dead, after suffering a terrible beating and death nailed to a cross. I agree, and I ask, "That's true, and what difference does that make to you?"

You might say that Easter is the day that the best man who ever lived, the one sent from God to show us how to live and to love, came back to life after being dead for three days. I agree and I ask, "Yes, and what difference does that make to you?"

You might say that Easter is about Jesus taking on the sins of the whole world, carrying them to the cross, and dying with them, only to rise again to new life on the third day. I agree and I ask, "That's right, and what difference does that make to you?"

You might say that being a Christian means following the words and ways of Jesus Christ in life and through death. I

Beacons of Blessing

agree and ask, "If you are a Christian, what difference does that make to you?"

Making a difference is what most good people say is their life's goal. There are so many ways to make a difference in life — helping a child or an elder; giving time/energy/dollars to a worthy cause; encouraging others by word and deed; growing a garden of beauty and nourishment; creating a work of art; taking care of your health and others; making an honest living; running for public office and serving justly; taking your God-given talent and maximizing it; setting an example in all you say and do; studying the Bible that leads to following the way; forgiving others; enjoying nature; being more at peace; spreading joy and delight; making each day the best yet. You get it.

A short time ago, young people, especially, were spotted wearing "What Would Jesus Do?" bracelets. In any

given situation, what would Jesus do? Once they decided what Jesus would do, then they, too, were to do what Jesus would do, following his example.

April 16 is Easter. What difference does that make to you? How are you to live your one unique life as a follower of Jesus Christ? There are a number of days left in Lent for each of us to ponder the question: What difference does Easter make in my life? How am I to live since I know that my Savior loved me so much he laid down his life for me? How am I to live my life as a worthy follower of Jesus Christ? Where can I begin to be more faithful? How can I become more loving, more forgiving, happier and more peaceful? Just think about the new life that has been given to us by Jesus Christ. And then become more deliberate in living as if you really believed it — for we really do, don't we?

It's another season and another reason to become more devoted to Jesus the Christ.

The author of this column, Pastor Mary Snell-Willis, can be contacted by calling Charlevoix's First Congregational Church UCC at (231) 547-9122. First Congregational Church UCC is located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix.

Obituaries

Isaac 'Lee' Moerland: Sept. 24, 1927 - March 31, 2006

Isaac "Lee" Moerland, formerly of Charlevoix, passed away Friday, March 31 at his home in Florida after a short battle with cancer.

Lee was born in Grand Rapids, on Sept. 24, 1927, the only child of Isaac and Norma (Yant) Moerland. Lee graduated from Creston High School in Grand Rapids in 1945 and later joined the U.S. Coast Guard for a brief period of time.

On May 18, 1951, Lee married the love of his life, Helen (Whitney) in Grand Rapids.

Lee and Helen moved to Charlevoix in 1953. He was active in his community and always wanted to help people. He

served on the Charlevoix Volunteer Fire Department, the Northwest Michigan Work Force board, the Charlevoix County Department of Human Services board, the Charlevoix County Commissioners both as a commissioner and a chairman, the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, Grandvue Board of Directors, the U.S. Highway 131 committee, and various special committees by appointment of the Michigan Governor. He also founded the Summer Association Managers Organization.

After retiring from the Belvedere Club after 33 years and the Charlevoix Fire Department after 30 years, he and

his wife snow-birded between Michigan and Florida for eight years, before moving permanently to Wildwood, Fla.

Lee is survived by his wife, Helen of Wildwood, Fla.; son, Timothy (Mandi) of Tallahassee, Fla.; daughter, Karlice (Richard) Walter of Traverse City; and three grandchildren, Hanna Moerland, Daniel Moerland and Lee Lott.

There will be a memorial service in late May or early June to take place at the Chapel of the Lake Louise Christian Community on Thunh Lake in Boyne Falls.

Memorial contributions may be directed to a hospice organization.

William Koehler: June 30, 1930 - April 6, 2006

William A. Koehler, 75, of Detroit and Charlevoix died Thursday, April 6, at St. John Hospital in Detroit.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, April 10 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. James Green of the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix officiated. Interment followed at Barnard Cemetery in Charlevoix.

William was born on June 30, 1930 in

Detroit, the son of Vernon and Elizabeth (VerMeulen) Koehler. He graduated from Pershing High School in 1948 and Macomb College with a degree in fire science. He served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1953 and worked for the Detroit Fire Department for 34 years. He retired in 1989 as battalion chief.

He married Arlyle Roberts on Aug. 29, 1965 in Charlevoix and they made

their home in Detroit and Charlevoix.

William is survived by his wife, Arlyle; two children, Diane (Rick) Locke of Horicon, Wis. and William D. (Jackie) Koehler of Sterling Heights; two sisters, Myona (Ken) Garner of Romeo and Marilyn (Lyle) King of Charlevoix; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Thadeus Danaj: June 30, 1930 - April 6, 2006

Thadeus Edward Danaj, 78, of Petoskey, died April 9.

He was born Feb. 29, 1928, in Lark's Lake, the son of Paul and Agnes Krystowicz Danaj. Ted served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Italy. He married Bertha Elaine McDonough on June 29, 1952, and they made their home in Detroit, where he drove a truck delivering petroleum in the Detroit area. The couple returned to northern Michigan and has

made their home in Petoskey since 2001. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Petoskey, and the American Legion Post #32 in Westland.

Ted is survived by his wife, Bertha of Petoskey; sons, Lawrence (Becky) of Livonia; Timothy (Lorraine) of Alpharetta, Ga.; daughters, Pamela (Gary) Malo of Livonia; Susan (Bill) Wright of Lake Leelanau; Beth Marie (Tom) Burke of Petoskey; 20 grandchildren; brother,

Stanley (Erika) of Lindenhurst, Ill.; sisters, Victoria Kosowicz of Ironton and Stella Peglero of Florida. He was preceded in death by sisters, Sophia Wojan, Virginia Winiarski, Helen Chwaleba, Mary Taylor and Alice Lewandowski; and brothers, Frank and Joseph. Mass of the Resurrection will take place at 11 a.m. today, April 12 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

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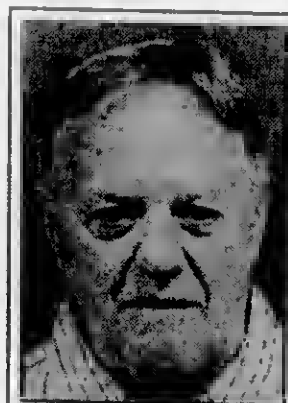
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Kirk pleads guilty to lying about criminal past

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor



Arthur Kirk

In a plea proceeding that took place in federal court last week, a Charlevoix man plead guilty to three counts of making a false statement to a federal agency.

On April 5, Arthur Kirk, 71, of Charlevoix, changed his plea to guilty, admitting he lied about his past criminal sexual conduct convictions when applying with AmeriCorps.

Kirk will be sentenced at 3:30 p.m. on July 20 by federal court

judge Gordon Kuist for the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan. He faces a maximum of five years in prison on each of the three counts.

"It's important because we wanted to make sure people with criminal convictions involving past criminal sexual conduct don't get into the school environment," said Tom Gezon, assistant U.S. attorney, assigned to Kirk's case.

Kirk was originally arrested by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office this past summer on multiple counts of felony weapons charges.

At the time of his arrest he was a contract worker coordinating volunteer operations for AmeriCorps through the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

In 2000 and 2001 he was an AmeriCorps volunteer at Charlevoix Middle School and in

2002 and 2003, though not a staff member of Camp Daggett, he was a volunteer counselor there.

Law enforcement were tipped off when he applied for a concealed weapons permit in late May 2005 and the FBI and Michigan State Police background checks revealed previous prior arrests and convictions including felonious assault and sex offenses ranging from 1964 to 1980 in Oakland and Macomb counties, and at least three prior sex offense convictions all under an alias name, Arthur Kirkeby.

Kirk's last conviction, for which he was sentenced to 25 years in prison, was for the second offense of first degree criminal sexual conduct with an 8-year-old boy. Kirk/Kirkeby isn't included on the state's Public Sex Offender Registry because his convictions came through prior to 1995, exempting him from registration.

A lieutenant with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and a patrolman with the City of Charlevoix Police Department executed a Charlevoix County 90th District Court search warrant at Kirk's condo in Charlevoix Township on July 30, 2005. During the search, three handguns were seized including two .357 caliber revolvers and one .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

Kirk was arrested most recently, on Feb. 3, following his sentencing in Charlevoix County Circuit Court on multiple state felonies including false statement to obtain a concealed weapons permit, felon in possession of firearms and habitual felon-fourth offense.

Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas sentenced Kirk to 365 days in jail with credit for 151 days served while awaiting trial. He will serve 180

days in jail as well as 12 months probation and was ordered to pay \$530 in fines and costs.

In December 2005, Kirk pleaded guilty to one count each of felon in possession of a firearm and providing false information on a concealed weapons permit application. While both are felony charges the state's sentencing guidelines preclude Judge Pajtas from imposing longer sentences. In exchange for the guilty plea, three perjury charges were dismissed.

Kirk was arrested following the sentencing by deputies from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on a multi-count Federal Grand Jury Indictment from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan from which this most recent guilty plea stems.

Kirk was turned over to the U.S. Marshall's Service Feb. 7 and taken to Grand Rapids.

Easter Blessings

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100 Oak Street, 231-547-9482

Maudy Thursday

Communion Service

Thursday, April 13, 7 pm

"At the Foot of the Cross," message by Pastor Chip Sauer from Matthew 27:11-56

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 16, 10 am at the

Charlevoix High School Auditorium

Service begins at 11:30 am in Oleson's parking lot for a cross procession to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church for the community service.

Easter Services

April 16, 6:30 am Sunrise Song & Word Service

10 am Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

11 am Easter Worship

First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Corner of State & Park St., 547-9122

Pastor: Rev. Mary Snell Willis

Maudy Thursday Tenebrae Service

Thursday, 7 pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

Sunday 6:30 am at Depot Beach.

Traditional Worship at 11 am

SAFE HARBOR BAPTIST CHURCH

US 31 & Old US 31 South, Charlevoix

Pastor: Carroll (Pete) Aronson

Good Friday Services

Good Friday, 6:30 pm at the

First Baptist Church

Easter Egg Hunt

April 15, Noon

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

6 am at Ferry Beach. Breakfast to follow

Easter Sunday - 11 am

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

209 E. Main Street, Boyne City 582-5045

Pastor: Rev. Peggy Natterman

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, 9 am

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH

Community Good Friday Service

April 14, 1 pm

at Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church

Community Easter Sunrise Service

7:30 am - at Atwood Christian Reformed Church

Easter Sunday Service - 11 am

Family Film Night - 6pm

St. Mary of the Assumption

1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, 547-6652

Holy Thursday - 7pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - Noon

Good Friday Liturgy - 12:30 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil - 9 pm

Easter Sunday

Mass - 9 am & 11 am

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

03582 Washington Ave., Charlevoix, 547-3008

Pastor: Rev. Michael Smith

Breakfast - 9:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:30 am

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, 11 am

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Easter Sunday

April 16, 6:30 am Sunrise service at Ferry Beach

Breakfast following

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, 9 am

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New sheriff's deputy assigned to Beaver Island

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

A new Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department deputy is temporarily handling law enforcement services on Beaver Island.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater former island deputy Jim Campbell "will not be available" for 90 days starting Monday, April 3.

Lasater declined to comment further citing the situation as a personnel file issue, making it illegal to disclose more information.

Deputy Clyde Payton took over effective April 3. Payton has been a part-time officer with the sheriff's department for almost two years. Last summer, he was stationed on Beaver Island as the second deputy.

Lasater said two deputies are routinely assigned to Beaver Island during the busier summer months.

"The people are really nice. It's a step back in time, but I like it,"



Clyde Payton

Payton said. Payton, 25, graduated from Boyne City High School in 1999. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lake Superior State University and attended the Northern Michigan University Police Academy. He is a Hudson Township resident, which is located in the Elmira/Boyne Falls area, where he lives with his wife Staci. Staci has not relocated to the island with him.

Payton said his duties on the island, which includes 100 miles of road to patrol, are similar to those on the mainland.

"Enforcing laws and helping citizens in need," he said.

Island resident, Phyllis Moore,

said she was pleased last week when her daughter was pulled over for having a burned out taillight. She said Payton commonly checks the doors of businesses at night to ensure they've been secured.

"I'm happy with the job he's doing," she said.

Payton said the number one violation he is seeing at this time is the seat belt infraction.

"No one here really likes to wear them," he said. "But that's changing. Everywhere I go I hear, 'I'm making sure I put my seat belt on.'"

Campbell is expected to return in early July. He did not return calls regarding his absence by press time.

If Campbell chooses not to return, Payton said he would be interested in accepting permanent assignment to the island.

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City Council Regular Meeting Synopsis
Monday, April 3, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Deputy Mayor Gabe Campbell presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to accept the Development Plan Review, Northwestern Bank 1455 Bridge St. & 1228 State St. #06-03DP according to the Planning Commission recommendation.
- Motion adopted to approve the Airport Access Agreement for Devon Corporation.
- Motion adopted to approve the Professional Service Agreement for Land Acquisition on Runway 04 Approach.
- Motion adopted to approve purchase of a 2006 Patrol Car.

Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 15th reminder

Put this date on your calendar. The luncheon at Stafford's is 11 am - 1:30 pm. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 2 pm. Call 547-4311 for lunch reservations.

"Make It Michigan" - Michigan's Fun Kick-Off reminder

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Bradford's Master Dry Cleaners of Charlevoix has purchased Mariner Laundromat

On March 1st, Jeff and Bryan Bradford purchased the Mariner Laundromat in Glen's plaza. They have put in new equipment and have done extensive upgrading of the business. They are a drop off dry cleaners and laundromat and are now open for business. Congratulations! The Chamber wishes you the very best. The former Bradford building on Hurlbut is now vacant and for lease. For more information, you can reach Jeff or Bryan at 547-6861.

Glen's Market has a new Manager

Glen's is happy to announce that Mark Zink is their new store manager. He comes from the Petoskey North store. His family consists of a wife, Jane and two sons. We look forward to seeing you in Glen's.

Charlevoix Area Hospital has a new Director of Guild Volunteer Services

Donna Looze is now with the Charlevoix Area Hospital serving as Director of Guild Volunteer Services and purchases gifts for the hospital gift shop. Donna was formerly the manager at Glen's. You can reach Donna at 547-4024.

David Strawbridge, D.D.S. is retiring

David Strawbridge is retiring and his replacement will be Brian Kwapisz, D.D.S. Change is always difficult but we wish David Strawbridge all the best in his retirement and congratulations to Brian. He can be reached for dental work or appointments at 547-4148.

Former Manager of AmericInn Lodge and Suites now at Island Airways

Shelley McCullough is now with Island Airways. She was employed at Island Airways prior to her position at AmericInn and has accepted a position again. She can be reached at 547-2141. Congratulations, Shelley!

The Appletree closed March 31st

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- April 15 15th Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt 547-2101
- April 16 Easter Brunch at Mahogany's 547-9796
- April 21 Business After Hours 547-2101
- April 21 Everyday People, Everyday Heroes Awards 348-7666
- April 21 Kiyoshi Nagata Ensemble at Crooked Tree 347-4337
- April 21 The Titanic Musical & Dinner at Stafford's Perry Hotel 347-4000
- April 22 23rd Annual Knights of Columbus Cash Party 547-3589
- April 22-24 Songs of the Sea Musical at Crooked Tree 347-4337
- April 28-29 Spring Kick-Off to Festivals at Castle Farms 547-2101
- April 29 Friske's Orchard Annual Tree Sale 599-2604
- May 2 History of Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant 547-0373
- May 7 Bergmann Center's Starlight Dinner & Live Auction 547-2979

The next Business After Hours is Friday, April 21 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant 5-7pm. Sponsors are Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Stafford's Weathervane.

The next Retail meeting is April 20, 2006 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant at 8:45 am.

Please note that the next Business Breakfast is on the second Friday of the month, May 12 at Grey Gables Inn at 7:30 a.m.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

Ford steps down to save schools money

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A local teacher hopes to do her part to help alleviate the burden caused by impending budget problems facing Charlevoix Public Schools.

After nearly four decades as performing arts and world studies instructor at Charlevoix High School, Connie Ford will resign in hopes of returning next year at a lower level of pay to teach only performing arts.

"With the schools being in such financial trouble, it seems kind of beneficial for me to take retirement," she said. "I have been eligible for quite a while, but I have been extremely worried about the performing arts program and the maintenance of it."

She added, "So, when I wrote my proposal, I suggested that I retire and suggested I come back as a retiree to maintain the two performing arts classes and they pay me sub pay, or whatever, to save them some money."

Ford said she hopes that would offer enough time for the schools to pull out of their potential financial troubles and find a replacement for her.

According to Ford, the decision to resign was not an easy one.

"I made it because I knew programs were going to get cut and I knew with there being a (budget) crunch, it seemed an answer to a little bit of the problem," she said. "I could have walked away from this years ago, but it has been my life work to maintain this type of program for the students, and I would hate to see my retirement be the end of it."

Ford said the benefits of performing arts classes are immeasurable.

"The leaders of tomorrow will come from people who are good communicators," she said. "It doesn't matter if it's the mayor of Charlevoix, who I had as a student, or the president of the United States, they all need the skills to be able to communicate."

Performing arts covers the gamut from drama to extemporaneous speaking.

"Knowing how to research and knowing what's going on in the world is important. You carry that with you all your life," she said. "We have a great number of students who succeeded in what they chose to do because they became good communicators. And I don't wish for us to lose that."

Ford understands that many programs could be in jeopardy if the fiscal concerns of the schools are not solved.

"The board needs to look at what we can do to find ways of controlling money so we don't go in the hole," she said. "I can't blame them for that. Educational funding has gotten so bad that it's really scary."

Ford, who started her career in 1964 in Boulder, Colo. before teaching for a year in Waterford, started teaching in Charlevoix in 1968.

But, she said, her interest in the field of public speaking began much earlier than that.

"It started with a freshman in high school whose father made her take speech class," Ford said. "That sounds ridiculous, but that was basically it. Dad



Connie Ford

wanted me to be able to talk to people, because he was always having trouble doing it in his job and he had no background."

She added, "That was kind of the hook. And after that,

I stayed with it."

Working with the kids and watching them learn is what kept Ford going all these years.

"I do it for the excitement of the kids when they succeed, the excitement when they learn that it's an important part of their everyday life," she said. "Whether it's giving a report in an English class or going down to city council to observe, and deciding they have something to say, and sometimes they say it."

Over the years, Ford said she and her students have built a solid performing arts program.

"It's one of the outstanding ones in the state. We've been successful in many areas they've been able to com-

pete in," she said. "Our students have always done well for themselves. We are one of the leading small (class) C/D schools in the state, but we compete with everyone from C/D to A."

She added, "In fact, we just went to Mattawan before break and we did OK considering we went against the top two (class) A schools."

In the early 1970s, Ford was named theater instructor of the year, and in 1997, she was appointed to the Michigan Speech Coaches Inc. hall of fame. Her name appears with four others from that year on a plaque which hangs in the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Ford teaches between 55 and 80 performing arts students a year.

In response to Ford's resignation

letter, Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock wrote, "In regards to the contingency referenced in your letter, this request would be based on open positions in the 2006-2007 school year, as well as contractual language, as the district has the responsibility of abiding by the master agreement."

In a later interview, Sturock said, "A lot of issues would come into play. Right now it's too early to determine anything, so to make a comment about that would be premature."

Concerning her retirement, Sturock said, "I've been here eight years, and from what I know of her, Connie has been just a pillar of our performing arts community. It has been an outstanding program and she will be missed."

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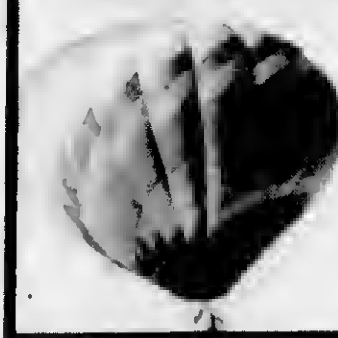
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ZBA tables decision on Rivulet Pointe

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals adjourned a controversial decision on whether a proposed hotel resort is an allowed use in the commercial zoning district.

The zoning board met on Wednesday, April 5 to hear an appeal filed by Bob Grzech, an attorney with the Charlevoix office of Running, Wise and Ford, representing a resident group opposed to plans for Rivulet Pointe Hotel Resort. He argues this project doesn't fit the definition of hotel as outlined in the ordinance.

"This is just a land grab, money grab and trying to put a square peg into a round hole. My clients want to see this done right and the city ordinance adhered to and followed. This is not a hotel or a motel no matter how you stretch it," he said.

On Feb. 13, the city's planning commission determined that the proposed project is an allowable use by right in the commercial district. But in early March, Charlevoix City Council, the body that will ultimately decide the project's fate, postponed its decision pending the zoning board's determination.

The zoning board voted to adjourn the meeting, requesting that Doug Mansfield, president of the project's architectural firm, Wells Mansfield, present a copy of the condominium association's bylaws and rental pool agreement.

Grzech argues that regardless of Mansfield's assurances that the

"This is just a land grab, money grab and trying to put a square peg into a round hole."

Bob Grzech,
Attorney for resident group opposed to Rivulet Pointe

units will be rented, the project is residential in nature and thus is prohibited from locating in the city's commercial district.

"What we believe the developer is trying to do is go around the zoning ordinance restrictions by calling what is essentially a condominium development, a hotel or motel. This is being packaged and presented to the city as a hotel/motel because that is of course an allowed use in the zoning ordinance," Grzech said.

However, Mansfield argues the 12 units to be built will be available for rent and will operate like a motel as defined in the city's zoning ordinance. Each will be individually owned and each proprietor will participate in a rental pool.

The development plan shows a 12-unit resort hotel to be built at 115 Pine River Lane, overlooking the Pine River Channel.

The proposed \$10 to \$12 million resort hotel, to be developed by Catt Acquisitions of Gaylord, would span over 30,000 square feet and would have 24 underground parking spaces. The lot is 7 tenths-of-an-acre of land and is owned by Peter Carey, Julie Bandfield and Randy Carey.

The property is zoned commercial and the city's zoning ordinance

allows for hotels/motels in this district.

According to the ordinance, hotels must have a central lobby or office area from which users enter and exit supervised by a person in charge at all hours.

The office area for this project is located in the parking level. Mansfield said there will be an on-call box and a manager in residence seven days a week.

While Grzech argued the size of the units is also an issue as they are much larger than what is allowed in the city's motel/hotel district, city planner Gerry Harsch said the hotel/motel district doesn't have bearing on the commercial district.

In support of his case, Mansfield drew the board's attention to existing similar uses in the same area, like Pointes North Inn and the Weatherlane Terrace.

He argued another similar use was

also recently approved. The Ship's Watch project which city council approved in December 2005 is a 16-unit condominium complex to be constructed between the Sleep Inn and Monte's Auto Wash on the City of Charlevoix's north side.

Ship's Watch developer Jack Strickland said, like the Rivulet Pointe development proposal, each of the condos will be privately owned and also available for rent, like a motel.

However, Grzech urged the zoning board to disregard the Ship's Watch precedent and said council is not bound by other development plan decisions.

"No one was opposed to Ship's Watch," he said. "Two wrongs don't make a right. Once you do that (approve the development plan for Rivulet Pointe) you abrogate your zoning ordinance and you're left with nothing. If Ship's Watch was allowed to go through, that was the fault of city council and the planning commission for allowing it."

Third ward Charlevoix City Council member, Shirley Gibson, said she will not vote in favor of

the Rivulet Pointe project regardless of the outcome of the Ship's Watch project, which she did vote in favor of.

"We weren't given enough information on that (Ship's Watch development plan). Fool me once you're not going to fool me again it's not a motel, it's not a hotel. Neither is Ship's Watch and that slid by us," Gibson said.

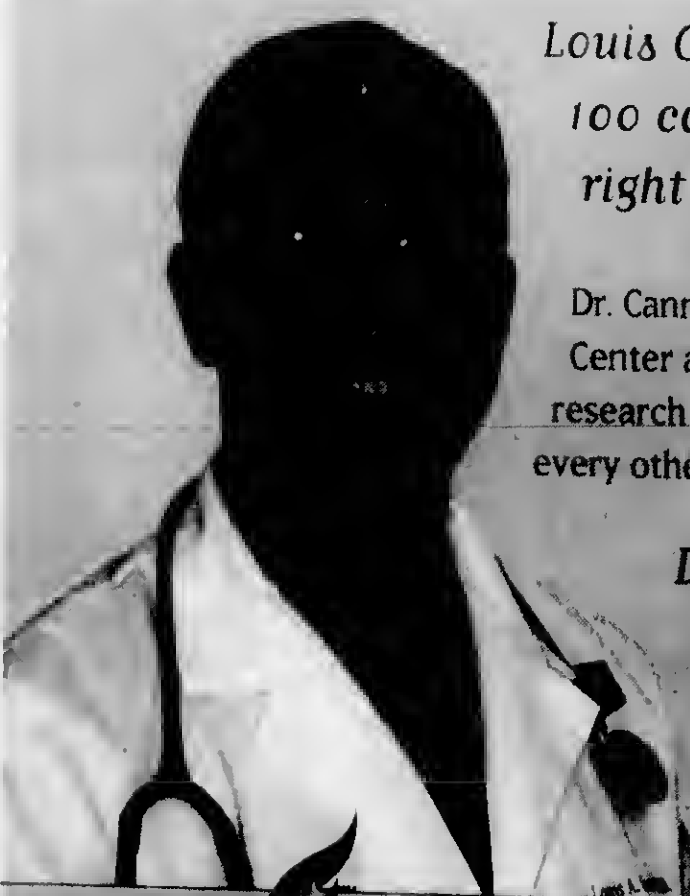
According to information included in the project's revised findings of fact, residents with property near the proposed project argue that the proximity of the project to their homes could pose a risk to their homes' structure during the construction process. Other concerns include soil erosion issues, light pollution, a potential impact on traffic flow, mechanical noise, trash removal, walls and fencing.

This project will be back in council's hands once a determination is made by the city's zoning board of appeals as to whether the project adheres to the definition of hotel/motel in the city's zoning ordinance.

A date has not been set when the zoning board will reconvene.

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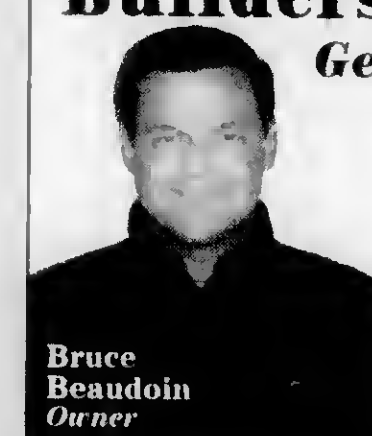
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BUSINESS

Edgewater Inn staff tackle \$150,000 renovation project

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor



Chris Kowal

The Edgewater Inn, one of Charlevoix's premier waterfront lodging establishments, is undergoing a two-year, \$150,000 renovation project.

"It's something the board of directors has been discussing for a while," said Chris Kowal, general manager of the Edgewater Inn and vice-president of the rental management group. Resort Reservations. "It will make our guests and owners feel more comfortable. And will draw more

business to our facility."

The project, which started in early January, will overhaul the inn's public areas. Local contractors are tackling repainting of the ceilings and walls, with new wallpaper being applied in some areas, tiling the entryway, furnishing lobby areas, revamping the conference room and installing granite countertops in the bathrooms and front desk.

Work will be suspended in mid-May and will resume in the fall. The condominium units are available for rent during the construction phase. Kowal, who has been general manager of the Edgewater Inn since May 1, 2005, said guests are directed to areas where construction is either complete or has not yet started.

The Edgewater Inn, which includes 90 waterfront condominiums, 12 boat slips and 30

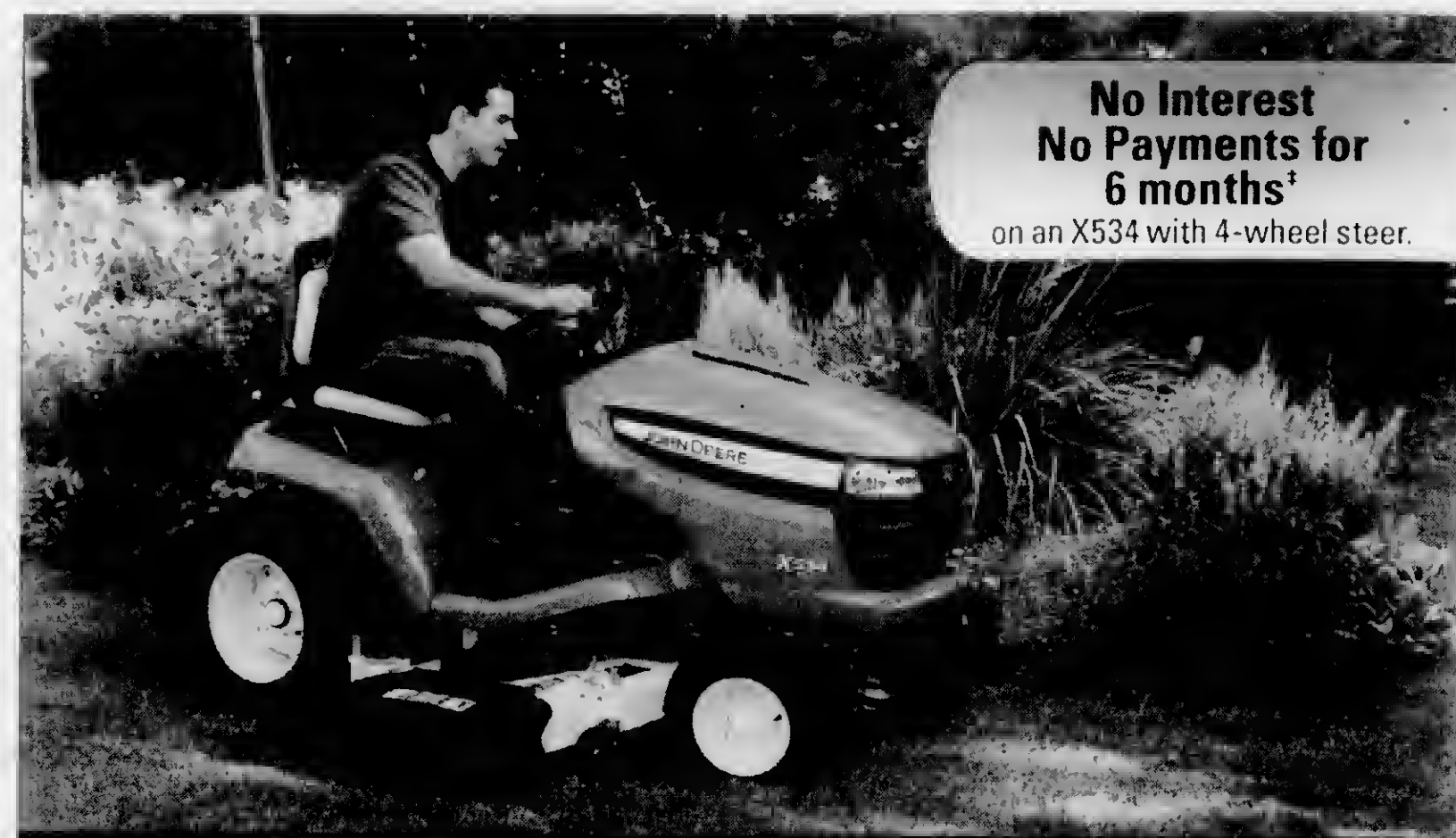
commercial shops, was built in 1987.

"There have been other updates since then. But not a complete

overhaul like this," Kowal said.

The Edgewater Inn is located at 100 Michigan Avenue, overlooking Round Lake in downtown

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In addition to this public performance, there will be an interactive master class at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 22. The class is limited to 15 people, high school age and above. Kiyoshi Nagata will teach participants a choreographed traditional Japanese piece. Cost for the master class is \$20 per person. Call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 to register.

Combining thunderous, primal drumbeats with subtle, intricate rhythms, the ensemble produces a wide spectrum of sound. With their vast array of Japanese taiko, gongs, bells, wooden clappers, shakers and bamboo flutes, the Kiyoshi Nagata Ensemble will take you on a musical journey beyond all borders.

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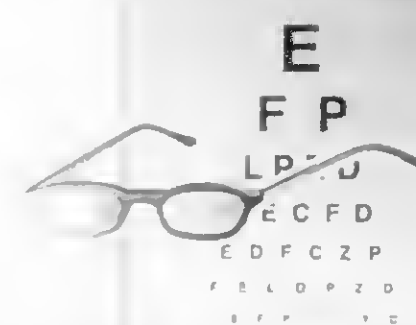
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Archeological excursion may be based in Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A group searching for what may be the biggest archeological find in the Great Lakes plan to meet with members of an ad hoc committee designated by Charlevoix mayor, Norman Carlson.

Steve Libert, president of Great Lakes Exploration Group, LLC, will meet with committee members at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 at Charlevoix City Hall to discuss using Charlevoix as their home port while searching for the remains of the Griffon, a 225-year-old boat thought to have sunk somewhere in northern Lake Michigan.

"I will be going to (city) council Monday night and presenting a letter to mayor and council and asking for the city to agree to be the host city for exploration," said committee member, Josh Barnes.

For nearly 30 years Libert has been interested in the location of the Griffon. Despite legal battles early on between Libert and the State of Michigan, an agreement has been reached which will allow him to attempt to identify the ship in question using surface scans.

Libert, who lives in Virginia and owns a home in Charlevoix, was diving when he saw what he thinks is part of a boat on the bottom of Lake Michigan. Subsequent tests of samples Libert retrieved reveal the possibility that they are several hundred years old.

If chosen, "We would be the main base for all operations of a vessel. We (Charlevoix) would probably be used as a launching site for the vessels that actually go out and do the job at a



Josh Barnes

forward location," Barnes said. "There will be a surface, exploratory trip which will only consist of a magnetron (which detects metal) and side scan.

If it's the Griffon, she carried eight cannons, we would probably get a signal."

But, he said, "There is also a lot of iron ore in that area, so hopefully we will get some indication of what this stick is that's sticking out of the bottom of the lake."

Built by, Rene-Robert, Sieur de La Salle, a man who was instrumental in securing the territory which would later become part of the Louisiana Purchase, the Griffon is thought to be the first European ship on the Great Lakes.

With a crew of 35, the Griffon's maiden voyage consisted of sailing from the Niagara River to Wisconsin. Then La Salle instructed a crew of half a dozen men to sail back to Niagara with a load of commerce while he pressed on via canoe.

According to historical records, the Griffon was last seen on Sept. 18, 1679.

It is hoped mysteries such as whether the Griffon, estimated to be 40-feet long and constructed from rough materials in a makeshift area on a riverbank, was built on the Canadian or American side of the Niagara River.

If the Griffon sank during a storm, as Libert and others believe, the re-



Sieur de La Salle

mains could be intact. If the find is determined not to be the Griffon, then the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987 would take precedent, and Michigan

would retain ownership. If it is the Griffon, the French would likely have claim to it since La Salle sailed under the flag of King Louis XIV of France.

Libert and his crew hope to begin working to identify the find this summer. If this is the Griffon, this would be the second of La Salle's ships to be found.

After losing the Griffon, La Salle traversed the Gulf of Mexico in his boat La Belle. While looking for the mouth of the Mississippi River, he was murdered by his crew.

The ship La Belle was discovered

in the mid 1990s, in Matagorda Bay off the coast of Texas. The boat contained hundreds of thousands of artifacts including skeletal remains and weapons.

According to Libert's Web site, "The actual recovery and preservation of the ship will depend on its condition. Whether the ship is recovered or explored in situ will depend on the factors affecting the nature of the shipwreck and the shipwreck site."

"In situ," means an artifact which hasn't been moved from where it was found. Archaeologists prefer to view an artifact in situ because, where an artifact is found, is often as important as the artifact.

The Web site further states, "Artifacts will need to be uncovered, mapped, photographed and extracted. And, if there is enough

of the ship to lift, the ship will have to be transported on a barge to a facility where it can be studied in a controlled environment."

Barnes is hopeful the next meeting between the committee and Libert's group will bring Charlevoix closer to being named the home port.

"Number one, Charlevoix is an ideal port to go out of, even though it's (exploration site) a good trip from here," Barnes said. "And there is some connection between La Salle and Charlevoix."

This wouldn't be the first time Libert searched for a ship in the Great Lakes, he also looked for the Carl D. Bradley, a freighter which sank in Lake Michigan during a storm in 1958.

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- Purchase eggs only from refrigerated cases.

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- Keep eggs and foods separate from raw meat, seafood and poultry in grocery carts and in the refrigerator.

- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds in warm, soapy water before and after each step of preparation from cooking to hiding.

- Keep hard-boiled eggs, peeled or in the shell, in the refrigerator below 40 degrees Fahrenheit for no more than one-week and eggs should be stored in the refrigerator, not in the door.

- Cook two sets of eggs — one for the Easter egg hunt and one for eating.

For more information about food safety and proper food handling, visit the Michigan Department of Agriculture Web site at www.michigan.gov/mda, or call the Michigan Department of Agriculture toll-free at 800-292-3939.

Safe Harbor Baptist Church egg hunt noon, Saturday, April 15

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will host an egg hunt at noon on Saturday, April 15.

Hot dogs and chips will be served and eggs will be available to hunt.

Children of all ages are eligible to participate.

Safe Harbor is located at 06046 Old U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-6283.

Eric Schnepf, featured speaker at sleep center's AWAKE meeting

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center will host its quarterly AWAKE meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18 in classroom B in the lower level of the hospital at 14700 Lake Shore Drive.

Alert Well And Keeping Energetic is a support group for people with

sleep disorders, their family and friends. All are welcome to attend.

The speaker will be Eric Schnepf. His talk will focus on adequate humidification.

For more information contact the Sleep Center at (231) 547-8900.

Northwest Academy garage sale to benefit prom and drama department

The prom committee and the drama department at North West Academy are hosting a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 at Northwest Academy, located off West Hurbit Street.

There will be a wide variety of articles for sale including sets of hand uniforms,

reference and fiction books, assorted collectibles, craft items and quilters' fabrics. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the prom committee and drama department.

For more information, please contact Northwest Academy at (231) 547-9000.



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Charlevoix chosen for Champion Tree Project



Peggy Brennan
Shade Tree Commission

The Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission recently announced that Charlevoix has been chosen to be the first Watershed Ecosystem Restoration model for the country under the direction of David Milarch, founder of the Champion Tree Project.

The goal of this project is the restoration of the natural air and water filters using 10 percent champion trees, 50 percent native trees and 40 percent other trees, shrubs and ground cover.

The first step in this project is a feasibility study to evaluate potential planting sites which will be on both public and private land. The feasibility study is being done by R Clark Associates Inc. of Traverse City, a long-time partner with the Champion Tree Project. This study has been

paid for with private donations, and once the study is complete, the committee will seek private donations and grants to implement the plans. Local landscapers and nurseries will have the opportunity to participate in the future phases.

The Champion Tree Project began in the 1990s with the Milarch family cloning the biggest, oldest trees in their species, including the world's oldest trees, and trees planted by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. They have planted memorial trees at the sites of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks at the Pentagon and New York, Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Memorial. The Detroit News has just announced that David Milarch is the recipient of the Environmental Michiganian of the Year.

The Shade Tree Commission, established by the Charlevoix City Council in 1975, began by giving information and presentations to residents and area organizations regarding this potential project, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. These groups include the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, the Charlevoix Garden Club, the Charlevoix Historical Society, Tipp

of the Mitt Watershed Council, the Audubon Society, the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority, the Lake Charlevoix Association, the Charlevoix city manager and planner, the Hayes Township Board and the Charlevoix County Planning Department.

The Champion Tree Project has developed a collection of 24 northern Michigan champion trees. This project will create, strengthen and expand a sustainable community landscape and reintroduce trees that have exemplified superior qualities

by duplicating the genetics of our old growth forests to rebuild ecosystems for future generations.

This project will benefit Charlevoix both economically and environmentally. As a partner with the Champion Tree Project, Charlevoix will be featured in national and international presentations with the potential of our community becoming an ecotourism destination. As a resort area, we depend upon beautiful landscapes, and clean air and water. Leaves absorb atmospheric pollutants, take in carbon dioxide, and release oxy-

gen. Root systems remove toxins in groundwater.

This project will be a great contribution to all of those qualities. St. Marys Cement Inc. has already volunteered to become the first participant in the project improving the environment at their company site.

Once the feasibility study is complete, the Shade Tree Commission will be available to make presentations to individuals and organizations interested in supporting and/or participating in this exciting and extremely valuable project.

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continued presence of a vessel in Charlevoix," Stupak said. "There may be a lapse or two in time, but I think you will see a vessel ported in Charlevoix."

Stupak said this was an effort by everyone involved.

"It certainly shows that Charlevoix has been a good host to the Coast Guard," he said. "We will always have a search and rescue presence in Charlevoix, but beyond that, because Charlevoix has always been such a good host to the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard wants to maintain a presence there."

Charlevoix City Mayor, Norman Carlson, said this news couldn't have come at a better time.

"I'm absolutely elated," he said. "All the hard work done by the congressman and Admiral Papp is greatly appreciated."

He added, "And, commander

Bills (Charlevoix) started us off right and gave us a lot of crucial advice. He helped walk me through a lot of things."

Carlson said, "It just shows that community support and having a champion like Stupak can make great things happen."

"This means a lot to the City of Charlevoix and Beaver Island and this area as whole with all the shipping industry and the commerce and all that brings to this area."

While Carlson is ecstatic about the news, his optimism is guarded as he awaits both the vote and the president's signature.

"We'll definitely keep an eye on this issue because the goal is to maintain a Coast Guard presence and replace the Acacia because it's the last of its kind," he said. "But, I'm not surprised at the outcome. When I first talked with Stupak, I knew it would be an uphill battle, but he obviously put his nose to the grindstone and went to work for his constituents. And good things come from hard work."

ISD to host literacy celebration April 13

Literacy will be celebrated during fun activities for families with children age birth to five beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at Charlevoix Elementary School.

On tap for the evening will be several interactive literacy events. Special guest readers will read books to children. Chris Hauke, Charlevoix Library Youth Services Supervisor, is working with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District staff to provide the fun activities for parents and children birth to five.

Older siblings are welcome to attend with their family.

A light dinner will be provided from 5:30 to 6 p.m., with all the activities following.

"While interacting with their children, parents will learn new activities and strategies to expand their child's learning," said Leslie VanDeCar, a family school liaison with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

The evening is sponsored by Charlevoix Elementary School and Stepping Stones to School.

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How to get news into the Charlevoix Courier

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance. Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handling"

pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event. It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

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HELP WANTED DOMESTIC 085

SEEKING BABYSITTER for two children, (5 years and 3 years) in Charlevoix, 2 days per week, June through Sept. 1st. Must have experience, references and lots of energy. Please call 517-243-1976.
(03-29-4-085)

EMPLOYMENT 086

GRANDVUE MEDICAL Care Facility: We are "staffing up" our Certified Nurse Aide department and will be starting a new nurse aide training class on May 8. If you have an interest in helping others, this is your opportunity to start your medical career in a state-of-the-art facility. Training is paid after 3-day probationary period, with hourly wages ranging from \$9.25-\$9.46 depending on time off benefit plan selected. Upon receiving CNA certification, hourly wages increase to \$9.84-\$10.05 per hour. Positions will be available on the afternoon and midnight shifts. Apply in person at 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan. Call Jane Korthase at 231-536-2286 with any questions.
(04-05-2-086)

DENTAL ASSISTANT wanted for Petoskey office. Applicants should possess willingness to learn and adapt easily to change. Willing to train right candidate. Please send resume and 3 references to P.O. Box 95, Petoskey, MI 49770.
(03-29-3-086)

GRANDVUE MEDICAL Care Facility is looking for relief staff for our dietary, laundry and housekeeping departments. If you are a friendly team player with a flexible schedule and a desire to make a difference in the lives of our residents, please stop by 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan, and fill out an application. Starting wages for these year round positions range from \$8.86 to \$9.06 per hour based on time off benefit plan selected, with increases after 90 and 180 days. Apply in person; if you have questions, please call Jane Korthase at 231-536-2286.
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BUSINESS PROPERTY 168

BEAUTIFUL, NEW office space in downtown Charlevoix for rent. Call 248-613-1674.
(04-12-3-168)

CHARLEVOIX, MI rehab and/or Fitness Center facility. "Purpose-built" for such use with large shower & locker rooms, sauna and massage area. Top lighting, AC and Heating systems. Special flooring, separate racquet ball court, newer building and great ground floor location in town center. Over 5,000 square feet at less than \$6 per S.F. per year, triple net. Contact Aila at 231-547-1155, EXT. 3115 or call Richard at 248-885-0802. E-mail: rgeorgi@resortbook.com.
(03-29-3-168)

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX nice 2nd floor office room, \$300 + util. Call Aila 231-547-1155, ext. 3115.
(03-29-3-168)

CHARLEVOIX 1,700 SF retail space + big basement, \$2,125 per month + escrow + utilities. Call Aila 231-547-1155, ext. 3115.
(03-29-3-168)

CHARLEVOIX 2,500 sq. ft., office/retail, 1204 Bridge Street. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.
(11-10-tf-168)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169
LAKE HARBOR Apartments in Charlevoix has apartments currently available. FREE HEAT. Rent is income based. On Site laundry/Playground. Country living near town. Clean, Friendly Community. Call before they are gone. EHO/Barrier Free. 231-547-6870.
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AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE Occupancy: 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Rents are based on income and start at \$422 and \$456 respectively. Please stop by Pine Cove & Charlevoix Apartments at 1001 May Street, or call 231-547-5202 for an application. TDD 800-760-1997.
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CHARLEVOIX CHARMING one bedroom apartment in downtown corner of Park and Bridge, \$460 + util. per month. Call Aila 231-547-1155, ext. 3115.
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CHARLEVOIX RENTAL Apartment overlooking Round Lake Harbor. 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, inside Jacuzzi for 8, wonderful kitchen, central AC & heat, roof deck via circular stairway, wood flooring, utility room, storage loft and great views. Available April 1 with yearly lease at \$950 per month. Call Richard 231-547-1077 or Aila 231-547-1155.
(04-05-3-169)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170
PETOSKEY HOME for rent, 221 Sunset Avenue, by Winter Sports Park with great views, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2.5 heated car garage with walkout basement. Close to town and waterfront. \$1,500/monthly plus deposit. Call 1-810-714-5570.
(03-29-3-170)

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**RESORT PROPERTY
FOR RENT** 171

LAKE CHARLEVOIX waterfront, 2+ bd, 2 ba, fully equipped. 5 min. to town. www.geocities.com/baum-company or 415-215-1330.

(04-05-6-171)

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000. weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-f-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-547-6445.

(9-15-f-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas. Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern. Real Estate One. 231-547-5100.

(3-31-f-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-f-174)

WANTED TO RENT REAL ESTATE 175

REASONABLE-PRICED rental wanted. House/aprt. for up to 6 months starting May/June. Prefer partially (at least) furnished & walking distance to downtown Chx. Email pmmccoon@msn.com or call 231-439-9787.

(04-12-f-175)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grubers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-f-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Grubers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-f-181)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIP. 203

NEW RESIDENCE on South Arm, one mile South of Ironton Ferry on West side of arm, looking for dockage for 45 ft. power boat. Call John at 248-641-7608.

(04-12-3-203)

BOUY FOR RENT in Round Lake for 2006 Season. Call John at 513-887-9693.

(03-29-4-203)

FOR LEASE - 30 ft and 40 ft Boat Slips. Water, Electric, Pumpout, Heated Pool, Mens and Womens Bathrooms, Clubroom, Laundry Facilities. Internationally recognized staff and facilities. Call Eric 231-547-5552 at Northwest Marine Yacht Club. Visit our website at www.nwmyc.com

(03-22-f-203)

40' BOAT SLIP 2006 season lease. Pine Lake Yacht Club on Lake Charlevoix. Full amenities. \$3,300. Call Todd 248-352-2454.

(03-22-6-203)

30 FT. BOAT Slip for lease at Northwest Marine. All clubhouse amenities included. Great rate for the 2006 season. Please call 231-536-7942 for more information.

(03-15-f-203)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BIDS WANTED** 209

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX will receive bids until 10:00 a.m. on April 26, 2006 in the office of the City Clerk Carol Ochs, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 for a municipal articulated 4 wheel drive utility vehicle. Specifications can be obtained from and all inquiries are to be directed to Street Superintendent John Martin at 231-547-3276. All bids are to be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "utility vehicle". Faxed bids will not be accepted. The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, waive irregularities and accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

(B(04-12)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX**
File No: 05-035-21-CH

LINDA H. MATTHEWS and
SALLY RANDALL SWANSON LLC,
Plaintiffs,
v.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD
COMMISSION, EVANGELINE
TOWNSHIP, EDWARD YOUNGER
and CAROLINE YOUNGER, his
wife, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
ASSIGNS, DEVISEES AND LEGA-
TEES OF LAURA BOWMAN CASE,
AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN
PERSON CLAIMING THROUGH
SUCH HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVI-
SEES OR LEGATEES,
Defendants.

TOPP LAW PLC
BY: SUSAN HLYWA TOPP
(P46230)

Attorney for Plaintiffs
213 E. Main Street
P.O. Box 1977
Gaylord, MI 49734-1977
989-731-4014

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ENTRY
OF JUDGMENT TO QUIET TITLE**

TO: The heirs, assigns, devisees
and legatees of Laura Bowman
Case, and any other person claiming
through such heirs, assigns, devisees
or legatees.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that your
default for failure to plead or other-
wise defend as provided by law was
entered on March 22, 2006. Plan-



Happy 70th Birthday
Kay (B.B.) Empey
We Love You!



April 14th
Happy Birthday Granmma
(Legal seal limit)
Love,
Cam, Moe, Kelsi, Kyran
Isabella, Zoe



HAPPY
60th
BIRTHDAY,
BUBBA!
Love, Richie
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Judgment to Quiet Title for entry by
the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas on
Friday, April 21, 2006 at 2:15 p.m.,
or as soon thereafter as counsel
may be heard.
Topp Law PLC
By: Susan Hlywa Topp P46230
Attorney for Plaintiffs
Dated: March 23, 2006
L(03/29, 04/05, 04/12)

LEGAL NOTICE 210
NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-
TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A
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ED WILL BE USED FOR THAT
PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR
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DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has
been made in the conditions of a
mortgage made by Allan J. Joseph
and Ruth A. Joseph, husband and
wife, to Mortgage Electronic Reg-
istration Systems, Inc., mortgagee,
dated May 4, 2000 and recorded
May 8, 2000 in Liber 387, Page
939. Charlevoix County Records.
Said mortgage is now held by Fifth
Third Mortgage Company by assign-
ment submitted to and recorded by
the Charlevoix County Register of
Deeds. There is claimed to be due
on such mortgage the sum of One
Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand
One Hundred Forty-Five and 91/100
Dollars (\$122,145.91) including
interest at the rate of 8.38% per an-
num.

Under the power of sale contained in
the mortgage and the statutes of the

State of Michigan, notice is hereby
given that the mortgage will be fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged
premises, or some part of them, at
public vendue at the main lobby of
Charlevoix County Courthouse in
Charlevoix in Charlevoix County,
Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on April 28,
2006. The premises are located in
the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix
County, Michigan, and are described
as:

In the Township of Eveline, Charle-
voix County, Michigan, commencing
at a 1 inch pipe at the Southwest
corner of Section 36, Township 33
North, Range 7 West; thence along
the West line of said section North
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East 1315.97 feet to a T-iron stake
on the South eighth line of said
section; thence along said eighth
line North 89 degrees 47 minutes
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one-half inch rod being the point
of beginning of this description;
thence continuing along said eighth
line North 89 degrees 47 minutes
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one-half inch rod; thence South 00
degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds
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rod on the North line of the Boyne
City-Advance Road; thence continu-
ing South 00 degrees 08 minutes 19
seconds East 34.67 feet to the cen-
ter line of said Road; thence along
said center line South 72 degrees
01 minutes 21 seconds West 396.04
feet; thence North 00 degrees 08
minutes 19 seconds West 34.67 feet
to a one-half inch Rod on the North
line of said Road; thence continu-
ing North 00 degrees 08 minutes
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the point of beginning, being a part
to the South half of the Southwest
quarter of Section 36, Township 33
North, Range 7 West. And Parcel 6:

In the Township of Eveline, Charle-
voix County, Michigan, commencing
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corner of Section 36, Township 33
North, Range 7 West; thence along
the West line of said section North
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on the South eighth line of said
section; thence along said eighth
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degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds
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on the North line of the Boyne City-
Advance Road; thence continuing
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seconds East 34.67 feet to the cen-
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line of said Road; thence continu-
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19 seconds West 1086.58 feet to
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quarter of Section 36, Township 33
North, Range 7 West. The redemp-
tion period shall be 12 months from
the date of such sale, unless the
property is determined abandoned in
accordance with MCLA §600.3241a,
in which case the redemption period
shall be 30 days from the date of the
sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The
foreclosing mortgagee can rescind
the sale in the event a 3rd party
buys the property and there is a si-
multaneous resolution with the bor-
rower. In that event, your damages,
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Dated: March 29, 2006

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage
Company, as Assignee
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248-457-1000
File No. 200.1593
ASAP #763472

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. D6-010947-DE**

Estate of Ralph Prescott Witmer,
Deceased
Date of birth: August 18, 1912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The de-
cedent, Ralph Prescott Witmer, who
lived at 36850 Esch Road, Beaver
Island, Michigan 49782, died Janu-
ary 3, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are noti-
fied that all claims against the estate
will be forever barred unless pre-
sented to Ronald A. Witmer, named
personal representative or proposed
personal representative, or to both
the probate court at 301 State Street,
Charlevoix, MI and the named/pro-
posed personal representative within
4 months after the date of publica-
tion of this notice.

April 12, 2006

Harry K. Golski P25177
203 Mason Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-0099

Ronald A. Witmer,
84 Eldredge Street, Unit 4
Newton, MA 02458

L(04/12)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-010955-DE**

Estate of Marjorie Leona Imel, De-
ceased
Date of birth: May 8, 1927

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The de-
cedent, Marjorie Leona Imel, who
lived at 70 Park Drive, East Jordan,
Michigan 49727, died February 18,
2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the estate will
be forever barred unless presented to
John Jay Imel, named personal
representative or proposed personal
representative, or to both the probate
court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix,
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Scott T. Beatty P24202

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lived at 04835 CASTLEVIEW DRIVE,
CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN, 49720,
died FEBRUARY 11, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified
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Area events

Easter Egg Hunt

The Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 2 p.m. April 15 at the Charlevoix Public Library. The hunt is open to all children ages 3 and under. Prizes will be awarded to the child who finds the most eggs. The hunt is free and open to all. For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

Singles for Christ

Singles for Christ is a non-profit organization that provides a safe and fun environment for singles to meet. The group's monthly dinner is held at the Petoskey Community Center. The next dinner is on Saturday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at the Petoskey Community Center. The cost is \$10. For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

Retired federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, April 18, at the Petoskey Community Center. After lunch, the speaker will be Mary Margaret H. Humber from Petoskey Habitat for Humanity. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

Charlevoix Public Library to host bedtime story hour

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, the Charlevoix Public Library will have a special evening story time in honor of both the Month of the Child and National Library Week.

Bundle up your children and bring them to the library for bedtime stories and lullabies. Parents can dress their children in pajamas and bring blankets and teddy bears to cuddle up together.

After milk and animal crackers, the group will settle down for quiet stories and songs.

This is a family event with no pre-registration required. Children need to be accompanied

by an adult.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information call Chris Hauke at the library at (231) 547-2651.

Spring Art Show

A Spring Art Show at St. Mary's School will last from April 21-28. The show features art in various mediums made by students under the direction of Lori Bolt. Pieces will be on display throughout the school. The public is invited to stop by the school, located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix to participate. For more information call (231) 547-9441.

Lasting Impression

An upcoming fund-raiser will allow participants to capture a child's hand or foot print in clay.

"Lasting Impression" is a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will allow participants to capture a child's hand or foot print in clay.

Event coordinator Tonya Mann said the imprints are ideal for Father's Day and Mother's Day gifts.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Charlevoix Children's House, located at 8700 Mendler Boulevard, in Charlevoix.

Rates are \$20 for a 4 inch square tile, \$30 for a 6 inch square tile, \$35 for circle 7 inches in diameter and \$50 for a 9 inch square. Custom sizes

are available by request. The price includes clay firing and glazing.

People of all ages are welcome to participate.

For more information, contact Tonya Mann at (231) 547-6960.

Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic

On April 29 the Charlevoix High School baseball team will host its first annual Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic at Antrim Dells Golf Course.

The format will be a four-person scramble. The cost to participate is \$65 per person which includes doughnuts, golf, door prizes and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the baseball team's immediate and future needs.

Additionally, golfers may purchase chances to win hole-in-one prizes, games and raffle items. Live and silent auctions will also take place.

Tickets for dinner and an opportunity to bid in the auctions are \$20 per person.

To become a sponsor, donate prizes or auction items or to register for the golf scramble, call Kirk Heckendorn at (231) 547-2683 or 675-1941 or e-mail him at kheckendorn@charter.net.

Baby-sitter training

Baby-sitter training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 6 at the Charlevoix Area

Hospital. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with training in safety, basic childcare, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is \$25 for the class and includes a baby-sitter's list that contains many of the items needed to feel confident and skilled as a baby-sitter. Snacks and lunch are provided. For more information, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first

Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

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The Jordan River Arts Center

Memories from life on the farm in the 1930s



Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

Memories are a wonderful gift we have.

I have been blessed with especially wonderful ones. One of my grandmothers lived on a farm. My grandfather, Milton McKay had a house downtown in East Jordan on McKay Road, named for him.

I have written down many of my memories of my life as a child in the 1930s, for my grandchildren. They each have a book of my articles written for the Courier, and the stories of my childhood. When they read these stories of the old Charlevoix area, they will understand why we love living here.

My maternal grandmother was Jessie McKay Hager. She was a school teacher in the East Jordan school. Sometimes when I stayed with her, I would go to school. I was a first-grader at the time, and was very unhappy in the class. So, grandma took me into her third and fourth-grade class. I remember sitting in the reading circle, and helping the kids with their words. Grandma encouraged me to read very early, and she had many books for me to enjoy. Her shelves at home and school were filled with wonderful books about the world, and I loved them. I also have many books for my grandchildren.

I also visited the farm every day. It was one mile from the house in town, on M-32. Grandma had pigs, chickens, cows and cats on the farm. We called our grandma, "grandma

When I was little, there were no toilets inside the house. Great-grandpa McKay, who lived in the house downtown, was an engineer, and made a nice outhouse over the creek which ran past the house on the way to the Jordan River. Of course, you couldn't do that today, but at that time, it was the cleanest outhouse you ever saw. He built three seats in it, with shaped sides. One was a little one, for me. I loved the fun of wading in the sandy bottomed creek, and all the host of frogs that inhabited the long grass near it. The croaking frogs put me to sleep every night. When Dale and I first lived at North Point, there were lots of frogs and crickets singing at night, but it is rare today.

One day, I made the trip to the outhouse, down the path and across the little bridge that grandpa built over the creek. As I closed the door, I saw a garter snake curled up in the corner between the door and me. I was so little, that any snake would terrify me. I started yelling for my grandma. She heard me, and when she saw it was a snake, she called my great-grandmother McKay, who came out with a hoe and killed the snake. I was fascinated to see this little lady with her hoe, but as I looked, the snake continued to move around, even though she cut its head off. I asked her why the snake was moving, and she said, "Why, Mary, snakes don't die until sundown." This wasn't so, but I remembered it all my life.

I also visited the farm every day. It was one mile from the house in town, on M-32. Grandma had pigs, chickens, cows and cats on the farm. We called our grandma, "grandma

Jessie" to keep the two grandmas separate. At her farm, there wasn't any refrigerator, of course. She had a basement which had stairs going into it on the outside of the house, and the floor of the basement was nice sand, with clear, cold water covering it. There was a board over the water so you could walk on it and not get wet. There were shelves along the sides, with jars of canned fruit, vegetables, and meat on them.

There was a window by the stairs so light would come in. We kept our bottles of orange pop in the water, anchored in the sand. It was so nice to go down there on a hot summer day, because it was very cool. Grandma also kept all the eggs on the steps leading downstairs. The sides of the stairway were made of stones, which kept the cellar cold. It made a wonderful refrigerator.

Grandma had a pitcher pump in her kitchen like all other farms had. She also had a long linen towel made from flour sacks, which she sewed together and hung up near the sink on a dowel. It was a most handy towel to use, and I have always had one in my home, only it is made of absorbent terry cloth. The living room, or parlor, was used when company came. We usually were in the dining room and kitchen. We had a big stove to keep the house warm. The two bedrooms were cold, but they had down feather beds, with a down comforter on top. It was wonderful to sink into the warm, soft beds. When I was born, my mother

was deciding what to name me. Her mother's name was Jessie Matilda, and my dad's mother's name was Matilda. I lucked out, and mother decided she couldn't name me Jessie Matilda, for it would look like she named me only for my one grandma, so she named me Marilyn Margaret. Marilyn was for a current movie star, and Margaret was after my great-aunt.

I loved to feed the chickens on the farm. They walked freely around the farm, and when I called, "Here, chick, chick, chick," they would come running. It was a delightful experience for me. At that time, the cows were milked by hand, and grandma would put the milk in a separator, which was in the kitchen. She would put the cream in one container, and the milk in another. In those days, people usually made their own butter and cheeses. There weren't any supermarkets then, just little stores around town in each neighborhood. Of course, the housewives had to use their apples for pies, sauce, etc. Nothing went to waste. They baked their own bread, pies and cookies. I remember grandma being up late at night, either canning, or mending socks or anything else that needed fixing.

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When I think back on the work they had to do with rather primitive things, it makes me wonder how they did it all. We are so blessed today, with our modern conveniences and our great memories.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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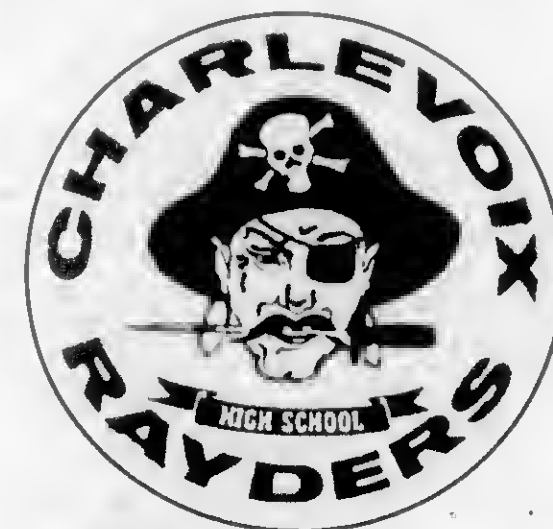
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BASEBALL



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The varsity baseball team is (front, from left) bat boy Will Telgenhof, Jon Putman, Ty Telgenhof, Travis Jakeway, Zach Scharenbroch, Shannon Gillespie, Cliff Jones and Kyle Jones. (Back) Coach Neil Assistant coach Neil Friske, assistant coach Kirk Heckendorn, Drew Klooster, Kyle DeYoung, Logan Niswander, Matt Teuscher, Michael Heckendorn, assistant coach Joe Niswander and coach Allen Telgenhof. Billy Brodin, Brady Way, Danny Waldron and Eddie Waldron are not pictured. (Below) The junior varsity baseball team is (front, from left) Matt McKenzie, Zach Amstutz, Andrew Larquent, Sam Balasz, Woody Nitchman, Tanner Fisher and bat boy Noah Certa. (Back) Larry Skippergosh, Ethan Towsley, R.J. Moore, J.D. Speigl, Nic Williams and coach Brian Certa. Nate Golovich, Mike Kras and assistant coach Doug Nitchman are not pictured.



Stealthy training and healthy turnout bode well for strong season

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer



Allen Telgenhof

With a new team, valuable playing time in Tennessee under his belt and plenty of talent to pick from, Charlevoix High School varsity baseball coach, Allen Telgenhof, has a lot to look

Telgenhof said.

He said this trip gave the team valuable training time as well as the opportunity to take notes on a few college level games. The trip was financed through fund-raisers coordinated by the team.

Telgenhof said the team's greatest strength will come from pitchers Matt Teuscher and Eddie Waldron.

"We're looking to them for some strong one-two pitching," Telgenhof said.

According to Telgenhof, the team's biggest challenge will be getting the newer players acclimated to playing at the varsity level.

forward to this year.

Telgenhof said he has 16 students on the varsity team this year. That does not just mean lots of talent to pick from, but it means good things for the future.

Of the 16 players on the team, seven are seniors, four are juniors, three are sophomores and two are freshmen.

Telgenhof recently took the team on a week-long spring training tour beginning at Notre Dame in Indiana and ending at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"It was an eye-opening experience,"

As for competition, Telgenhof said, it will be tough since Boyne City is returning some strong players. He added, Elk Rapids and Traverse City St. Francis are also looking strong.

They played their first doubleheader on April 10 at home against Central Lake. The Rayders won both games, claiming a 17-2 victory in the first game and a 5-1 win in the second.

The next game is 4:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 12 at home against the Petoskey High School Northmen.



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Junior varsity baseball team bat boy Noah Certa stands with his father, Brian Certa, head coach of the junior varsity team.

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SOFTBALL



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The varsity softball team is (front, from left) Sally Haselschwardt and Genevieve Kochanny. (Middle) Amber Hoffman, Catilyn Michelle, Kara Ciesielczyk, Desi Faust, Jana Drost and Leah Kelly. (Back) Charisse Rogers, Sasha Spenceley, Chelsea Nemchak, Micheal Sayward, Lauren Mielke, Patrick Faust, assistant coach Ken Hoffman and coach Tony Zimmerman. (Below) The junior varsity softball team is (front, from left) Ericka Faust, Bethany Brodin, Katelyn Cole, Kim Rosen, Renee Drew, Emily Yager and Kristin Bradley. (Back) Coach Ann Gorney, coach Toni Felter, Felicia Moses, Kaylee Wells, Mia Matchett, Jessica Gauthier, Omega Haug and coach Waja Dixon. Samantha Stebe is not pictured.



Young, athletic team to see success on the softball field

"We are looking pretty good for such a young team. They have a lot of potential and with time and practice we'll have a strong team."

Tony Zimmerman,
Head coach, Charlevoix girls' softball

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

Charlevoix's new varsity softball coach, Tony Zimmerman, may have a young team this year, but he's impressed with their athletic ability and attitude.

"We are looking pretty good, for such a young team," he said. "They have a lot of potential, and with time and practice, we'll have a strong team."

Out of a team of 13, Zimmerman has only two seniors returning from last season. He also has five juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen.

Returning players are Desi Faust, Sally Haselschwardt, Leah Kelly, Genevieve Kochanny, Catilyn Mitchell, Chelsea Nemchak and Sasha Spenceley.

This marks Zimmerman's first year as head coach. He said he looks forward to working with the girls as they head into this season.

"This will be a learning experience for both me and the team as a whole," he said.

While he said he does not have any real standout players at this time, he has two senior outfielders, Haselschwardt and Kochanny, who will add a solid base of experience to the team.



Tony Zimmerman

Zimmerman said his goal right now is to improve the team's hitting and bunting, as well as their fielding and to teach them the ins and outs of the game.

"They need real-game experience," he said. "There is no better way for (the team) to learn than to get out there and compete with other teams."

Zimmerman looks forward to building strong ties between the community and his team. He said having a larger audience at the games will encourage his team and strengthen their morale.

"The best thing for these girls is to see that all of Charlevoix is behind them 100 percent," he said.

The Rayder varsity softball team will play their first game at 4:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 12 at home against Petoskey.

The Rayder varsity softball and baseball teams will host Central Lake, Ellsworth and Gaylord in their first tournament of the season. The tournament begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 22.

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TRACK



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The girls' varsity track team is (front, from left) Alina Dhaseleer, Kristina Alden, Marnie Greene, Jasmine Witthoef, Emily Heffling, Michelle Bureke, Alyssa Smith, Tonya Wynkoop, Ellise Smolenyak. (Back) Caitlin Cole, Caitlin Ernst, Chantel Novotny, Laura Larsen, Shauna Spencley, Brittney Lamb, Lindi Edger, Chelsea Biddick, Shelby Goss and Ashley Pett.

Depth and diversity define track teams

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

Charlevoix boys' and girls' track coaches Ken and Mary Plude are excited about this year's prospects.

Due to the large number of players on each team, both coaches boast a surplus of depth and diversity to pick from. Something they hope will create balanced teams.

Mary has 21 students on the girls' team, eight of which are freshman.

With so many underclassmen on the team, Mary said, not only will she have a strong team this year, but she could get a lot of talent in the coming years.

"It's good to see so many girls come out," she said.

Mary said she is excited about the

"The ultimate goal is to win the regional so they can go as a team to the state finals."

Mary Plude,
Charlevoix girls' track coach

outlook for her young team.

"The girls are gelling well and coming along as a team," she said.

"I have sprinters, distance runners and field events, the only thing I am

lacking is a high jumper."

However, she said, she still needs to make it all work in the meets.

"I can have all the talent in the world. I just need to be able to pull

it together in time," she said.

The team is focused this year Mary said, and they want to qualify as many Rayders for the state finals as they can.

"The ultimate goal is to win the regional so they can go as a team to the state finals," she said.

Seniors Lindi Edger, Shannon Dible, Brittney Lamb, Caitlin

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The boys' varsity track team is (front, from left) Mike McDonough, Matt Golovich, Nick Wimmer, Nate Gilmore, Alex Buday and Ben Castiglione. (Middle) Jacob Hunt, Dan Swenor, Billy Roloff, Matt Kanine, Kyle Jones, Darron Munson, Cliff Jones, Jacob Wimmer and Chuck Green. (Back) Zak Rankl, Nick Gotshall, Ray Jones, Scott Plude, Trevor Cole, Brock Yenglin, Mitchell Crandall, Trevor Mays, Michael DiMartino, Josh Saur, Jeff Golovich and Weston Bryan. Max Braniecki, Jake Rankl, Phil Michaud, Nate LaBlance, Nate Sotuyo, Brandon Stevens, Isaac Matchett, Dan Elliot and Joe Graham are not pictured.

Track teams focus on making the state finals

TRACK

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Ernst, Jasmine Witthoef and Emily Heffling have been with her for four years and are very hard workers.

Ken also pointed out that, the sheer number of players on his team, 43 students, 13 of which are freshman, will give him a competitive edge.



Ken Plude

Due to a large graduating class, but we have plenty of up and coming players to choose from."

Ken said the greatest strength of his team will come in the field events and he already has two boys who are jumping 18 to 20 feet.

As for running, Ken is very impressed with his distance runners.

"Distance is very competitive here in northern Michigan," he said.

"It takes a lot just to keep up."

Ken said he is pleased with the work Jeff Golovich is doing on his throws and hurdlings.

Another senior to watch is Brandon Stevens in the distance, along with Nate Sotuyo in the middle distance events.

Ken also sees continued improvement in sprinters Mike DiMartino and Dan Elliot.

"We graduated a lot of sprinters, but we still have what it takes

to compete," Ken said. "Mike (DiMartino) was our lead sprinter last year, and Dan (Elliot) worked all winter to be able to compete at this level."

As for the teams to look out for, Ken said, without a doubt it will be Harbor Springs and Kingsley.

But, he's looking forward to facing these teams with his Rayders.

"They are a fun group. They are hardworking and team oriented," he said.

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The varsity girls' soccer team is (front, from left) Megan Cross, Zita Anderson, Ariel Ramsey, Madison Ramsey, Molly Braniecki and Lisa Kuebler. (Middle) Lori Zimmerman, Medidith Rich, Kaleigh Blanchard, Emily Foster, Brecklind Golovich-Keie and Kris Broman. (Back) Coach Carol Madison, Stevie Murray, Laura Nitchman, K.C. McCary, Katie Withrow, Becca Madison, Bridget Peters, Tammy Potter, Teresa Potter and coach Tom Conlan. Danni Bergmann, Gena Gaudio, Meighen Havens and Nicole Cyr are not pictured.

Young talent meets seniority on soccer field

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

According to varsity girls' soccer assistant coach, Tom Conlan, the team has the most talented underclassmen it has had in years — which, added to the team's experienced players, should mean

good things for this season.

"We had our best season in 10 years last year. This team will be even better," Conlan said.

Out of 22 students on the team, six of them are freshman, nine of them are sophomores and four of them are seniors.

Conlan said those four seniors

form a strong nucleus for the team to build on. They are full-backs Lisa Kuebler and Stevie Murray; veteran goalkeeper Laura Nitchman; and midfielder Madison Ramsey.

Ramsey missed last season after she was injured during the girls' basketball state finals.

"We'll be looking for her to really blossom this year," Conlan said.

In goal again this year is Laura Nitchman, who was all-state as a freshman and all-district as a sophomore.

"She is outstanding," Conlan said.

Offensively, he said, this year's team has speed to spare.

"We are going to be faster than most of the teams in our division," he said.

The girls' varsity Rayder soccer team will open regular season play at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 in East Jordan.

TENNIS



Photo by Kent Ludwig

The Charlevoix varsity tennis team is (front, from left) Travis Klooster, Peter Londgren, Becca Jadwin, Mallory Metzger, Rachel Gilmore, Kim Wager, Alyssa McCormick, John Hart and Gunnar Lundteigen. (Second) Mike Pelon, Kaitlyn Wojan, Lauren Dupuis, Geoff Baier, Kevin Moore, Veronica Shull, Sarah Stevenson, Julia Holdsworth, Anna Farrell, Jennifer Rich, Sarah Hagen, Kevin Greyerbiehl and Kris Bartling. (Third) Coach Erik Lundteigen, Meagan Sell, Lauren Bradley, Rob Rundblad, Scott Silberhorn, Zak Smith, Alex Molter, Calvin Towsley, Dan Swenor, Ty Haske, Mike Greyerbiehl, Kenney Anderson and Neil Turner. (Back) Thomas Parrish, Weston Bryan, Jeff Miller, Trevor Mays, Alex MacKenzie, Matt Mason and Justin Klooster. Matt Novotny, Ted Dillworth, David Left, Brad Cyr, Collin McDonough, Taylor Witthoef, Dustin Dibble, Eric Deboe, Kelsey Shulman and Christine Miller are not pictured.

Tennis turnout promising for present and future

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

Charlevoix tennis coach, Erik Lundteigen, is excited about the growth of his team and the outlook for this season.

With 50 students out for the varsity and junior varsity teams this year, Lundteigen said that means the program will be healthy for quite some time.

"It's good to have those numbers. As the seniors start to graduate, the spots will be filled," he said. "I'm thrilled to see the continued growth and interest."

On top of the high number of players on the teams, Lundteigen will also have the experience to back it up, as many students from last year's varsity team have returned this year.

In the 2004-2005 season, the tennis team claimed the regional championship, placed second in the conference and qualified for the state finals.

And, despite the bounty of players, Lundteigen has no plans to leave anyone left out of the game.

"I don't believe in cutting kids, because tennis is really a lifelong thing," he said.

"It's good to have those numbers. As seniors start to graduate, the spots will be filled. I'm thrilled to see the continued growth and interest."

Erik Lundteigen,
Charlevoix tennis coach

Lundteigen stressed, no one's spot on the team is safe, and the names you see on the roster will change throughout the year, thanks to the team's use of challenge matches.

In challenge matches a player can work their way up through the ranks of the team by challenging

other teammates for their positions.

Lundteigen said this only makes the team stronger by keeping the level of competition high.

"It really makes everyone work harder and encourages them to practice more on their own," he said.

In addition to the competition from challenge matches, a large graduating class left Lundteigen with several open spots to fill.

"We graduated half of our singles players, so there's going to be a lot of competition for those positions," he said. "I think that is a great thing for the health of this team."

According to Lundteigen, the key to winning this year depends upon how the team improves heading up to the regional tournament on May 12.

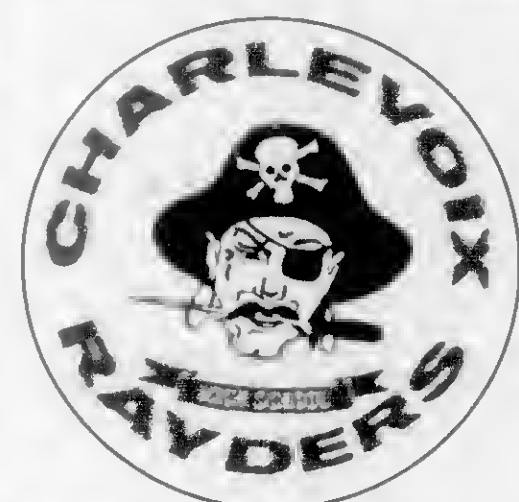
While he's happy with the team's skills now, Lundteigen believes things still need to improve.

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May 9	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE TC St. Francis
May 11	Thursday	4:15pm	AT Cheboygan
May 16	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Boyne City
May 18	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Suttons Bay
May 19	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Light
May 23	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Grayling
May 25	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Leland (LMC Make-up)
May 26	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Bellaire
May 30	Tuesday	4:30pm	Pre-District
June 2/3	Fri/Sat	10:00am	District
June 10	Saturday	10:00am	Regionals

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Coach: Brian Cerna

April 12	Wednesday	4:30pm	AT Petoskey
April 18	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE East Jordan
April 20	Thursday	4:00pm	HERE Roscommon
April 25	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Springs
April 28	Friday	4:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 2	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Kalkaska
May 9	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT TC St. Francis
May 11	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Cheboygan
May 16	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Boyne City
May 18	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Suttons Bay
May 23	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Grayling
May 25	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Pellston

TENNIS

Coach: Erik Lundteigen

April 13	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Leland
April 17	Monday	4:30pm	HERE Grayling
April 18	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE TC Christian
April 20	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
April 24	Monday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Springs
April 28	Friday	9:00am	AT Boyne City Invit.
April 29	Saturday	10:00am	AT TC St. Francis Invit.
May 1	Monday	4:30pm	AT Harbor Springs
May 3	Wednesday	4:30pm	HERE Elk Rapids

TENNIS (ctd.)

May 5	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Boyne City
May 8	Monday	4:30pm	AT Petoskey (JV)
May 9	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Grayling
May 12	Friday	9:00am	AT Grayling LMC Champion
May 15	Monday	4:30pm	HERE TC St. Francis
May 18/19	Thurs/Fri		Regionals
June 2/3	Fri/Sat		State Championship

GIRLS' SOCCER

Coach: Carol Madison

Asst. Coach: Tom Conlan

April 13	Thursday	5:00pm	AT East Jordan
April 17	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
April 20	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Grayling
April 21	Friday	5:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
April 24	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Cheboygan
April 27	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE TC St. Francis
April 29	Saturday	11:00am	AT Glen Lake
May 1	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Boyne City
May 4	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 5	Friday	5:00pm	AT Gaylord
May 8	Monday	5:00pm	HERE East Jordan
May 9	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Suttons Bay
May 11	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
May 15	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Grayling
May 20	Saturday	10:00am	AT TSCF
May 25	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Boyne City
May 26	Friday	5:00pm	HERE Suttons Bay
May 30/June 3	Tue-Sat		Districts
June 6-10	Tue-Sat		Regionals
June 14	Wednesday		Semi-Finals
June 17	Saturday		Finals

VARSITY SOFTBALL

April 12	Wednesday	4:30pm	HERE Petoskey
April 18	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT East Jordan
April 20	Thursday	4:00pm	AT Roscommon
April 22	Saturday	11:00am	HERE Charlevoix Tournament
April 25	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Harbor Springs
April 28	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Elk Rapids
May 2	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Kalkaska
May 9	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE TC St. Francis
May 11	Thursday	4:15pm	AT Cheboygan
May 16	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Boyne City
May 18	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Suttons Bay
May 19	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Light
May 23	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Grayling

VARSITY SOFTBALL (ctd.)

May 25	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Leland (LMC Make-up)
May 26	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Bellaire
May 30	Tuesday	4:30pm	Pre-District
June 2/3	Fri/Sat	10:00am	Districts
June 10	Saturday	10:00am	Regionals

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

April 12	Wednesday	4:30pm	AT Petoskey Frosh
April 18	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE East Jordan
April 20	Thursday	4:00pm	HERE Roscommon
April 25	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Boyne City
April 28	Friday	4:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 2	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Kalkaska
May 9	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT TC St. Francis
May 11	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Cheboygan
May 16	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Boyne City
May 18	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Suttons Bay
May 23	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Kalkaska
May 25	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Pellston

BOY'S/GIRL'S TRACK

Girls Coach: Mary Plude • Boys Coach: Ken Plude

April 17	Monday	4:00pm	AT Boyne City w/ER and HS
April 19	Wednesday	3:00pm	AT Boyne City Invit.
April 24	Monday	4:00pm	AT East Jordan w/Grayling/Kalkaska
April 28	Friday	3:00pm	AT Clare Invitational
May 1	Monday	2:30pm	AT Bellaire
May 5	Friday	12:00pm	Heidi Steiner Invit.
May 8	Monday	4:00pm	AT Traverse City Central Invit.
May 11	Thursday	3:00pm	HERE w/Boyne City/Kalkaska/TC St. Francis
May 16	Tuesday	4:00pm	AT Petoskey (Kiwanis Relays)
May 20	Saturday	8:00am	Regionals at East Jordan Div. 3
May 24	Wednesday	3:00pm	AT Harbor Springs (LMC Championship)
May 27	Saturday	10:00am	AT Kent City Team State Finals
May 30	Tuesday	3:30pm	AT Cheboygan (Meet of Champions)
June 3	Saturday	9:00am	Div. 3 State Championships at Comstock Park, Grand Rapids

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Boyko resigns



Hayes Township supervisor Tim Boyko moved and resigned his position from the township board.

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Mrs. Michigan



Charlevoix resident Tanya Umulis placed third runner-up in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant April 15.

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Next week
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Supervisor threatens prosecution

Eveline Township clerk Don Hayden searches for lost receipts

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Eveline Township trustee, Don Hayden, was given one more month to produce receipts at the Tuesday, April 11 Eveline Township Board meeting.

Hayden, along with township treasurer, Debra Jason (formerly Healey-Jason), who was reinstated April 1, were chastised at the March 21 meeting by township supervisor, John Vrondran,

for some discrepancies in the townships financial records including overpaid tax bills and missing receipts.

"He (Vrondran) told the audience that, if I don't provide the receipts by the next meeting, he will turn it over to the (Charlevoix County) prosecutor and I will go to jail," Hayden said. "One of the items was a three cent discrepancy for stamps. Do you think I ought to go to jail for a three cent discrepancy?"

He added, "I realize the receipts are supposed to be furnished, but for years I've trusted people who turned in their timecards and asked for payment whether they had a receipt or not. I trusted that they only asked for what they were entitled to. But, I believe our auditor has said the IRS requires that receipts are provided."

As in the past, Hayden has said he most likely misplaced the receipts while

moving to a new home in May 2005.

"I have not found any of those receipts, but I'm sure they're here," he said. "I've got 20 boxes of papers because I never throw anything away."

Currently, Hayden stores all the receipts for which he is in charge at his personal office. Vrondran hopes moving the storage of such important papers to a township facility will help prevent similar mishaps in the future.

"I'll provide all the receipts that I can locate," Hayden said.

During an audit, it was discovered Jason failed to repay some overpayments made by residents on their collective tax bills in a timely manner. Jason was asked to step down for six months while the matter was investigated. Once representatives of the State of Michigan were satisfied there was no intentional misconduct, Jason was reinstated.

"We need to find any errors that he (Hayden) has and I'm planning on helping him do that so his books will balance with mine," she said.

Jason said it feels great to have everything on her end taken care of and to be back in the treasurer's seat.

"I like doing it, it enables me to be at home with my children and have a somewhat flexible schedule, and that is my number one priority," she said.

Hayden has until 7 p.m. on May 13, the next scheduled board meeting, to produce the missing receipts or Vrondran said he will take the matter to Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema.

Jarema said he is only familiar with the case to the extent of what he has gleaned from newspaper articles. He declined to comment on whether Hayden's actions could warrant jail time.

Castle Farms to host Michigan's Fun Kickoff

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Those of you who cannot wait until the middle of summer for a festival and fireworks show are in luck.

The Michigan Festivals and Events Association will host Michigan's Fun Kickoff and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Castle Farms of Charlevoix, starting with a midway full of amusements, a Kids' Kingdom with jugglers, magicians, face painting, Ronald McDonald and more, and the weekend will climax with a fireworks display over Round Lake.

"The Michigan Festivals and Events Association had such a positive experience here that they wanted to come back," said Dan Barron, president of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival. "There was such a buzz over the (upcoming event), and once it became clear there was a big festival going on over at Castle Farms, I looked at it like, 'How could we benefit the downtown as well?'"

Highlights of the upcoming festival—See FESTIVAL, page 3

An egg-tacular tradition



Photos by Julie Witthoelt

(Left) Children ages 3 and under, armed with baskets and bags scurry to collect some of the 6,000 prize-filled eggs that packed East Park during the Annual Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt April 15. (Right) Victoria Sweet, 5, of Charlevoix poses with the Easter Bunny, who came to the park to greet children, just before the hunt began.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Raymond Thomas McManus, 18, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve 10 days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Justin Gerard Martin, 19, St. James. Assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with 83 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; \$500 in fines and costs.

Melissa Suzanne Tomlinson, 22, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 169 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$555 in fines and costs.

Anthony Roy Carey, 24, Sault Sainte Marie. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for six days, to serve five days in jail, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Amy Laurel Sullivan, 24, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace-noise. Serve eight days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Kary Lynn Turner, 23, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled

substances; \$500 in fines and costs.

Donald Eugene Cutler II, 33, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,400 in fines and costs.

Albert Eugene Bolton, 38, Rapid City. Use of methadone. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 17 days, 348 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,350 in fines and costs.

Beverly Jean Jahlinski, 41, Petoskey. Check-insufficient funds. Serve 12 days in jail; \$346.13 in fines and costs.

John Allen Cosier, 27, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; \$1,035 in fines and costs.

Patricia Ann Clark, 41, Boyne City. Embezzlement agent/trust, less than \$200. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; \$471.52 in fines and costs.

Michael Anthony Bowman, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve four days in jail, serve 60 hours of community service work; \$400 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:
Waterview Development, 03188

Sumner Road, Boyne City, by Ken Goike
Annette's Family Hair Care, 00588 Fincoot Road, Boyne City, by Annette Mariner

Northern Michigan Speedway, 08250 Huffman Lake Road, Elmira, by Donald Seyenski

3J Restoration, 2520 East Old State Road, East Jordan, by Jacob and Jennifer Johnston

MX Racing Parts, 420 North Lake St., Unit 309, East Jordan, by Steve Senglaugh

Northwoods Equine Farms, 11870 Flagg Road, East Jordan, by Cynthia and Keith Hanson

D's Contracting; Stark Management, 8652 Nelson Road, East Jordan, by Dianna N. Stark

E & S Recordings, 37645 Lakeshore Drive, Beaver Island, by Stephen A. Hagerman

GM Construction, 05671 M-66, Charlevoix, by Gordon Montie
Michael J. Stokes Concrete & Building, 1889 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, Boyne City, by Michael J. Stokes

Big "E" Marketing, 02816 Park Lane, Boyne City, by Elmer Kochans

Marriage
The following people were recently granted marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:
Richard Alan Zimmer, 42 and Kimberly Ann Bergeron, 38, both of East Jordan

Divorces
The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:
Connie Kelsy vs. Charles Kelsy
Jacqueline Tanney vs. Melvin Richard Tanney
Leslee Ann Taylor vs. James Glen Taylor

Lisa Ann Cole vs. David Lee Cole
Terry L. Edger vs. Phyllis M. Edger
Colleen E. Crego vs. Matthew Scott Crego

Birth

Alexis Marie Green weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born April 8, at Charlevoix Area Hospital to R.J. Green and Ashley Reid of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Monica Green of East Jordan and Bill and Debbie Reid also of East Jordan. Her great-grandfather is Mitch Janzel of East Jordan.

Correction

Due to misinformation provided to the Courier, the names of two people involved in the Charlevoix Community Skatepark were left out of an article that appeared on page 1 of the April 12 edition of the Courier, entitled, "Skate park construction kicks off." They are Scott Haselschwardt, an advisory student, and John McLean Jr., a Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. board member. The group's Web site is <http://groups.myspace.com/CharlevoixSkatepark>.

Sheriff George Thomas Lasater reminds all boaters to use extreme care when navigating the lakes this time of year.

"If your vessel is not powered by an emergency," he states in a press release.

Canoeists survive icy Lake Charlevoix

At approximately 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, a canoe flipped over west of Horton Bay, in the middle of Lake Charlevoix.

Michael Farley, 46, of Charlevoix, and 25-year-old Cory Haight of Boyne City were operating the canoe when the waves kicked up and they both lost their balance and fell in. According to a report issued by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the two tried to swim, but quickly began getting weak in the 42 degree water. They were pulled from the frigid water by three passing vessels who saw them and heard their cries for help. They were transported immediately to Charlevoix Area Hospital where they were treated for severe hypothermia.

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Festival to bring fireworks, carnival

FESTIVAL

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val include, a carnival midway from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at Castle Farms.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 the Michigan Fun Art Fair offers a juried fine art and craft showcase and sale. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. is the Kids' Kingdom.

The Flavors of Michigan wine, beer and food tasting, taking place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., offers participants "Wine, Brew and Food Infusion," (cost of \$10) a commemorative sampling glass and tickets good toward food and drink. Flavors of Michigan boasts the best of the best in the state.

From noon to 10 p.m. is the midway with carnival amusements, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in East Park Mojo and the Boogie man will play until the fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m.

Then, on Sunday, April 30, the midway will once again be open from noon to 5 p.m.

Barron said the Venetian style fireworks display is being sponsored by Colonial Fireworks Company, the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Downtown Development Authority.

"The Venetian Festival (Inc.) is not providing any funding for it. We're reserving our funding for July," he said. "But we're doing legwork for it and overseeing it so we can provide the best of both worlds to the group (Michigan Festivals and Events

Association) coming up here."

He added, "They are sensitive and appreciative of tourism and a resort economy. This should provide just a great promotional opportunity for Charlevoix. This will allow us to put our best foot forward for a group that are the key decision makers in the tourist economy."

Barron said, if the festival continues into the future, he would like to see it held a little later in the spring.

"We hope to have the downtown parks filled and we hope that we'll sidestep any snowstorms, although a fireworks display in the snow could be quite unique as well," he said. "We're really excited about the prospect of this becoming a regularly scheduled festival on an annual or biannual basis. We think there is a distinct possibility that, if it is as successful as we think it will be and if the Michigan Festivals and Events Association put us on their agenda, we could anticipate a nice shot in the arm for our downtown businesses."

Barron said there is a huge promotional benefit to introducing people to this area in the off-season.

"This is a great opportunity for people to be reminded of the overwhelming beauty of the area," he said. "And, it will increase their desire to come up earlier and more often when the town is less crowded and they have a better opportunity to mingle with the locals."

Barron said anyone interested in

having a good time while supporting Charlevoix should come down and enjoy the events.

"It's going to be a full-fledged, first-class festival occurring in Charlevoix at a slow time of the year," he said. "This is an opportunity to celebrate life in Charlevoix with friends and family in fun family venues."

The \$25,000 fireworks display will be similar in length to the Venetian Saturday show.

In a Michigan Festivals and Events Association press release, the group's executive director, Sue Bila, states, "We wanted to kick-off the festival, fair, event season and showcase some of the fabulous family fun Michigan residents have just hours away. As families start planning their summer activities, we thought this would be a great way to help our hundreds of members tell families where things are happening and help them enjoy Michigan's tourism, heritage, and culture."

The Michigan Festivals and Events Association is the largest festival association in the United States.

For information on lodging or dining for the weekend of the event, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

For more information concerning events, call Dan Barron at (231) 547-9950 or visit the Michigan Festivals and Events Association Web site at www.michiganfun.us.

Michigan's Fun Kickoff April 28-30 events line-up

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Charlevoix will host the 2006 Michigan's Fun Kickoff presented by the Michigan Festival and Events Association April 28-30 at Castle Farms, located off M-66.

Michigan's Fun Kickoff events:

Friday, April 28

5 to 10 p.m. Carnival Midway at Castle Farms

Saturday, April 29

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Michigan Art Fair at Castle Farms

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Kids' Kingdom at Castle Farms

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Flavors of Michigan (Wine, Brew and Food) at Castle Farms

Noon to 10 p.m. Carnival Midway at Castle Farms

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Musical Entertainment by Mojo and the Boogie man in East Park

9:45 p.m. Fireworks Extravaganza over Round Lake

Sunday, April 30

Noon to 5 p.m. Carnival Midway at Castle Farms

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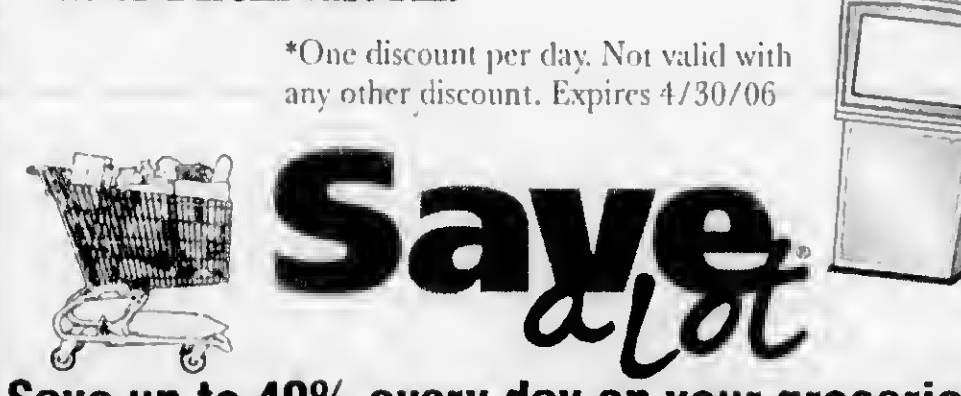


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Tackling thinning hair one cut at a time



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

Mom knew two hairstyles when I was a kid, page boy and inmate. I got so used to homemade hair care I never understood spending \$15 on a stylist.

But, over the years I grew disgusted with my locks and began slacking between trims. Until last week, it had been half-a-year since I gave myself a haircut.

There I was, gazing into the bathroom mirror, clippers in hand and too stubborn to get a haircut from my capable wife.

Twenty minutes of contemplation passed. My fatigued arm shook. The longer I held the menacing electric shears, the heavier they became.

"One wrong move and the scalp gets it," the brain threatened, but cowardice got the better of me and I dropped the tool in the sink.

My hesitation stemmed from fear of exposing the tale hued bald spots hiding

under my mop. Oh the lies I told myself, ordering those unbreakable combs, buying extra large containers of shampoo and gel.

My comb-over of shame was quickly suffocating under the weight of its deceit.

I barricaded the door with the laundry hamper and brushed back my bangs. The widow's peak on Mr. Gohs was longer, wider and whiter than before. Hairs jumped ship at an alarming rate and my charade was sinking fast.

I snapped, grabbed the trimmers and hair fell to the floor. An earlobe was nicked. In two minutes it was all over — success.

Who am I kidding? I looked like an escaped mental patient. I couldn't have done a worse job if I had used a butter knife and tweezers.

The wife pounded the door, but my barricade held — you'll never take me alive. Her offer, "I'll do it," turned to an order, "Let me fix it."

I pled with her, "I can huy" a blinking neon tie. That'll take the attention away from my head. Right?" She didn't respond.

"At least it's not as bad as the time I gave myself a Mohawk. Right?" My depression worsened when I realized a Mohawk is an actual hairstyle, what I did is nothing less than an asymmetrical

abomination of Don King proportions.

She surveyed the damage and attempted to straighten what remained. She may as well have performed open heart surgery with a coffee straw and masking tape.

I tried not to sob.

In the days following what is now known as "The massacre," desperation overcame me. It didn't take long before I found some pills — \$440 for a year's supply? That sounds good. "Two of three men grow hair," it said on the box. "Two percent end up with erectile dysfunction." I tried to convince myself this was a fair trade.

The drug is so deadly, pregnant women cannot handle the packaging. It's nature's way of saying, "Do not eat this."

Then I find a \$690 hairpiece. They tell me it's a Hair Replacement System. It's "unbelievably natural," and, "almost adheres to your skin."

Then the fine print. I have to shave my head and glue the "system" to my scalp. It stays on for four weeks, but I only have one minute to position it.

They tell me I'll look like Wayne Newton. I want to look like Wayne Newton, but the wife won't let me have the \$690.

How about surgery? The flap method sounds exciting. For \$4,300, they'll cut



Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs reenacts a recent incident when he opted to cut his own hair.

out patches of bald scalp, stretch hairy scalp over the open wound and sew my head back together. Stretching the existent over the nonexistent? That's how mom used to mend my socks, and they never quite fit right when she finished.

They tell me my left ear could end up near my temple, but the hair will look

fantastic. I told the wife they have a payment plan. She gave me \$15.

Looks like I'm in the market for a barber.

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Plants prepare for the spring growing season



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

I went to bed one night last week and in the sunset light the lawn was as gray and tan as it had been since the snow left.

When I woke up the next day that same lawn was gloriously green. And I swear that the buds on the maple tree were larger than they had been the night

before. A few crocuses and daffodils were already blooming, but that instant green announces most clearly, spring is here.

Grass does not change color from tan to green. The individual blades of grass had grown new green lengths in only part of a day. One day, there are only a few green spears of daffodils and the next day they are six-inches tall with buds already bursting. Any day now, I expect the maple seeds that have been lying under the snow all winter to push themselves up and unfurl their flags shouting, "I am here, I am here."

No matter how many times it has happened before, the suddenness of spring growth is always something of a surprise. If we had really been paying atten-

tion we would know that all those plants have been marshaling resources, storing water, building themselves up like the tension in a mechanical spring or the resolve of an athlete; ready at the first warm days providing sun and a south wind.

Plants are not really smart of course. They can be fooled and sometimes are fooled into too early growth by a week of warm weather sometime in February. And they pay the price, with later frosts often destroying any tender new growth and requiring the plants to start over in the process of building themselves up. That plants are fooled so seldom is a monument both to their adaptability and to the general dependability of seasonal weather.

Our spring plants are not unlike the athlete who has been training for months or years for one chance to throw a 16-pound iron ball or fling a javelin farther than ever before. How long have the plants been in training for their sudden burst of springtime activity?

If we were able to travel back in time we could visit the beech-maple forests of our area as much as five million years ago. The few animals we saw would be strange indeed to our eyes, but we would easily recognize many of the plants as essentially like those that surround us now. The biggest difference would be the absence of a few hundred kinds of plants, maybe a quarter of the total that did not live in North America until Europeans had brought them here.

The native plants would be recognizable maples, oaks and beeches, and the flowers would definitely be trillium and the other early spring flowers.

Our native plants have been in training to manage that abrupt spring surge of growth for more than five million years, a training regimen unmatched by any athlete. It isn't so difficult to see how they are good at what they do. They have been practicing for an almost unimaginable length of time. Take note of our spring athletes among the plants: Maybe not quite as exciting as spring baseball or soccer or track, but mighty interesting.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

PA volunteers needed

Editor:

I would like to thank the 2005-2006 Charlevoix High School performing arts parent/family volunteers for donating their time, money and expertise to the program. Thanks to your efforts, our students had an outstanding drama ensemble and now a strong forensics team.

The Charlevoix community should be proud of the program's 37-year history with the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association competitions. We look forward to continuing this successful association.

However, our work is not done. We have our regional competition to host on April 25 at Alma College and we need volunteers to assist. State Finals are on May 5 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Lastly, there is the year-end showcase in May. A meeting will be scheduled soon for volunteers to sign up for food, chaperoning, carpools and registration. All performing arts parents are asked to help in any way they can.

Nominations for the 2006-2007 officers and discussion of the 2006 summer fund-raising efforts will be discussed in May. We continue to accept donations for backstage and costume shop tools and supplies.

I encourage the community at large to send best wishes to Connie Ford on her retirement. Thank you for pushing, prodding, scolding, standing up for and supporting our students for 37 years.

Nancy E. Begheim
 Performing arts volunteer/president
 Charlevoix

New office, bad idea

Editor:

If the school administration (Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education) proceeds with committing \$1.4 million for an unnecessary office at the wrong location during a budget shortfall they risk alienating the taxpayers to the point of voting down the likely future millage increase request for education.

George K. Schultz
 Charlevoix

Tax Day

Editor:

May 1 is Loyalty Day, but did you know that April 19, 1775, is celebrated as the day the Revolutionary War began?

Look at how we celebrate April every year on April 15. The cause was taxation and the effect was a new nation formed, which created April 15. How lucky we are to celebrate this great National day, this year, on Monday, April 17.

I get to listen to many of you talk about how you have prepared for this deadline date of April 15, but few of you remember the April 19. Let us remember both days and stay "loyal" to this great country by voting out the tax raisers and voting in more tax cutters. For it was not higher taxes that made us the greatest country on earth, but the people living within their means and holding their township, county, state, and federal government accountable for our money.
 Robert T. Drebenstedt

Charlevoix

Volunteer Appreciation Week

Editor:

As we celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 23-29 the Friendship Centers' Retired and Senior Volunteer Program would like to recognize the tremendous contribution program volunteers make to their communities. Volunteers generously gave over 48,000 hours to 110 local non-profit agencies during the past year. Volunteers work tirelessly to improve our communities and truly make a difference. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of men and women who fulfill the needs of the community. Many local non-profit agencies could not meet their mission without the assistance of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program volunteers. A heartfelt thanks to our volunteers.

Sally Pickering
 Project Director
 Friendship Centers
 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
 of Charlevoix and Emmet counties

Letter response

Editor:

Amen and amen to Bill Briggs and Steve Hansen. Spending money on new signs when there is nothing wrong with

the old ones is ridiculous and irresponsible. Our schools are suffering, we're laying off teachers and saying, "No," to budget requests from teachers. As far as the "Rivulet" hotel/motel/condominium — sounds like a scam to me in order to make money for the developers. The heck with the effect on our sweet, little town.

Judy Willey
 Charlevoix

'Thank you' volunteers

Editor:

On behalf of the Hospice of Northwest Michigan Board of Directors I want to personally thank each and every volunteer of our program for making it possible for those with a life-limiting illness, and their caregivers, the opportunity to spend the rest of their days in the comfort of their homes.

National Volunteer Week begins April 23 and your service to our communities is appreciated by this organization, and especially by the families you serve.

Thank You for caring enough to share your lives with others.
 Patricia A. Johnson
 Volunteer Coordinator
 Bay Township

Humane society needed

Editor:

Have you ever seen stray animals

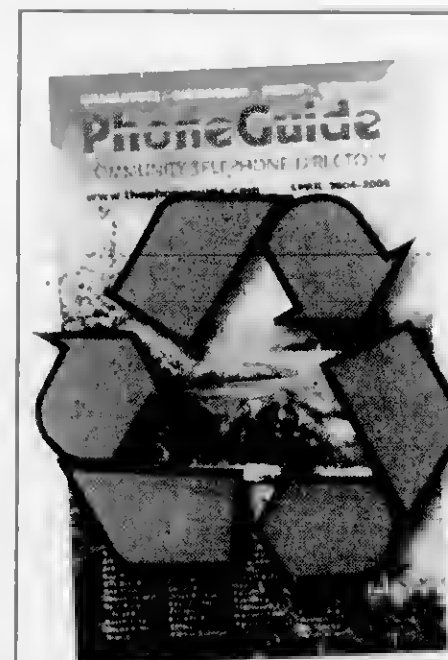
roaming around in our community? Well, I have many times, so that's why I think Charlevoix needs a humane society.

First, usually when I'm downtown I'll see strays just walking around doing whatever they want. Six out of every 10 times I'm downtown I see a cat or dog wandering around without an owner or collar. Soon, if someone doesn't do something, some of the animals will die, when they could have gotten adopted.

Next, too many animals are getting killed by cars. I doubt a parent would want a little kid to see that. If the animals got adopted, a lot less accidents would happen involving the animals.

Last of all, it will save money for the animal catchers since they live in Boyne City or Traverse City. If Charlevoix gets a humane society the animal catchers won't have to waste gas going back and forth between cities. Now that gas prices are going up it is going to cost the catchers even more money.

In conclusion, I highly believe Charlevoix needs a humane society.
 Cristin Cole



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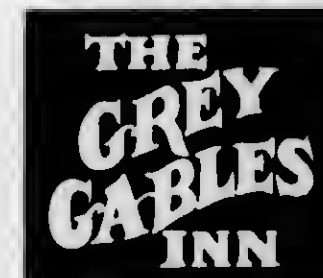
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St. Mary School presents 'Joseph and the Dream X-treme' April 27

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, April 27 the students of St. Mary School will present their Spring Musical, "Joseph and the Dream Team X-treme" in the Parish Family Center.

This musical, written by Jay Rouse and David Noel, re-tells the popular Old Testament story of "Joseph and his coat of many colors." The story is narrated by three angels, Dreama, Pockets and Stardust, played by student thespians Emily Chapdelaine, Erin Stebe and Kourtney Putman.

These angels are in charge of the Dream Team Headquarters

and they send God's messages to Joseph and the people around him through dreams. Joseph, portrayed by Nicholas Snabes, is also given the ability by God to interpret these dreams.

This musical is very up-beat and contains many musical styles from pop-rock to country to Caribbean.

There will be no admission charge. The Parish Family Center is located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

For more information call, (231) 547-9441

Medicare prescription drug coverage Q and A at the library

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting a program presented by Marge Krehak from the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, who will present an overview of Medicare prescription drug coverage and will answer questions.

Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance that covers both brand-name and generic prescriptions at participating pharmacies.

Krehak will demonstrate how to find the best plan by using the government's Medicare Web site.

Linda Adams, library assistant, will also demonstrate the library's on-line health resources at this session.

Participants who need assistance with searching the Internet are asked to bring information on their current health coverage, a Medicare card, and a list of drugs used and their dosages.

All information will be kept confidential.

This free program will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 in the downstairs library meeting room, located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

Pre-registration is required by calling the library at (231) 547-2651.

Elsenheimer named Legislator of the Year by police officers association



Kevin Elsenheimer

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer has been named 2006 Legislator of the Year by the Police Officers Association of Michigan, the second law enforcement agency to award Elsenheimer with their agency's highest honor.

Earlier this year, Elsenheimer was awarded Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Chiefs of Police.

The Bellaire lawmaker was selected by the association for his work on the "More Cops on

the Street" legislation to streamline Michigan's court system so police and crime victims do not spend valuable time in court for proceedings that are routinely waived or postponed. And for his new law that allows residents to use mobile radio scanners without a permit but implements penalties for usage while committing a crime.

"Law enforcement agencies and communities benefit from Rep. Elsenheimer's work because it allows local resources to focus on protecting people instead of on paperwork or waiting on court proceedings that are canceled," said Kenneth E. Grahowski, legislative director of the Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Elsenheimer, former Antrim County assistant prosecutor, was honored by the news.

"I have worked side-by-side with law enforcement during most of my professional career," Elsenheimer said. "As an assistant prosecutor and now as a legislator, I know how important it is to take into account what groups like the Police Officers Association of Michigan have to say on various public policies. These are the individuals who are on the streets enforcing our laws and protecting our citizens. I'm humbled with their level of support."

The Police Officers Association of Michigan is a full-service labor organization that serves law enforcement and correctional officers.



Courtesy photo

Arrow of Light award

Charlevoix Cub Scouts, Pack 11, was awarded the Arrow of Light award to the Stag Den which includes fifth-grade Webelos Scouts. The Arrow of Light is the highest award that can be received by a Webelos Scout. Upon receiving the award the den crossed over from Pack 11 to the Charlevoix Boy Scout Troop 11. Each of the troop leaders were also recognized for their service to the pack. Pictured are award recipients (front) Jordan Jelinek; (middle, from left) troop leader Kim Currier, den chief Casey Riley, Tyler Engstrom, Connor Currier, Christopher Young, Eric Tripplehorn and troop leader Julie Tripplehorn; (back) troop leader John Young.

COMMUNITY

Swiss steak dinner fund-raiser at local VFW post

The Boyne City VFW post, with aid from United States Coast Guard personnel, will provide a Swiss steak dinner fund-raiser and membership drive from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at Charlevoix VFW Post 1153 located off of Petoskey Ave.

Admission is \$8 per person, children under 6 are free. Proceeds will be directed to offset operation of the post as well as to VFW charitable activities.

Sheriff Lasater offers yard clean-up assistance to elderly

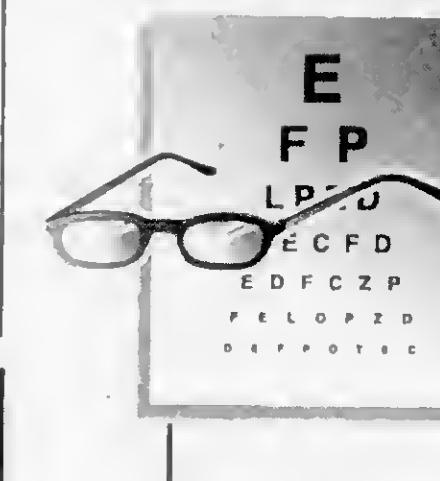
Sheriff George T. Lasater recently announced the continued Sheriff's Office Fall Clean-up program for Charlevoix County senior citizens.

Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean-up of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks, etc.

Lasater said only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

Senior citizens must call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Office at (231) 237-0103 to sign-up for the yard clean-up program. Township officials may contact Sheriff Lasater at (231) 547-4461 for arrangements.



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Obituaries

Clara Barker: Aug. 26, 1935 - April 1, 2006

Clara M. "Claire" Barker, 70, of Lorain, Ohio and formerly of Michigan, died Saturday April 1 at the Lake Pointe Health Center in Lorain, Ohio following an extended illness.

Claire was born on Aug. 26, 1935 in Charlevoix, and had been a resident of Lorain, Ohio since 1991 coming from Lansing.

Claire was a graduate of Lansing Community College and the recipient of a bachelor's of science degree. She completed the curriculum there for certification as a licensed practical nurse.

She was employed at Sparrow General Hospital in Lansing as an licensed practical nurse for many years.

She was a member of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in Holt. Her hobbies included music, knitting, and crocheting.

Survivors include her daughter, Terilyn Klement of Lorain, Ohio; sons Phillip R. Barker of Mason, Jeffrey A. Spencer of Minneapolis, Minn., and William Lee Barker; five granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; sisters Susan Miles-Miller and Sylvia Lee Miles-Smith, both of Charlevoix; and

several nieces and nephews as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walker A. and Sylvia (nee Black) Miles, by her brother, Bard A. Miles, and by a sister, Joan Miles.

Funeral services took place on Tuesday, April 18 at the Community Church of God in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Community Health Partners Regional Foundation/ New Life Hospice, 3700 Kolbe Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053.

Luella Bartlett: July 3, 1917 - April 12, 2006

Luella A. "Tut" Bartlett passed away Wednesday, April 12, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born July 3, 1917, in Marion Township, the eighth of nine children born to H.E. and Edith (Mitchell) Cunningham.

On July 2, 1941, she married Gordon Bartlett, also of Charlevoix, and they lived their entire married life in the Charlevoix area. Mr. Bartlett preceded her in death in 1985.

Tut was retired from American Mold in Charlevoix and had been

previously employed by the City of Charlevoix and as a telephone operator for Michigan Bell. She was an avid reader and gardener, a wonderful cook and loved to play cards and bingo. She was a member of the Charlevoix Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Barnard Grange.

Survivors include daughter, Deanne (Ronald "Bud") Balch; granddaughters, Bamhi (Allan "Butch") Potter and Stephanie (Richard) Gallant; sister, Edna Nielsen, of East Jordan;

brother, Clyde Cunningham, of Charlevoix; and many nieces and nephews.

Sisters, Annabelle Cunningham and Winifred Bambach, and brothers, Orlin, Mick, Hap and Ray Cunningham, preceded her in death.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, April 15, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The family requests memorial donations in Tut's memory be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or to the charity of choice.

Aloysius Kuczynski: Oct. 17, 1916 - April 12, 2006



Aloysius Kuczynski

Aloysius S. "Dutch" Kuczynski, 89, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, April 12, at Birchwood Nursing Home in Traverse City. Rite

of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, April 18, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and interment will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Al was born Oct. 17, 1916 in Conshohocken, Pa., the son of Stanislaw and Walerya (Gasiorowsky) Kuczynski. His family moved to Detroit in 1921 and he

graduated from Northeastern High School in 1934. On February 15, 1941 he married Mary C. Koltuniak. Al served in the Asiatic Pacific during World War II. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Dad's Club, St. Scholastica Conference for 30 years; Knights of Columbus Pierre de Charlevoix Council; VFW Post #1153 and American Legion #226 both of Charlevoix.

Aloysius was a kind and loving man. He devoted his life to helping those in need from the child next-door who needed a bike fixed, to years of community volunteer work, and later in life, volunteering for the Rainbow Shoppe. He genuinely cared about others. He loved being with people and people loved being around him. He particularly loved being around children. Kids were drawn to him. He knew how to play with and connect with

children of all ages. He was often seen whistling tunes and dancing with infants in his arms. Al was a family man. Everything he did was designed to care for his wife, five kids and nine grandchildren. We will all miss him.

Aloysius is survived by his wife Mary of Charlevoix; daughters Bernadette (Larry) Senn, Sybil Sweeny, both of Sunset Beach, Calif., Mary (Patrick) Griffith of Carson City, Nev.; sons Carl (Sherry) of Mancelona and Christopher (Charlotte) of Northville; sister, Regina Goszcynski; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Al was preceded in death by brothers John, Edward, Vincent, Leon and George Kuczynski. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's School for tuition for students in need.

Herbert Fuller: March 30, 1940 - April 13, 2006

Herbert George Fuller, 66, of East Jordan, formerly of Central Lake, died Thursday, April 13, at home.

He was born March 30, 1940 in Central Lake, the son of Quincy and Ruhay (Hosler) Fuller.

He resided in Antrim County all of his life and worked for Antrim Dells for the past 20 years, previously working for the Sherman Canning Company in East Jordan as a supervisor.

Herb had a great sense of humor and his greatest love was his family and extended family.

Surviving are six children, Brian (Chris) Fuller, Paul Fuller, Tressa (Jim) Youmans, Rod Fuller (Tom Sheneman), Rebekah Fuller and Spencer Fuller; three sisters, Isabel Lapcer, Betty (Fred) Watros and Pauline (Bud) Hoogerhyde; two brothers, Richard (Reva) Fuller and Grand (Rose) Fuller; 12 grandchildren, Jackie, Brian, Jeremy, Kevin, Mary, Jason, Garry, Jessica, Stephanie, Danny, Bethany and Mike; three great-grandchildren, Cody, Josh and Ian; 23 nieces and nephews; 57 great-nieces and neph-

ews; and 14 great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Herbert Quincy Fuller; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Cecelia.

Funeral services took place on Saturday, April 15, at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Pastor Alan Leese officiated. Interment was in Southern Cemetery in Central Lake Township.

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Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Evening Service except P.S. on the 1st of the month Tuesday Intercession Wednesday Evening Pastor: Ryp Hawkins	547-6430
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Sailing season

Jim Stewart enjoyed his first sail of the season April 13 aboard his boat Cygnus. Here, he is seen sailing through Round Lake. Stewart races in the Charlevoix Yacht Club's Wednesday night racing series. A skipper's meeting to kickoff the season will take place April 28 at the yacht club.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers at 210 State Street, City Hall, Charlevoix, MI to discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 51, Zoning and Planning of the City Code. Below is a list of the proposed amendments:

1. Amendment to Section 5.188 (2), (3) and (6) - Development Plan that modifies the items to be
2. Amendment to Section 5.200 Building Heights - recognizing overall building height
3. Amendment to Section 5.7 Definitions (G-H) to include new definition (7) (a) Height of Building, overall.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Planner/Zoning Administrator's Office.

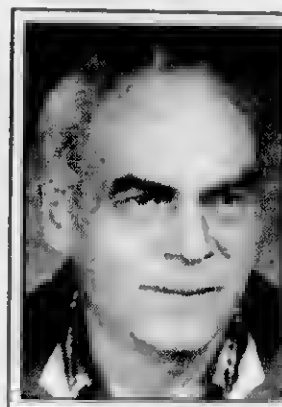
Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 1 week's notice to the City of Charlevoix. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office in writing or calling the following: City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 (231) 547-1250.

Obituary

Edwin Zeitler: Feb. 18, 1925 - April 14, 2006



Edwin Zeitler

Edwin Peter Zeitler, 81, of Charlevoix, died Friday, April 14, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Rite of Christian Burial will take place at noon today, April 19, at Saint Mary's

Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend

Jerry Hunko will officiate and interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Pete was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Charlevoix, the son of Frank and Florence (Waite) Zeitler. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. On June 26, 1948, he married Leona P. McDonald in Charlevoix.

Pete was a member of Saint Mary's Church, VFW Post #1153, and Leslie T. Shapton American Legion Post #226.

He is survived by his wife, Leona P. of Charlevoix; children, Dale P. (Linda

A.) of Grand Haven, Timothy L. (Emily) of Beckley, W.Va., Wendy F. (Joseph) Nuyen of Northville, Gerald L. (Nancy L.) and Jane L. (William) Roloff all of Charlevoix; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Terrance T. Nash of Swanville, Minn.; and brother, Frank J. "Buster" Zeitler, Jr. of Laguna Hills, Calif.

Pete was preceded in death by his daughter, Suzanne Nash, son, Edwin Peter Jr., and brother, Donald.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

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JKW SALVAGE will start the first phase of the spring clean-up May 1st.

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- All other items must be bagged, boxed or bundled and weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

CLEANUP ITEMS DO NOT INCLUDE:

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Be aware that if any of the above items are put out they will be left. North Country Sanitation reserves the right to refuse any material not suitable for pickup.

Both companies will go down each road once so be sure to have anything you want picked up next to the road by 6:00 a.m. on the 1st. They may not be able to complete the cleanup in one day but they will NOT return to any road they already covered. There will be no service on private roads unless the mail is delivered to individual mailboxes or garbage service is provided to individual properties Make sure that you have nothing near the road you don't want picked up! Mark any containers "SAVE" that you want left.

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Judge Pajtas drops Waltonen's CSC charges

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

On April 7, Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas quashed four, first degree criminal sexual conduct charges from the long list of felonies Charlevoix resident, Lloyd Joseph Waltonen, is facing.

"I granted the defendant's motion to quash the criminal sexual conduct, first degree charges. I didn't feel they were appropriate. The victim testified that the sex was consensual at the preliminary examination and I didn't feel the charges were legally appropriate," Judge Pajtas said.

However, Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara, doesn't plan to let Judge Pajtas' order to quash go without objection.

"It's important because it's not fair to the citizens in the com-



Lloyd Waltonen

munity for someone to get away with getting a young person addicted to drugs. Then start to request sexual favors in exchange for those drugs," Fanara said.

On Thursday, April 13, Fanara filed an objection to the order and a motion to reconsider. On April 17, Judge Pajtas issued an order requiring Waltonen's defense attorney Kerry Zahner to file a response to Fanara's motion for reconsideration by next Monday. The judge may grant a hearing at which the motion will be considered or he may choose to overturn or stand by his decision without returning to the court room.

A decision had not been made, nor was a date set in this matter, by press time.

In making his decision to quash the charges, Judge Pajtas heard from Zahner, who argued in support of throwing out or reducing the charges her client faced.

Zahner claims coercion was not part of the sex acts in question. Waltonen is accused of providing oxycontin and methadone to at least one woman in exchange for sex.

According to summaries of testimony by two women in an affidavit of probable cause given by to Charlevoix County Sheriff's detective corporal Chuck Vondra, Waltonen forced oral and vaginal sex in exchange for oxycontin and methadone.

A search warrant executed at Waltonen's residence on Feb. 9 resulted in seizure of pill bottles labeled Lloyd Waltonen containing methadone, oxycodone, amphetamines and Adderall XR pills.

Information gathered in the investigation that has taken place thus far, alleges incidents of exchange of pills for sexual favors dating back to 2001 and extend through 2005.

Waltonen, 42, was arrested by Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater on Thursday, Feb. 22 and was arraigned that day in Charlevoix County District Court.

He now faces charges including four felony counts of delivery of drugs, each of which carry possible 20-year prison terms, four fel-

ony counts of maintaining a drug house, each of which carry two-year possible prison sentences, four misdemeanor counts of prostitution and one felony count of eavesdropping with a video, which carries a possible five-year prison sentence.

Waltonen was charged as a habitual offender for two prior felony convictions from the early 1990s when he was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon and a felony firearm violation. This means if found guilty of these charges he could face twice the maximum sentence prescribed.

He is being held in Charlevoix County Jail with bond set at \$50,000.

Waltonen's trial is scheduled to begin June 20.

Ellsworth garden committee to host Earth Day activities

The Ellsworth Labyrinth Garden Committee will celebrate kids, spring, Earth Day and Arbor Day, on April 22.

The festivities begin at noon at the Labyrinth Garden in the Ellsworth Community Park. Participants are encouraged to bring your own picnic lunch to feast on while enjoying musical reflections by Robin Lee Berry, a nationally acclaimed musician from Northwest Michigan.

At 12:30 p.m. there will be a

commemorative Arbor Day tree planting. Following the planting, participants are invited to join in a rake parade, environmental activities and a labyrinth walk.

In case of bad weather, the activities will take place in the Banks Township Hall, off Center Street in Ellsworth.

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Hayes Township supervisor resigns

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Roger Knutson

After a successful stint as Hayes Township Supervisor, Tim Boyko was forced to resign when he and his family moved out of the area earlier this month.

While Boyko has no plans to serve in the government of his new township, he will miss the work he did during his two terms as supervisor.

The best thing about serving in local government, he said, was "The ability to directly see the effects of what we decided. It wasn't abstract, it was very concrete. What we did would immediately affect our community."

Boyko said he will miss working with the people most.

"The local boards are great. Many fine people serve on them and I enjoyed all their input," he said. "They (residents) are in great hands. The other thing I'll miss is 'being able to directly influence trying to make the Big Rock property become an asset of the state. That's very high on my agenda and the people's agenda.'"

Of the many projects in which Boyko was involved, several stand out in his mind.

"The creation of the recreation authority to pass the millage for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, and seeing the city (of Charlevoix), Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township come together with the mutual land use planning among

the three units was extremely satisfying," he said. "I'm sure that will be developed more in the future."

He added, "I think our very forward-leaning zoning ing was satisfying. We inherited a good master plan and many people worked on it to make it a great (cornerstone) document for our zoning. I think we've accomplished a great deal in our township."

Though he will miss his work, Boyko said things weren't always a delight.

"I was frustrated with some of the bureaucracies at the state level," he said. "I think some of the road issues were perplexing. The state's rules are extremely rigid and there is an extreme lack of local control on roads, and this isn't from the

county level, this is from the state level."

Boyko, who previously served as Charlevoix County Road Commissioner, said he understands the difficulties involved with travel routes.

"The state has rigid rules, and as you remove yourself from the community, you can impose those rules with less consequence," he said. "When you're local, you're more open to compromise and less rigidity."

The main issue Boyko had with the Michigan Department of Transportation was the relocation of some power lines in Hayes Township without taking care to ensure scenic aspects.

"We suffered a few corridors that I was personally disappointed with," he said. "It's economically driven. They had to cut trees and put power lines in spots that would have been better served if they were

hurried. Once again, I was frustrated with the bureaucracy."

But, he said, all in all, it was a good experience.

"It meant a lot to me to have people serve in capacities that don't get a lot of glamor, while sacrificing family time," he said. "It was very satisfying to see people serve graciously with the best interest in the community and a deep interest in serving the commonwealth. That is laudable, and I think, becoming somewhat rare."

He added, "I wish the people good luck and enjoyment of living in that community."

Boyko's replacement, Hayes Township board trustee, Fred Parsons, was appointed on April 10. Since he was a trustee, there is no need for him to be sworn in. Parsons will act as supervisor until the August primary election. If he is unopposed he will serve until the general election in November.

Parsons, who has served on the board for over 10 years and worked as the supervisor of Charlevoix Township Public Works, said he looks forward to, "perpetuating all the good work that's been done by the planning commission."

Parsons, who said he is pleased with his appointment, believes local government is important because it is the grassroots.

"This is where we start. Big Brother takes too long to do things," he said.

Parsons said his phone line is always open to the people he serves.

Jim Rudolph, Parsons' replacement, will be sworn in at the next township meeting, to take place at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, May 8, at the Hayes Township Hall, located at 09195 Old U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

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Commemorating the crucifixion

On Good Friday, April 14, members of area churches came together to carry a cross from Oleson's, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus at Calvary. Special prayer services took place that day all around Charlevoix.

Greensky Hill's annual craft fair and flea market May 6

Greensky Hill Church will host its second annual Inside Craft Fair and outside Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 on the church's historic grounds, located off Old U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

There will be food for sale all day

provided by the women of Greensky Hill Church. Door prizes will be offered every hour on the half hour.

Proceeds from the event will be directed to the church's July camp meeting.

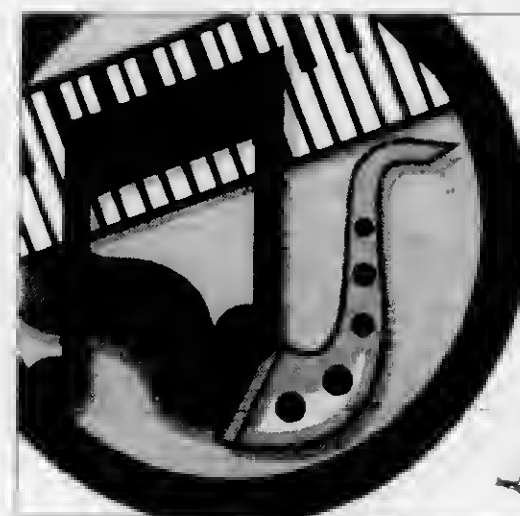
For more information, call (231) 547-2028.

Congregational church youth program fund-raiser, dinner

Tickets are on sale for the 2006 Youth Fund-raising Dinner to benefit the youth program at First Congregational Church UCC.

The event will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 at Grey Gables restaurant located at 308 Belvedere Avenue in Charlevoix.

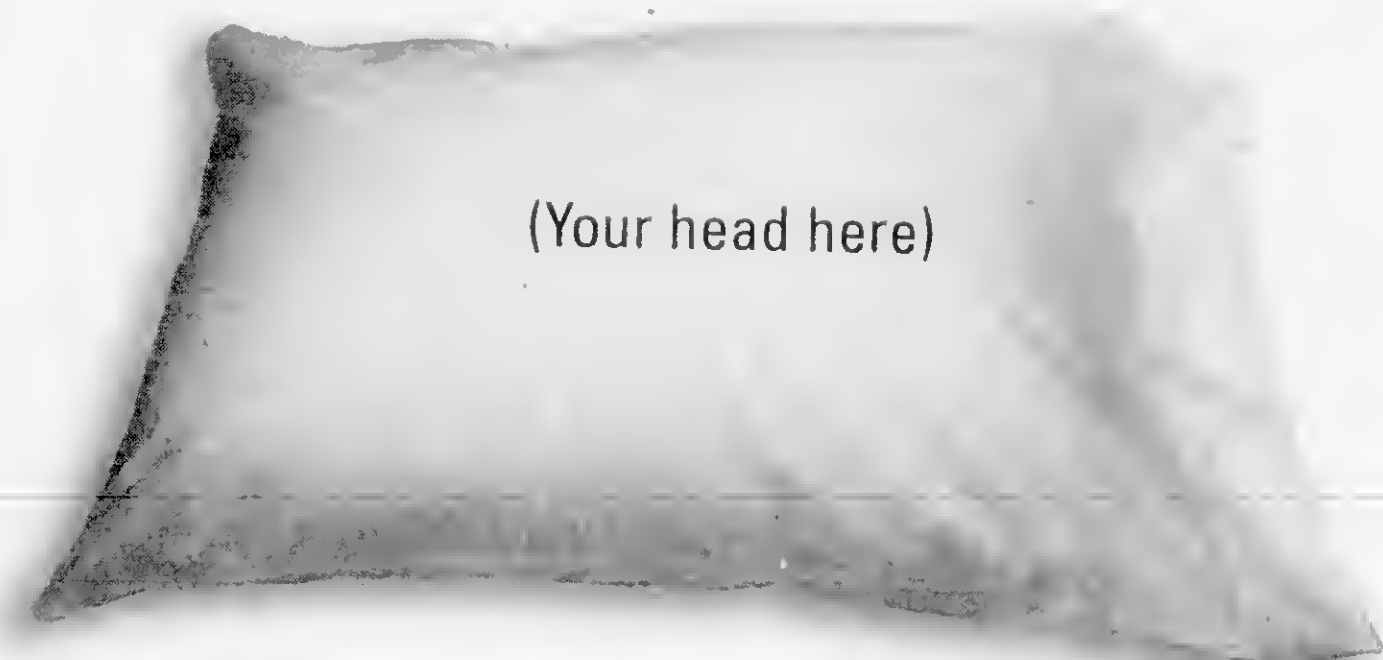
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Commissioners overturn mass gathering ordinance

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Five Charlevoix County Commissioners (commissioner Connie Saltonstall was absent) voted unanimously to rescind the county's mass gathering ordinance at the Wednesday, April 12 board meeting.

Created in 1987 as a means of controlling large, and often, unruly crowds drawn to the concerts at Castle Farms, the Charlevoix County Mass Gathering

Planned Parenthood recognizes its volunteers



Trish Woolcott

Petoskey area residents who share their time and talents with Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will be honored during National Volunteer Week, from April 23-29.

The Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Health Center in Petoskey had 25 volunteers who gave over 400 volunteer hours during 2005.

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan is also pleased to announce that the 2005 Volunteer of the Year for the Petoskey area is Trish Woolcott. Woolcott, a certified nurse midwife with over 20 years of clinical experience, began contributing her talents to the Petoskey health center in July 2005. Woolcott has dedicated numerous hours of her time in the health center, providing clinical support and services each Monday.

"Trish has been invaluable to us as a volunteer," said Shelley Paulsen, nurse practitioner at Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan in Petoskey. "Trish puts forth her own time, dedication, and expertise to further the mission of Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan."

She added that, along with Woolcott, all of Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan's volunteers are valued and appreciated by staff. Volunteers help out in a number of ways including putting together educational packets, staffing tables at events, stuffing envelopes for mailings, doing clerical work, serving on committees and the board of directors and helping with other aspects of health center work.

Those interested in volunteering at the Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Health Center in Petoskey should call (231) 347-9692 or e-mail jennifer.dounanian@pplmi.org.

For more information about the services Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan provides, go to www.plannedparenthood.org/ppmi.



John Jarema

Building and Grounds Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 11, Jarema said, "The county can do some sort

Ordinance of November 11, 1987 was recently found to be in violation of state law by Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema.

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ordinances, but these ordinances are limited by statute, number one, and if the county is going to do some sort of ordinance like this it has to be restricted to county property and county parks. In general, not on township property. We have no authority over that."

Jarema said he discussed his opinion with officials from Emmet County who agreed the county has no business enacting this type of ordinance under Michigan state law.

Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon, said now that the Castle no longer hosts concerts, the ordinance

is unnecessary.

Brannon said, "The other events aren't problems because they provide enough security and, on the public (events) like the Venetian Festival, the city and the county work together."

Jarema said the adopted resolution is contrary to numerous attorney general opinions as well as the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' statutory authority.

"MCL 46.11 allows the board to pass an ordinance that does not interfere with local affairs of a township, city or village within the limits of the county," Jarema states in an opinion

letter to the commissioners. "Such gatherings do not happen on county property, but on property located within townships, cities or villages within this county."

He further states, "When applied to the existing Mass Gathering Ordinance, such an ordinance is not limited to property owned or occupied by the county or its boards, commissions or agencies. It is my opinion that such the present ordinance is not valid for the reason it is not limited to county affairs and it is a contravention and interference with local authority."

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Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The annual Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival is scheduled to take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 21 in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium.

Proceeds from the event help the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) assist the schools.

"This is the PTO's main fund-raising event," said Charlevoix Elementary School principal, Richard Swenor.

The Parent Teacher Organization

uses the funds for things such as bringing an author to the school to work with the kids each year.

"They (the Parent Teacher Organization) provide books for kids and things for the teachers' wish lists," he said. "Or, if the classroom needed something special or something they couldn't afford from their regular budget, then the PTO would help with that. Sometimes they even help with field trips."

Swenor said the spring carnival is a family event for all ages.

"It's a very popular event with parents and kids, and we are really

pleased to be having it at the high school where we moved it last year," Swenor said. "It was so popular that our little gym was too crowded."

There will be snow cones, popcorn and many games for the kids and there will be gift basket giveaways for the adults.

"We added the baskets last year. Each classroom has a theme and the

kids go home and the parents provide things for the basket," he said. "Last year, some great things in the baskets were golf outings and car detailing items."

He added, "The people get a great deal thanks to a lot of work by volunteer helpers, teachers and partners who put the baskets together."

Swenor said many local businesses

also helped out with the event. "Our community is so giving, it's a great place to be," he said.

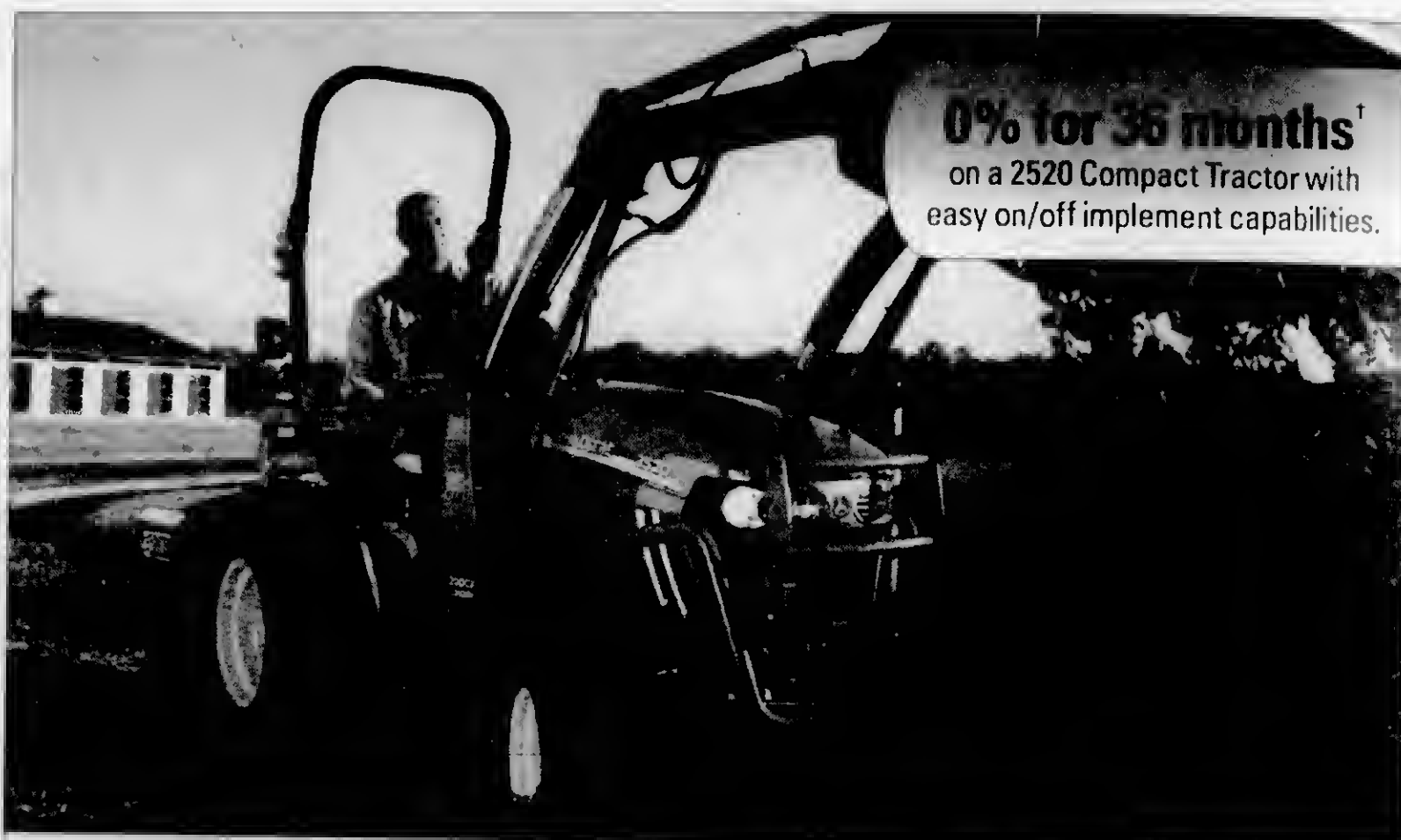
There is a silent auction for the baskets, a cakewalk for homemade pastries, a basketball shoot-out, an air filled play area, ring toss on bottles, a fishing game and much more.

There is no entry fee. Tickets are four for \$1.



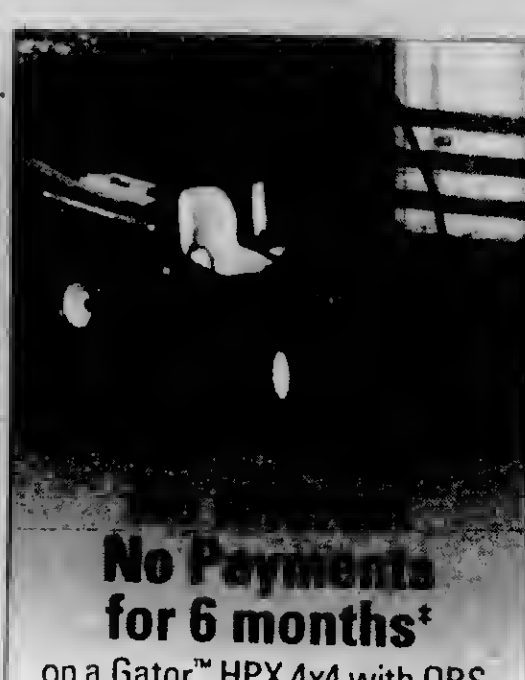
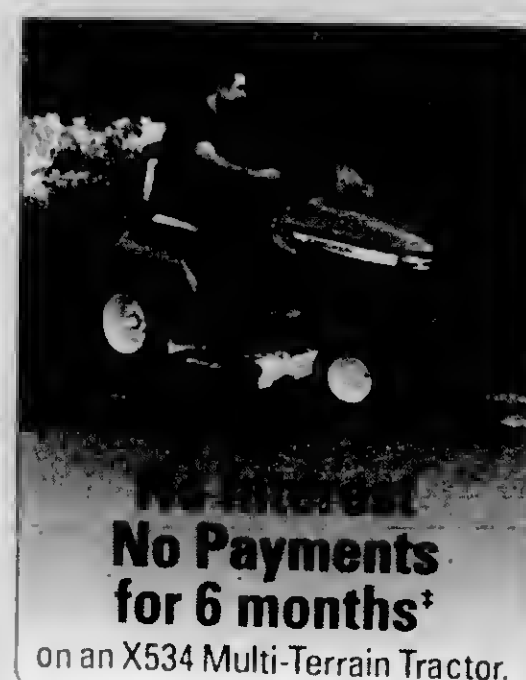
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Umulis takes third runner-up at Mrs. Michigan

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor



Tanya Umulis

A local competitor in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant reached her goal at the recent competition.

Pageant veteran Tanya Umulis, 22, competed April 15 at the Comstock Inn in Owosso in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant, and was named third runner-up.

Umulis was aiming to place in the top five out of the over 20 women registered at the event.

"I did reach my goal. The woman who won was stunning. She blew everyone out of the water," Umulis said. "My family is thrilled. I felt I was out of my league and to do as well as I did made everyone so incredibly proud."

Competition included a private interview which accounted for 50 percent of the judges' score and swimsuit and evening gown segments which made up 25 percent each.

"I nailed my interview and that set my confidence," she said of her success.

Umulis' prize package includes an engraved silver plate decorated with the Mrs. Michigan America logo and her third runner-up finish information, photo albums, beach bags, aromatherapy candles, lotions, stationary and more.

The big bonus in the hefty prize box is a coupon for half-off the pageant entry fee next year. This year's fee was \$595.

Umulis said she plans to return next year with the hope of finishing again in the top five and aspirations to earn the crown and to go on to compete in the Mrs. America pageant to take place in August this year in Tucson, Ariz.

"I will absolutely be going back next year," she said.

To improve her chances of winning, Umulis plans to spend the next year improving her muscle tone at the gym and getting even more involved in the community. Currently, Umulis is a volunteer at area schools — acting as a mentor and tutoring students. She is also working toward her teaching degree at Spring Arbor University.

"I want to win the physical fitness awards and other special awards," she said. "I really want to try to come across as the ultimate Michigan woman who can represent her town and her area and make her family proud."

Umulis started her pageant career in 1998 when she was 14, winning the Miss Teen Northwest pageant in East Jordan. The following year, in 1999, she went on to win Miss Northwest. Summer 2000 marked her favorite

win, being crowned Miss Charlevoix during the Venetian Festival.

In 2001, as a freshman at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant Umulis competed against 22 girls and won Miss Greater Central Michigan,

one of 28 preliminary competitions to qualify for the Miss Michigan pageant.

In 2002, she competed in the Miss Michigan pageant where she didn't place. Then, in 2003, she was

crowned Miss Lake Michigan USA, a preliminary to Miss Michigan USA. She competed twice at the state level for this title, finishing in the top 10 one year and earning third runner-up the second year.



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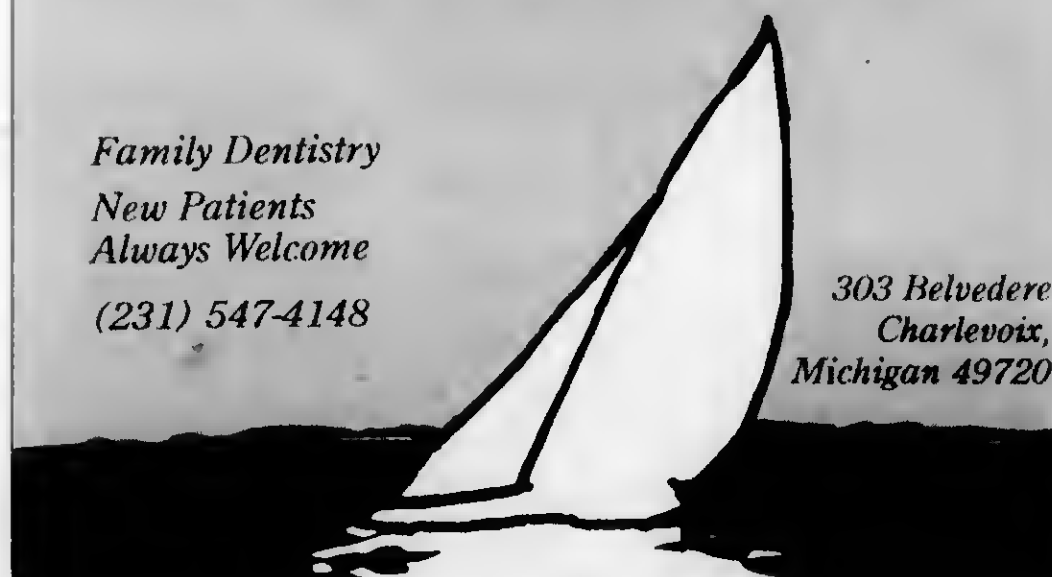
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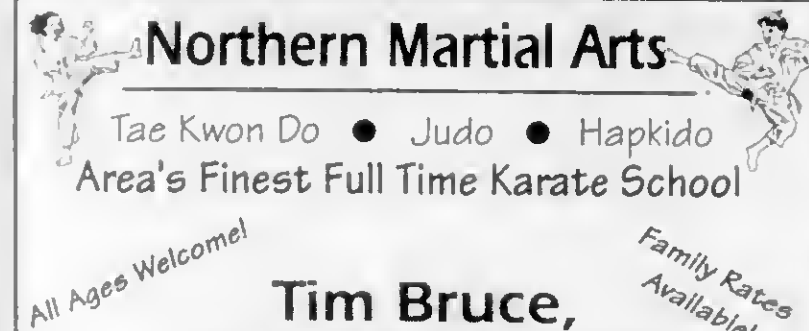
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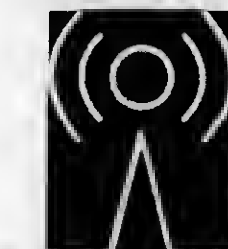


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BUSINESS

New dental practice to host open house

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A new dentist, specializing in family services, has opened a practice in Charlevoix.

Brian Kwapisz, 35, bought the former practice of David Strawbridge on March 17. Strawbridge experienced complications from shoulder surgery that left him unable to continue his practice.

"I wanted to be up north and this was a great opportunity that worked out for me," Kwapisz said.

In July 2005, Kwapisz and his family which includes his wife, Kelli and their children, Teryn, 20, Lauren, 5, and Alex, 3, moved to East Jordan from Clinton Township to soak in northern Michigan's family-friendly atmosphere.

The Kwapisz family vacationed in East Jordan for many years prior to deciding to turn in their keys to city life.

"It's the best choice I've ever made," he said.

Since moving to East Jordan, Kwapisz, 35, has practiced dentistry with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency in East Jordan, Cheboygan and Mancelona and with pediatric dentist Dr. Ralph Kooistra in Gaylord.

He will continue to serve the needs of health department patients in East Jordan on Fridays. Kwapisz said Strawbridge's former employees

have stayed on board as have 99 percent of his previous patients. The Kwapisz practice is accepting new patients and employs seven people, including five full-timers and two part-timers.

Kwapisz specializes in all aspects of dentistry including surgery, root canals, cosmetics and gum treatments.

He said his laid back approach to his profession makes him well-suited to treating children.

"Dentistry should be done in a quality manner and at the same time the approach should be fun," he said.

Prior to moving to northern Michigan, Kwapisz was president of Family Dental Centers in Warren where he practiced from 1998-2005. This company is still in operation.

Kwapisz earned his doctorate in dental surgery from the University of Detroit-Mercy in 1997 and pursued his undergraduate studies with a focus on pre-dental curriculum from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Kwapisz will host an open house from noon to 3 p.m. on April 22, at his office, Brian R. Kwapisz, DDS, PC, located at 303 Belvedere Avenue.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and maintains 24-hour emergency service by calling (231) 675-3590. For more information or to make an appointment, call (231) 547-4148.



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Staff members at the new dental practice, Brian R. Kwapisz, DDS, PC, stand outside the office, located at 303 Belvedere Avenue in Charlevoix. They are (from left) Rebecca Spurlock, Jaime MacGregor, Sandy Stebe, Marilyn Wood, Cindy Arnold and Jessica Arnold. Tammy Buttigieg and Lori Ivester are missing from the picture.

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The achievements of Real Estate One of Charlevoix and East Jordan were recently applauded at an awards banquet which took place at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant.

The company was the recipient of the Platinum Circle Award for sales volume. Broker, Bob Kern proudly received the award.

Individual agents that gained

recognition were the team of Bill Dietrich and Kim Hejka and the team of Rose Brachel and Carol Waldowski. Both teams received Distinguished Sales Achievement awards.

Those also recognized included Kern, Margie Tamminga and Jerry Pease. Each also receiving a Distinguished Sales Achievement

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Rayder baseball split double-header with Petoskey

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The varsity Rayder baseball team's second non-conference match-up brought mixed blessings of triumph and challenge.

The Rayders split Thursday's double-header against Petoskey, winning the first game 3-2 and succumbing to the Northmen 10-4 in the second game.

Game one remained scoreless through three innings as pitchers Ty Telgenhof of Charlevoix and Andy Strobel of Petoskey traded outs.

"Ty and Strobel were in a real duel most of the game," said varsity baseball coach, Allen Telgenhof.

Charlevoix scored first in the bottom of the fourth inning as Eddie Waldron singled, then capitalized on an error after being bunted to second.

Petoskey responded in the top of the fifth, taking advantage of two Rayder errors, to score two runs for the lead.

The Rayders' Matt Teuscher and Eddie Waldron singled in the bottom of the sixth then advanced on a passed ball and Teuscher scored on a wild pitch.

When Kyle Jones was intentionally walked with the bases loaded and the infield in, Zach Scharenbroch hit a shot that the second baseman was unable to handle, plating Waldron with the winning run.

"I loved the way our guys battled back when we fell behind," Telgenhof said. "Teuscher and Waldron were keys for us starting that sixth inning rally."

Petoskey jumped out early in the second game, and though the Rayders battled back, they couldn't climb out of the hole.

Adding injury to insult, Charlevoix lost two players in the second game when pitcher, Jon Putman, strained his arm after pitching one inning and had to leave the game. A few innings later, Kirk



Allen Telgenhof

Heckendorf injured his knee and was forced to leave the game as well.

"It was a tough game and we had to deal with a bit of adversity," Telgenhof said. "Still, we played hard and

kept fighting to the end."

Telgenhof said he is looking forward to a strong season as the Rayders begin conference play this week with a 3-1 record.

"Petoskey was a good test for us, heading into our conference schedule," he said.

The Rayders baseball will face Roscommon at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 at Roscommon.

SPORTS

Softball team fell back to back to Northmen April 13

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders varsity girls' softball team's first outing turned out to be less momentous than first-year coach Tony Zimmerman had hoped.

Charlevoix yielded both games of their season opener to Petoskey on Thursday, April 13 by scores of 22-0 and 9-3. The match-up, originally scheduled for Wednesday, was postponed due to rain.

"The girls looked pretty nervous. You could tell there were a lot of jitters," Zimmerman said.

By the second game, the Rayders began to recover from their initial trepidation as the fielding became more fluid and pitching started to find the plate.

The Northmen had scored nine runs by the second inning of game two, but Charlevoix managed to hold them back and answer with three runs of their own.

Amber Hoffman, Leah Kelly and Lauren Mielke each scored once

over the course of the evening for Charlevoix.

Charlevoix pitcher Desi Faust, who initially gave up nine runs, began to find her footing on the mound and contributed heavily to keeping Petoskey from scoring again.

Zimmerman said he believes the team would have been able to continue to chip away at Petoskey's lead if the game had not been called in the fifth inning due to darkness.

"You could see the nervousness starting to go away and they started to play

better as a whole," Zimmerman said. Zimmerman sees hope in the lady Rayders' ability to overcome their first game jitters and continue to develop and become a stronger team.

"Playing East Jordan will give the girls a good idea of what they can do now that the stage fright is out of the way," he said. "Both teams match up well and I believe it will give us a good basis to build on."

The lady Rayders play next at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 at Roscommon.

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Tennis team falls 5-4 to Leland in season opener

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team opened its season April 13 with a 5-4 loss to Leland on their home courts at Shantahan Field.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said, "We're just starting the season off. Doubles play went really well. We've got some improving to do, but that's fine."

Individual results were:

- First, singles: Matt Novotny lost to Leland, 6-2, 7-5.

- Second, singles: Dan Swenor lost to Leland, 6-2, 6-2.

- Third, singles: Ty Haske lost to Leland, 6-2, 6-3.

- Fourth, singles: Alex McKenzie lost a close match to Leland, 6-2, 6-3.

- First, doubles: Dustin Dibble and Mike Greyerbiel beat Leland, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

- Second, doubles: Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster beat Leland, 6-1, 6-1.

- Third, doubles: Kris Bartling and Kevin Greyerbiel lost to Leland, 6-7, 6-0, 6-1.

- Fourth, doubles: Kenny Anderson and Alex Molter beat Leland, 7-5, 6-2.

Registration to take place May 3 for summer softball

City of Charlevoix recreation league slow-pitch softball registration will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 in the basement of Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State Street.

During the season, the men's league players will compete on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The first game is Tuesday, May 30.

Women's league players will play Monday and Wednesday nights starting June 5 and ending in mid-August.

People ages 13 and up are eligible to play in the men's and women's slow-

pitch softball league.

Registration for girls' fast-pitch travel softball is underway in area schools or through the recreation department. Divisions include girls ages 18 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under. The deadline to register is April 28.

T-ball registration for children ages 5, 6, and 7 will take place at a date to be announced in late May.

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- Fifth, doubles: Taylor Witthoeft and Weston Bryan beat Leland, 6-1, 6-2.

There were also exhibition matches which did not count toward the team's final score. Those results were:

- Fifth, singles: Brad Cyr who beat Leland.

- Fifth, doubles: Scott Silberhorn and Mike Pelon who beat Leland.

- Sixth, doubles: Lauren Dupuis and Lauren Bartling who beat Leland.

- Seventh, doubles: Kevin Moore and Travis Klooster who beat Leland.

Last year the tennis team won the Lake Michigan Conference, the regional competition and two invitational. Of that award winning group, eight seniors graduated in 2005.

"We have a young, somewhat inexperienced team. That's what showed at the last meet (April 13). As the season goes on the players will get more experience," Lundteigen said.

The tennis team, which includes 50 players this year, faced Grayling on Monday, April 17, and Traverse City Christian on Tuesday, April 18. Both meets were in Charlevoix. Results were not available by press time. Later this week, on Thursday, April 20, the team will face Elk Rapids.



Courtesy photo

Northern Lakers success on the court

The Northern Lakers, a seventh-grade AAU basketball squad, finished a successful 2006 season with a second place finish in the Midland Tournament (4-1) and a first place finish in the Boyne City Tournament (3-0). The team includes those pictured above. They are (front, from left) Taylor Smith, Bekah Poston, Lacey Greene and Dani Barron. (Back) Katie Mays, Lynzie Gotshall, Emily Mielke and Jasmine Hines. Abbey Wilhelm and coaches Tom Mielke, Scott Blechel and Dan Barron are not pictured.

Ramseys lead the way in 10-0 soccer shutout

The Ramsey sister's led the way as the Rayder soccer team posted a conference 10-0 shutout in their season opener April 13 against East Jordan.

Sophomore, Ariel Ramsey had three goals and three assists and senior, Madison Ramsey, returned to soccer action after a year off, with two goals to spark the Charlevoix victory.

One of Madison's goals was scored on a header crossed from her younger sibling.

"We were able to give experience to our whole roster," assistant coach, Tom Conlan, said.

Other Charlevoix goals were scored by sophomore, Becca Madison, junior, Teresa Potter, and freshmen Katie Withrow (2) and Meridith Rich. Other assists were made by senior, Lisa Kuebler, junior, Lori Zimmerman (2), sophomore, Danni Bergmann and freshmen K.C. McCary and Withrow.

Charlevoix hosted Harbor Springs in a key early Lake Michigan conference match at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17 at Charlevoix High School. Results from this game were not available by press time.

Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic to take place April 29 at Antrim Dells

Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic

On April 29 the Charlevoix High School baseball team will host its first annual Rayder Baseball/Golf Classic at Antrim Dells Golf Course.

The format will be a four-person scramble. The cost to participate is \$65 per person which includes doughnuts, golf, door prizes and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the baseball team's immediate and future needs.

Additionally, golfers may purchase chances to win hole-in-one prizes, games and raffle items. Live and silent auctions will also take place.

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SPORTS

Girls' track team comes within two points of first place at first meet

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Emily Heffling

The lady Rayders' track team started the season off the best way they know how, by coming within two points of a first place win during the meet at Boyne City High School on Monday, April 17.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Emily Heffling had a time of 49.92 seconds for a score of six points.

"She has worked very hard this off-season to be ready," said coach Mary Plude. "This was a terrific reward for her in the first meet."

In girls 100 meter hurdles, Heffling had a time of 17.20 seconds for four points and Tanya Wynkoop had a time of 21.42 seconds for a total of one point.

Jasmine Witthoeft, Alyssa Smith, Caitlin Ernst and Heffling had a time of 54.49 seconds for a total of six points in the 4x100 meter relay.

In the 4x200 meter relay, Shannon Dibble, Chantel Novotny, Kandis Way and Smith, had a time of 2 minutes and three tenths of a second for six points.

Ellise Smolcnyak, Dibble, Novotny and Brittney Lamb had a time of 4:30.78 minutes for six points in the 4x400 meter relay.

In the 4x800 meter relay, Charlevoix had a time of 11:17 minutes for two points.

In the high jump, Heffling placed with 4-feet, 2 inches for four points.

In the pole vault, Shauna Spenceley placed with 6-feet, 6 inches for four points.

Witthoeft placed first in the long jump with 14-feet, 7 inches for six points.

In shot put, Caitlin Cole finished with 30-feet, 7 inches for four points and Ashley Pett finished with 28-feet, 7 inches for two points.

In the discus throw, Cole finished with 78-feet, 1.5 inches for

one point.

Charlevoix High School track and field team finished in second place with 76 points overall.

Results for the boys' events were unavailable at press time.

The boys' and girls' track teams compete at 3 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 19 at the Boyne City Invitational and again at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 24 at East Jordan with Grayling and Kalkaska.

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Monday Men's Senior League April 10, 2006				Ferguson & Chamberlain Lakeshore Tire				Beverly Smith Nancy Zimmerman				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	40	20	20	Mark White Paint & Stain	413	387	387	Audrey Trimble	420	151	Diana Speigl	552	192	192	192
B. VanLoon & Sons	33	27	27	State Farm Insurance	384	416	416	Tuesday Night Ladies - April 11, 2006			Jane Holm	472	177	177	177
Selph Trucking	33	27	27	R & C Roofing	383	417	417				Mary O'Brien	482	170	170	170
Paul Bunyan Lanes	31	29	29	St. Mary's	354	486	486								
J. Arnold Painting "2"	31	29	29	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Grey Gables Inn	33	23	Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles				
J. Arnold Painting "A"	28	32	32	John Fiedorek	714	277	277	Charlevoix Foot Clinic	31.5	24.5	April 9, 2006				
Bud's Buds	25	35	35	Randy DeYoung	681	261	261	Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	28	28	W	L	45.5	14.5	14.5
The Flight Deck	19	41	41	Ron Grulke	216	216	216	Paul Bunyan Lanes	28	28	Cunningham/Mikulski	37	23	23	23
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Bill Ormsby	216	216	216	Olson's Food Store	25	31	Hart	31	29	29	29
Nick Cole	662	236	236	Jen Potter	577	577	577	Gnat Lakes Concrete	24	32	Hill Martinechek	31	29	29	29
Chris Putman	629	225	225	Young Al Hearts - April 13, 2006				Central Drug Store	20.5	35.5	Herboldsheimer	30	30	30	30
Ging Schlatter	589	225	225	W	L	Series	Game	DM Construction	18	38	Novotny	29	31	31	31
Gordie Selph	589	225	225	Spartanite	47	13	13	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Goldovich	27.5	32.5	32.5
Church League - April 12, 2006				Has Beers	34.5	25.5	25.5	Series	Game	Series	Game	Bradley	23	37	37
W	L	Series	Game	Hall & Hall	33	27	27	Laanna Mosoryak	205	205	O'Leary	21	39	39	39
Paul Bunyan Lanes	460	340	340	Alley Cats	29	31	31	Mary O'Brien	527	192	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				
Lutherans	442	358	358	Past Times	29	31	31	Cathy Sullivan	525	192	W	L	567	230	230
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PARTS & SERVICE: 231-238-8265				Don Wells	443	153	153	Argonne Supper Club	136	144	Cindy Novotny	419	154	154	154
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She throws, she scores

Tom Pluister, a professional disc golf player and owner of the Charlevoix business No Obstacles, was on-site during the Lions Club disc golf and disc horseshoe clinic April 15 at Ferry Beach. The Lions Club is in the early stages of deciding whether to hold a cold weather disc sport fundraiser. (Above) Juliette Nanos, 5, and her father, John, of Ann Arbor took advantage of the free disc golf game demonstration before heading to the Easter egg hunt in East Park.

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MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Allan J. Joseph and Ruth A. Joseph, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated May 4, 2000 and recorded May 8, 2000 in Liber 387, Page 939, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on April 28, 2006. The premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

In the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 1 inch pipe at the Southwest corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said Section North 00 degrees 00 minutes 46 seconds West 1315.97 feet to a T-iron stake

on the South eighth line of said section; thence along said eighth line North 89 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East 1340.83 feet to a one-half inch rod being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said eighth line North 89 degrees 47 minutes 43 seconds East 377.00 feet to a one-half inch rod; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds East 1068.58 feet to a one-half inch rod on the North line of the Boyne City-Advance Road; thence continuing South 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds East 34.67 feet to the center line of said Road; thence along said center line South 72 degrees 01 minutes 21 seconds West 396.04 feet; thence North 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds West 34.67 feet to a one-half inch rod on the North line of said Road; thence continuing North 00 degrees 08 minutes 19 seconds West 1189.47 feet to the point of beginning, being a part to the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West. And Par-

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Dated: March 29, 2006

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Area events

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A Spring Art Show at St. Mary School will last from April 21-28. The show features art in various mediums made by students under the direction of Lori Bolt. Pieces will be on display throughout the school. The public is invited to stop by the school located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix to participate. For more information call (231) 547-9441.

Rummage Sale

The Boy Scouts of Charlevoix, Troop 11 are holding a 'Rummage Sale' fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, located one mile north of the bridge off Petoskey Avenue. For more information, call Lynda at (231) 547-9482.

Chorale concert

The Northern Michigan Chorale will perform the group's 24th Annual Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 22, 23 and 24 and at 2 p.m. on April

23 in the Ross Stoakes Theatre at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. The theme for the event is "Songs of the Sea." For these performances, Peter Sims, chorale director, has been joined by dramatic director, Gary Albert. Choreography is under the direction of Meghan Meyer. The full chorale will include local soloists and a pit band. For tickets, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337.

Murder mystery

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will host its 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Benefit Dinner on Saturday, May 6 at the Dilworth Inn, in Boyne City. Advance tickets are \$50 each. The cost includes hors d'oeuvres, a prime rib buffet, auction and a murder mystery. A cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased at Boyne Country Books and the Charlevoix County Humane Society. For more information, call (231) 582-6774.

Baby-sitter training

Baby-sitter training will be offered

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 6 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with training in safety, basic child-care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is \$25 for the class and includes a baby-sitter's list that contains many of the items needed to feel confident and skilled as a baby-sitter. Snacks and lunch are provided. For more information, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

LTCT production

Little Traverse Civic Theatre's 60th anniversary production of "You Can't Take It With You," will be presented at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 and Sunday, May 14 at the Little Traverse Civic Theatre located at 461 East Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey. Tickets are \$8 per person. For reservations or more information call (231) 348-1850 or visit www.ltct.org.

Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will

sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Margie at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Harsha House hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Feb. 2 through April 29.

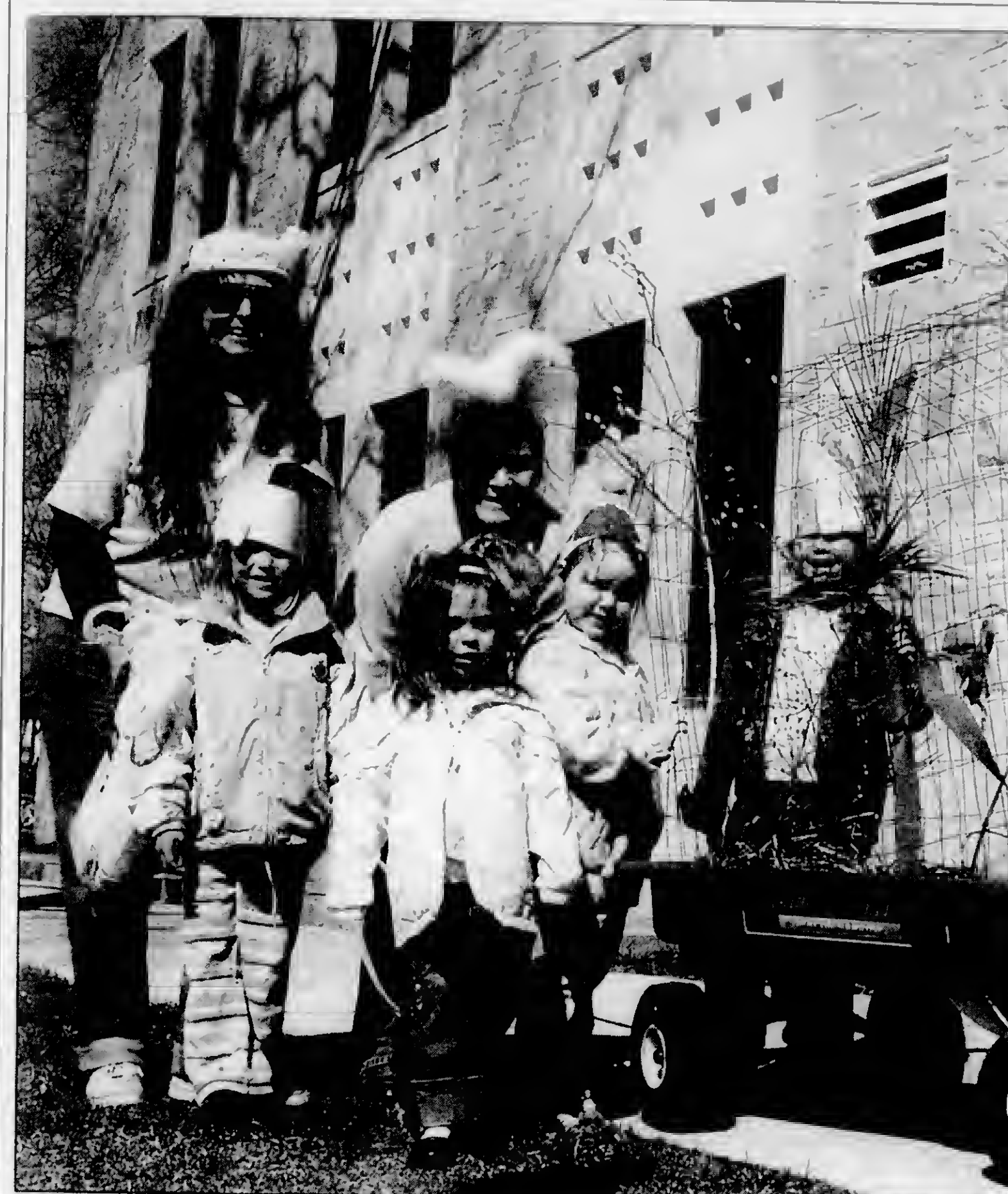


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Hoppin' around town

Katie Reed and Suzy Vondran led a troop of Kids' Corner preschoolers and classroom pet bunny Easter Grace around downtown Charlevoix, April 13, during the school's annual Easter parade.

Women's Resource Center sponsors 'How To Talk So Kids Will Listen' workshop

A parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk," will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, at the Women's Resource Center in Petoskey.

Parents will learn skills, such as how to set limits while maintaining goodwill, coping with their child's negative feelings, expressing anger without hurting, engaging their child's willing cooperation and helping their child become caring and responsible. Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and create a family atmosphere of love and respect.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann F. Townsend. The cost of the workshop is \$80 per person or \$85 a couple, materials are included.

The sessions are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Certificates

of completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Advance registration and payment is requested. Space is limited.

"Parents are on the firing line seven days a week. Yet few of them have had any training for this demanding job. No wonder even the most well-intentioned parents often find themselves feeling frustrated, bewildered, guilty or alone," state Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, award-winning authors of the book and program.

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To register, call the Women's Resource Center at (231) 347-0067.

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'Lasting Impression' clay print fund-raiser April 22

An upcoming fund-raiser will allow participants to capture a child's hand or foot print in clay.

"Lasting Impression," a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will allow participants to pick a color of glaze to be used for the hand or foot clay imprint.

Event coordinator Tonya Mann said the imprints are ideal for Father's Day and Mother's Day gifts.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Charlevoix Children's House, located at 8700 Mercer Boulevard, in Charlevoix.

Rates are \$20 for a 4 inch square tile, \$30 for a 6 inch square tile, \$35 for circle 7 inches in diameter and \$50 for a 9 inch square.

Custom sizes are available by request. The price includes clay firing and glazing.

People of all ages are welcome to participate.

For more information contact Tonya Mann at (231) 547-6960



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Children's House student Kiley Mann holds her clay prints. Children across the area are invited to create their own prints at a fund-raiser called "Lasting Impression" this Saturday at the Children's House located off Mercer Boulevard.

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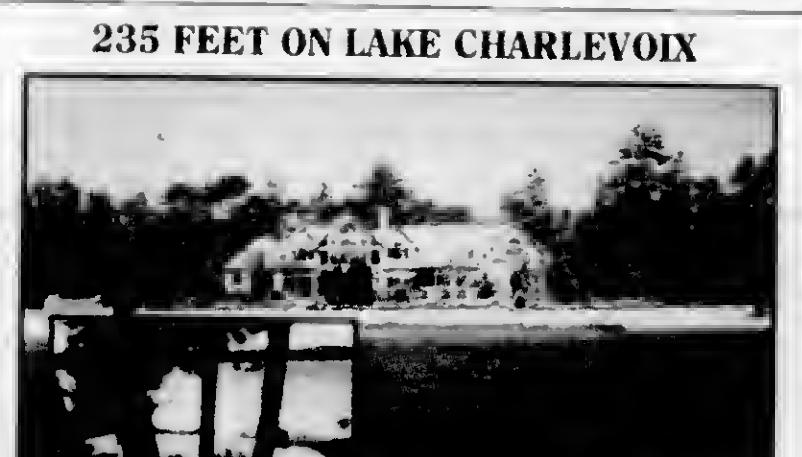
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School budget dominates election

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Candidates for the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education opined during the April 20 forum at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Who: Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education
What it is: Election for two open seats.

When: Tuesday, May 5, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Where: Respective township halls and city hall

Questions and answers focused on both the lack of and need for funding in the school system.

When asked what budget cuts the candidates would recommend, candidate Jeff



Tom Barnes

Stevens said he doesn't want to make any cuts.



Dennis Halverson

Candidate, John McLean Jr., said he too feels the core curriculum is of utmost

importance.

"I think that transportation is something that maybe we need to look at. But, here again, I would definitely not say that would be something I would want to see happen because I would have to see a comparison



John McLean Jr.

between the two to see if there was an advantage to keeping or cutting it," he said.

Dennis Halverson, current board president running for reelection, said, "We should circle the wagons around the core curriculum. I think it's safe to say that leaves everything else vulnerable."

"To balance our budget going into 2006-2007, we've got to cut out \$1 million from next year's budget," he said. "Next year, we are looking at cutting \$2 million out of the budget."



Jeff Stevens

Halverson

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Local boy creates electric sofa scooter

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Over there, it's a bird, it's a plane, it's a...motorized couch?

Connor Boss, a 13-year-old Charlevoix Middle School student and son of Jim and Linda Boss, spent three months converting an electric scooter and a full-size couch into a motorized sofa for two.

"I saw one on TV on the Discovery Channel and my cousin had an old electric scooter that he gave me. So, I decided I was going to try and make it into a motorized couch," he said.

Linda said Connor is constantly building things.

"He never builds what he's supposed to build," she said. "When he was 6 he turned his motorized motorcycle into a car with a door that worked."

Connor said he was discouraged a few times while constructing the contraption, but he never gave up.

"I already put money into it and I didn't want to give up on it," he said.

The couch has a breaking system similar to the one on a bicycle. It is steered with a stick and Connor installed casters on the corners to prevent rollovers.

"I took this couch — my great-grandmother's couch — and cut it in half and used the two ends," he said. "Then I made a wood frame. It has a control-

ler that takes a pulse from the throttle and controls the motor. But I fried a couple computers for it so I had to buy new ones."

The only work Connor didn't do on the couch, which can go 18 miles per hour for up to 30 minutes, was cut the lumber for the frame.

"He's not allowed to use the saw yet," said Jim.

Linda said the neighbors and passersby always stop in to ask about the invention when they see Connor zipping around in it.

"He has to plug his couch in at night," she added.

Linda said Connor's younger brother, Ryder, loves going for rides on the couch.

And, Connor doesn't mind all the staring and pointing when he's seen riding around town.

"Did my eyes deceive me or did I see a couch going down the road?" Jim said.

Since he has always been interested in building his own gadgets, Connor said he will likely build another project of this magnitude in the future.

Connor hopes to ride his invention in the upcoming Charlevoix Venetian Festival street parade and he wants to take it to a flea market in Midland that's known for interesting modes of home-made transportation.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Who needs a car when you've got mobile furniture? Connor Boss gets around town just fine on his miniature motorized couch.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Gary Allen Hammond, 40, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. Serve five days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Dennis Myron Crawley, 55, Vanderbilt. Operating while intoxicated—first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 62 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,485 in fines and costs.

Ricky Lee Wynkoop, 49, Charlevoix. No operator's license on person. Serve five days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Aaron Mitchell Gahn, 22, Mancelona. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Kerri Lynn Thompson, 26, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Serve five days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Cory Mylon Haight, 25, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Serve 16 days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

David Michael Grutsch, 32, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended—first offense. Serve 45 days in jail with credit for 18 days, to serve 27 days in jail; \$800 in fines and costs.

Tasha Rea Saganek, 22, Williamsburg. Minor in possession of alcohol—third or subsequent offense. Serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$655 in fines and costs.

Karen Lynn Burns, 51, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 82 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$980 in fines and costs.

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John Robert Childress, 40, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 20 days in jail, serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 71 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,635 in fines and costs.

Eric Robert Force, 34, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated—first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,035 in fines and costs.

Eric Michael Coon, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol—third or subsequent offense. Serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend Impact weekend; \$355 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jeremiah Allan Brown, 25 and Jessica Anne DeWulf, 20, both of Boyne City

David Patrick Hofbauer, 42 and Anna Teresa Taylor, 33, both of Petoskey

Jesus Ochoa, 47 and Jeannie Marie Kerner, 26, both of Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kevin John Wright vs. Kristene Ellen Wright

Angela Richards O'Connor vs. Michael O'Connor

Birth

David Kenneth Best, Jr. weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces was born on April 16, at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David Kenneth Best and Lindsay Mergos Best of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Patrick and Joan Best of Novi and Fred and Connie Mergos of Suttons Bay.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Land hand delivers award

Michigan Secretary of State, Terri Lynn Land, visited Charlevoix on Tuesday, April 18 during a tour of all 153 secretary of state offices throughout Michigan to give an award for the local branch's persistence in decorating the office with different themes for each holiday. Pictured (above, from left) are Ann Werner, a clerk with the Charlevoix branch, Land and Sandy Tilley, the Charlevoix office manager.



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Four school board candidates run for two seats

ELECTION

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said he would draw the line at the core curriculum.

"When push comes to shove, we have to look at everything else, which includes transportation, which includes the lunch program," he said.

Candidate Tom Barnes said, in this case, balancing the budget means eating up the fund surplus.

"We're really bleeding at the pace of \$1.7 million a year right now," he said.

"Somewhere in the neighborhood of 70 percent of the school's budget is in salaries and benefits for employees of the school, and there's no way that we're going to solve the current crisis without making some cuts. The things that need to be preserved are core academics."

When asked if school board retreats should be underwritten by the schools, all of the candidates agreed the school board shouldn't take extravagant trips.

The general consensus was that, occasionally getting out of the work environment is also important.

As a current member of the board, Halverson said he feels they have been prudent about their choices of retreat locales.

"We're not quite to cutting coupons for pizzas out of newspapers, but I think we're headed in that direction," Halverson said. "Because of the things we've cut, we're probably not going to some of the seminars we should be going to."

Barnes said the new library should offer facilities sufficient for retreats in the future.

One of the questions from the audience asked how, if elected, the candidates would work with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to entice families to Charlevoix.

McClean said he had members of the Coast Guard who were reluctant to be transferred to Charlevoix because they couldn't afford to live here.

"We need to have affordable housing for these people to live in, especially for young families with children," he said. "And we need to have jobs for them."

"So how do you promote that? Just by doing some solid PR and getting someone to champion the cause to bring them in," he added.

Stevens said he would love to see more families come to Charlevoix.

"As I said before, our students are our customers and we've got to draw them here with affordable housing and jobs," he said. "I just think if we could get them (chamber) to work as hard for the schools as they do for other programs to get people here, we'd be in great shape."

Stevens suggested possibly allowing the building trades students to build many homes to sell as a way of increasing affordable housing.

Barnes said the board needs to communicate to the chamber that it benefits Charlevoix to be business friendly.

"If businesses are leaving and going

overseas, then we're losing jobs and students, and I don't think there's going to be a whole heck of a lot we can do about that," he said.

Barnes said when families with prospective students come to town, the key is to show them why Charlevoix is the best possible place to raise a family.

"Kill them with kindness and invite them in for tours of the schools," he said.

Based on Halverson's research, the more than 60 students who were lost from Charlevoix schools last year didn't go to a local competitor.

"The best we can determine, they went to Georgia, they went to Arizona, they went to Florida, and they're not coming back," he said. "There was an article in today's paper — since 1999, one out of every three industrial jobs in the State of Michigan has left. To be honest with you, I'm not sure what the Charlevoix Board of Education can do about that. Does that mean that we throw in the towel? No, it does not."

Halverson said he believes Charlevoix is ready to accept new families and businesses.

"The issue isn't that we need affordable housing. It's, what are they going to do when they get here?" he said. "The hard reality is, we're just trying to figure out how to pay for food services."

The candidates were asked if they were comfortable eliminating some or all of the arts from the current curriculum.

All candidates gave their reasons why they feel the arts are important and

responded emphatically that comfort has nothing to do with what may occur over the next few years regarding budget cuts.

The candidates were asked if the opportunity for public participation in school board meetings should be expanded.

Barnes wondered about the infrequency of comments by the audience at board meetings. Barnes said he would like to see the board meeting agendas posted further in advance.

The public comment section of board meetings needs to be at the end of the meeting, McClean said. "When I'm there, my questions are raised after they (board) bring up new business."

Halverson said he thinks one of the issues is that the meeting room for the board, the high school library, isn't the best possible meeting place.

But, he said, "At least from my perception, I think there is adequate opportunity for citizens to communicate their concerns. A lot of people won't come to a board meeting, so I'm constantly getting communications at home, over the phone or through the mail, and I encourage that."

Stevens agreed the agenda should be posted further in advance.

"Perhaps it should be posted in the newspaper," he said. "I also think that there should be more time for public speaking."

All candidates agreed it would be a good idea to allow students to help out with grounds and building maintenance for credits and that privatiza-



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(From left) Candidates for the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education, Jeff Stevens, Tom Barnes, Dennis Halverson and John McClean chat for a few moments leading up to the forum, April 20, hosted by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

tion of services is something that they would all have to study before making a decision.

The candidates also agreed block scheduling is important when used correctly, and the high school auditorium needs to be used more often.

Two of these four candidates will be elected to the board on election day, Tuesday, May 5. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 5 at the township hall in the township wherein you reside or at Charlevoix City Hall for city residents.

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Great work local Coast Guard cutter lobbyists

Congratulations to all those who worked tirelessly to keep a U.S. Coast Guard cutter in town.

Plans to decommission the local cutter Acacia next month were recently trumped by the legislature when congressman Bart Stupak announced Coast Guard approval of a bill that will either extend the Acacia's stay here or replace it with another cutter.

While the bill still has to be signed into law, getting Coast Guard approval was the real hill to climb.

The local push was a grassroots effort with members of local businesses, organizations and political bodies coming together to work toward a common goal.

At times we were pessimistic about the chances of the Acacia sticking around, much less being replaced. This success story just goes to show that persistence pays off.

Whether or not the city needed to shell out \$36,000 to Washington, D.C., lobbyist Bob Davis to get the job done remains to be seen.

While Davis claims his hands were involved in crafting the bill and getting Coast Guard support, Stupak has said his interaction with Davis has been limited to a quick elbow rub at a D.C. gym.

EDITORIAL



File photo

Due to the efforts of many local citizens, plans to decommission the Acacia without a replacement vessel have changed.

Politics is politics, everyone wants a slice of the credit pie. But next time we need to get something done in Charlevoix, let's keep our wallet in our pants and let the local, motivated team of heavyweights go to bat. They sure do a heck of a job getting things done.

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Service club members work together to make a difference



Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club and the programs they sponsor make a difference in lives of children and adults on a daily basis.

Twenty-one years ago when I first started working at Charlevoix Elementary School I was approached by former principal Vane Smith, who in his tactful fashion said, "You need to join a service club and I know which one you should join." In the old days I was not quick to question my boss, so I replied, "Yes, I should," and the rest is history.

The opportunities to help others through Kiwanis were many but what impressed me most was the Kiwanis Club philosophy of sponsoring other clubs with the theme of helping others. What a great way to teach young and energetic individuals that community service is a good thing. With the help of Merle Vandenberg, a Builders Club at Charlevoix Middle School and a Key Club at Charlevoix High School were chartered. He also helped me to establish the first elementary school K-Kids club in the State of Michigan.

Momentum was building, and Merle said, "Let's involve individuals from the Bergmann Center." And thus the Aktion Club evolved. Kiwanis is the only service group that provides community service opportunities for men and women with disabilities. Recently, a luncheon took place recognizing members of the Aktion Club for their hard work. Ed Buday, the current Aktion Club administrator for the State of Michigan, was on hand to present an award to Paul Joliffe who took first place in the Kiwanis International Aktion Club poster contest.



Photo by Gayle Gennett

Aktion Club member Paul Joliffe stands with Bergmann Center director Suzanne Muma to accept an award for his service. The Aktion Club is one of many local offshoots of the Kiwanis Club of which Gayle Gennett is a member.

test. The Charlevoix Aktion Club also took first place in the scrapbook design division.

This hard working group of men and woman keep very busy under the guidance of Kim Brock, Ken Brill, and the Bergmann Center staff. This club has received recognition for their numerous hours of volunteering. They keep residents of Boulder Park hopping by playing Trivial Pursuit and host a continuous blanket drive which warms the hearts and bodies of many area residents and comforted Katrina victims as well. They've assisted with delivering commodities to seniors finding it difficult to get out on their own, helped the Moms and Tots program in Ellsworth and jumped in to do the recycling at Charlevoix Public Library.

Aktion Club past president, Paul Joliffe, is a spark plug putting words into action as witnessed by his idea and involvement in the chili cook-off. After receiving his award for his

poster design, when I asked what he likes best about his involvement, Paul said, "I enjoy being part of the Kiwanis family as I have made so many friends."

Kiwanis Club members Suzanne Muma, Buday, Brock, Brill, John Lachman and Bill Lovett are often found providing their words of encouragement which puts an extra drive into the program that helps so many in our community.

Muma, the Bergmann Center administrator, is pleased with Kiwanis' involvement. "It's been an awesome thing for the Bergmann Center. It helps us live up to our mission statement of providing service that enables mentally and physically challenged individuals to become active and involved members of the community."

Another club running on the heels of this success is the Charlevoix Middle

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Letters to the editor

Legion seeks assistance

The Charlevoix American Legion is asking for help from the greater Charlevoix community in several on-going efforts. Please call (231) 547-2181 with any available information.

We are actively seeking names of military personnel deployed to the Iraq/Afghanistan Theater of Operations. The American Legion will incorporate those names into a living memorial at the Legion Hall.

In our on-going effort to erect a memorial to all those who have died in active service from the Charlevoix area we are soliciting information concerning any known casualties.

We are particularly interested in anyone having information about the following individuals: Christie C. Empey, who died in World War I; Winifred P. Vail, Third Armored Division, who died in 1947 at age 17 in Fort Knox, Ky.; and William Naquam, Thirty-second Infantry, who died on July 26, 1932.

We are looking for marching units for the Charlevoix Memorial Day Parade on May 29. Any group with a marching unit-band, drill team, honor guard, etc. is welcome to contact us for further information. Mounted units and military vehicles are welcome.

The Legion is looking for the oldest and youngest veterans from the Charlevoix area.

Please submit names to the above number as soon as possible. We will host the winners during the parade. Those unable to attend will receive a very honorable mention.

Joseph F. Seidel
Commander, American Legion
Post 226
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Vote for McLean

We are writing this letter in support of John McLean for the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education. John works behind the scenes in our school system, and very few people in the community are aware of the positive impact that he has on the community, our teaching staff, and most of all, the students. John is a person who has made a difference on a daily basis for the past several years. He is a consistent classroom volunteer and mentor at the elementary school, and he has served on many committees, such as: The Charlevoix Middle School Parent Advisory Committee, the K-4 Curriculum Design Team and the Federal Title One Committee. In addition, he helps out yearly with the seniors' exiting Mock Senior Interviews at Charlevoix High School.

We feel because of John's leadership role as the Officer in Charge at the Charlevoix Coast Guard Station, he has had to make many critical decisions. His decision-making ability, his calm and caring manner, and his practical experience throughout our schools will enhance the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education.

Marina LaBlance

Pat Carland

Charlevoix

Thank Girl Scout leaders

We are writing this letter to extend a "Thank you," to all the Girl Scout leaders and volunteers in Charlevoix. Each year on April 22 we celebrate Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day. Many individuals in Charlevoix, who are all volunteers, work so hard to support Girl Scouts.

These wonderful volunteers often do not receive the praise and thanks

that they deserve from their girls or parents.

We wanted to personally thank all the volunteers in the Charlevoix service area for their commitment and continuing to provide the Girl Scout program in our community serving as advisors or leaders.

If your daughter is in a Girl Scout troop, please do something nice for her troop leader to thank her for her hard work, dedication, and many hours that she puts in to ensure that her troop and community get the most out of Girl Scouting.

Girls can join Girl Scouts as an individual or be part of a troop. They can take part in a variety of year-round activities that empower girls to reach their full potential, relate to others through increased leadership skills, develop values that guide decision making, and give back to their community through volunteering.

We are always looking for new leaders and volunteers who would like to support the girls in Charlevoix. We have volunteer positions for any adult whether you can spare an hour or two or more. Additionally, if your daughter would like to join this exciting organization, please contact us at (231) 547-0739.

Karen Giudice and Julie Waterman
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Community investment is time and money well spent

KIWANIS

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School Builders Club. There are two clubs within the middle school supported by the guidance of Larry Roth, Karrie Gaffney and Christie Meir. It only takes a walk around the school to see results of these middle school age, community-minded students. Near the science and art rooms you can view the beautiful butterfly garden that was designed with the help of the Charlevoix Garden Club.

Bells were busy ringing in December as the Builders Club, Aktion Club and Kiwanis members joined together and netted over \$2,000. In this era of childhood obesity, students in the Builders Club promoted exercise and healthy eating habits raising awareness for the American Heart Association. Their fund-raiser grossed \$500 for research and heart healthy educational booklets.

Kudos to the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club which continues its efforts to support area youth by reading to children in the Head Start programs, provide scholarships to Camp Daggett, offering science/math scholarships to

our graduating seniors, and tackling worldwide issues affecting children like iodine deficiency disorders. And more importantly for teaching our young and old alike that it's important to help our fellow man and give the clear message that it takes a community to help many people from different walks of life. Recently, the club completed their annual rose sale with the help of Charlevoix Floral's Lori Mitchell. The sale brought in another \$2,000 to help others in need.

There's never a quiet moment in this organization. The best sap has been collected and cooked to a delicate balance to create a syrup that is sold in local stores and in a booth that's ready for upcoming summer festivals. And soon Kiwanians will serve their signature dish of kielbasa and kraut to hungry festival goers.

So today I am grateful for the Vane Smiths and Merle Vandenbergers that don't get tired of asking others to get involved. I am happy to be part of a club where all of us are working together to make a difference.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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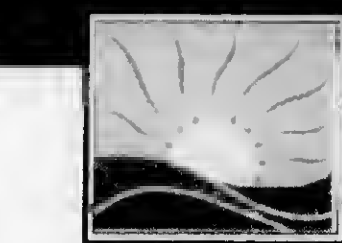
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Michael Wojan of Charlevoix who attends Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for first semester 2005-2006 and was named to the dean's list.

Alma College dean's list

Nathanael Teuscher of Charlevoix who attends Alma College, Ohio, achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for the fall 2005 term and was named to the dean's list.

Hope College Off-campus Studies

Danielle Vogelheim, a Hope College senior from Charlevoix, studied off-campus in the Chicago Semester Program in Illinois during the 2005 fall semester. Vogelheim is the daughter of Joe and Christie Vogelheim of Charlevoix and is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School. Hope College is located in Holland.

Hospital guild to host program on Salmonsons' experience in Thailand

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will host a program on Thailand at 11 a.m. May 8 in the large classroom near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Terry and Lynne Salmonson will share their experiences of living with the Akha tribe in northern

Thailand last year.

"It was a wonderful cultural experience in a beautiful, exotic land. We fell in love with the people of the Akha tribe as we lived in their village and worked side by side with them to build a much needed community cen-

ter. We went to serve but received much more than we gave," Lynne Salmonson said.

The meeting is open to prospective guild members and hospital volunteers.

For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

Hayes Township Cleanup

JKW SALVAGE will start the first phase of the spring clean-up May 1st.

They will pick up:

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- Appliances, including but not limited to ranges, refrigerators, freezers
- Car batteries
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NORTH COUNTRY SANITATION will begin the second phase of the clean-up May 4.

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- Dry carpeting cut into lengths of four feet or less and rolled and tied securely and weighing no more than fifty (50) pounds.
- All other items must be bagged, boxed or bundled and weighing no more than 50 pounds each.

CLEANUP ITEMS DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Any liquids including unsolidified paint, motor oil and antifreeze
- Yard waste, leaves or brush ~ Chemicals or other hazardous wastes
- Flammables and explosives ~ Broken glass
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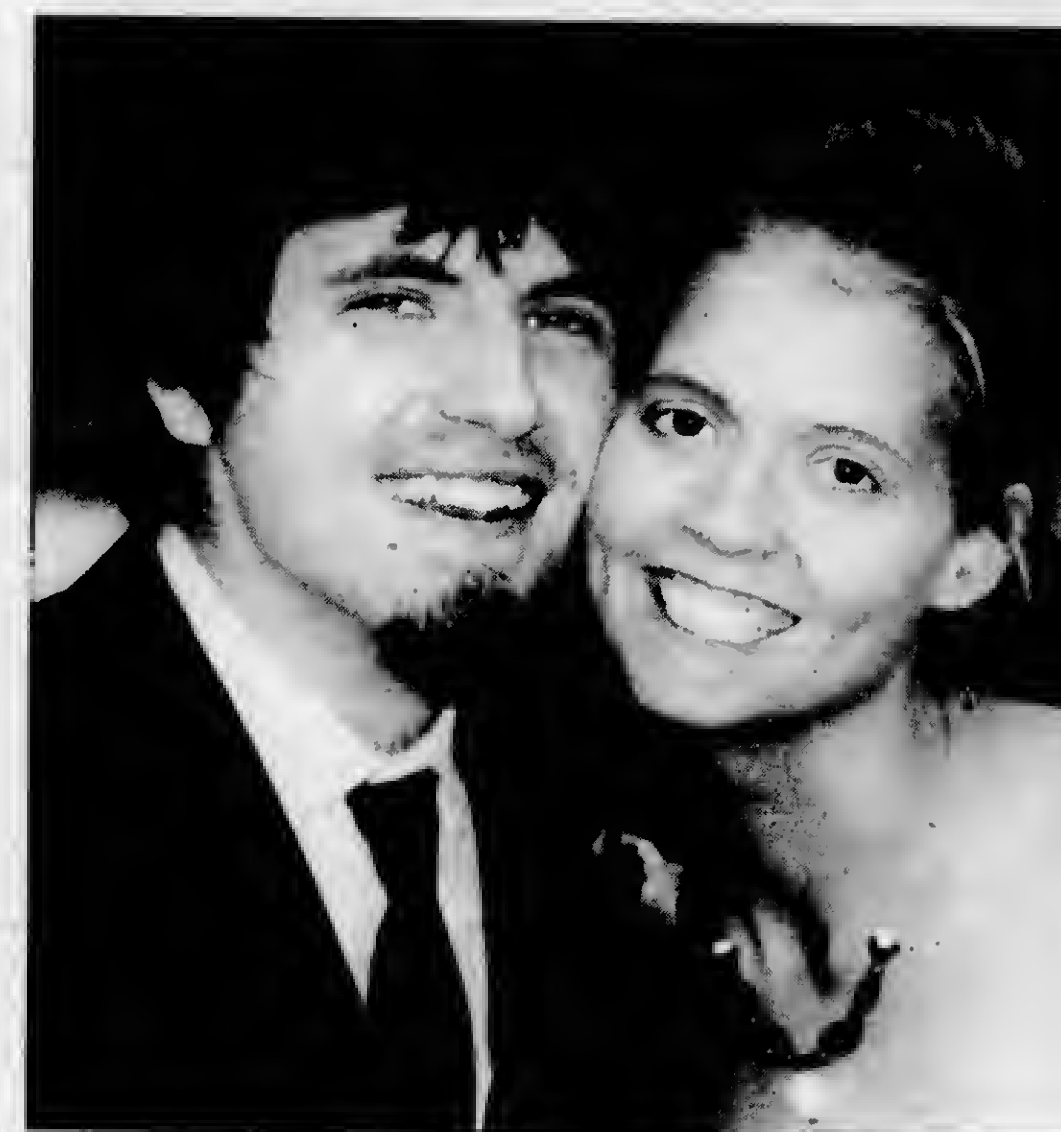


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On Saturday, April 22, members of the Barnard Grange hosted a free veterans appreciation luncheon at the Barnard Grange Hall. (Above, from left) World War II veteran Lou McKenzie, World War II veteran Lloyd Cummings, Korean War veteran Gerald Evans and Vietnam War and Desert Storm veteran Bob Drebenstedt talk shop while waiting for lunch.

Engagement

Potter — Barrett



Tiffany A. Potter and William B. Barrett of Charlevoix are announcing their engagement and plans for a June 10 wedding at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of James and Pamela Potter of Charlevoix. Tiffany graduated from Northwest Academy in Charlevoix and will be transferring from North Central Michigan College to Central Michigan University in the fall.

Her fiancé is the son of Ervin and Melodie Barrett of Charlevoix. William graduated from Charlevoix High School, then earned an associate's degree in science from North Central Michigan College. He is currently taking classes at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

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CMS band takes 26 medals at festival

Charlevoix Middle School students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra District Solo and Ensemble Festival, April 22 in Kalkaska. Twenty-one students played solos, duets, trios, and quartets for judges, earning first and second division rating medals for their performances. A total of 26 medals were earned with some students participating in two events. The following students received medals: David Merrill and Logan Kline — tuba; Kristen Gooch — piano; James Gaudette and Danny Bryant — saxophone; Cathy Bryant, Ally Telgenof and Kayla Kehrer — snare drum; Jake Lemanski, William Larsen, Karinne Smolyenak and Madison Sayward — trumpet; Noah Matchett — trombone; Nataleigh Musser and Megan Zawisza — clarinet; Jenni Curry, Jaimee Eubanks, Whitney Davis, Hannah Wise, Shauna Bradley and Krista Pischner — flute; and Raymond Shenosky — xylophone.

Obituaries

William G. Brady: Jan. 15, 1916 - April 3, 2006

William G. Brady, 90, of Holland, died on April 3 at Holland Hospital.

William was born in Charlevoix on Jan. 15, 1916, to Melvin Roy Brady and Eva Watkins Nies Brady, their only child. His parents divorced in 1921.

In 1923, he moved with his mother to Holland, where he grew up in the Olive Township area. During his teenage years he worked at Lakewood

Farm/Getz Zoo in Holland.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II in England, France, Brussels and Germany.

He retired from Fedders Corp. after 45 years of employment. His wife, Florence Nienhuis Kraai Brady, preceded him in death in 1998.

Surviving are his children, Sandy and Jim Poppema of Zeeland, Dave and Kathy Brady of West Olive, and

Randy and Kathi Brady of Holland; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother, Aroy and Sybil Brady of Custer; sister, Rojean and Ralph Jarrett of Elkhart, Ind.; brothers and sisters-in-law; a cousin; and nieces and nephews.

Burial took place in Olive Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Anthony Warchol: Feb. 15, 1942 - April 18, 2006

Anthony J. Warchol, 64, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, April 18 at Osego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

Funeral services took place on Friday, April 21, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor Michael Arp of the Family of Faith Ministries in Charlevoix officiated.

Tony was born Feb. 15, 1942, in Detroit, and grew up there. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1960 and

served until retiring in 1976. He was stationed in Charlevoix in the early 1970s and decided to make it his permanent home.

On Nov. 16, 1971, he married the former Joyce D. Troutwine in Charlevoix. Tony worked for LexaLife in Charlevoix from 1976 to 2002. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and golfer and enjoyed playing cards.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce D. of Charlevoix; son, Anthony

D. (Jamie) of Charlevoix; stepchildren, Angela (Andrew) Ward of Roscommon, Willard (Renee) Weisel of Metamora, Jeff Weisel of Clarkston, Linda Short of Bay Shore; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; sisters, Kathy Lightford of Alabama, Marleen (Lew) Bauko of Emmet.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post #1153, Charlevoix.

Arlene Gagne: April 5, 1928 - April 22, 2006

Arlene M. Gagne, 78, of East Jordan died Saturday, April 22 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

No services are scheduled at this time.

She was born on April 5, 1928 in Iron River, the daughter of Albert and Olga (Overby) Johnson. Arlene grew up in Iron River and graduated from Iron River High School.

In 1948, she married her husband, Peter A. Gagne. During their 58 years of marriage, they raised

two children in Mason. She had worked for a number of years at daycare centers in East Lansing and Holt. Her life passions included her children, traveling, country music, playing cards, crossword puzzles and playing slot machines.

Arlene is survived by her husband, Peter A. Gagne of East Jordan; two children, Barbara (Bryan) Noirot of Charlevoix and Christopher Gagne of Chicago, Ill.; one granddaughter, Jacqueline Noirot of Charlevoix; 13 nieces and

nephews; numerous great nieces and nephews; as well as the loving staff at Grandvue Medical Care Facility who cared for her like a second family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Merle Shamion and Phyllis Juneau; and brother, Sonny Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility. The family was served by Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan.

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Evening Service (L.A.) 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Intercession 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.	
Pastor: Ryp Hanks 547-6430	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 586-7455
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klonster Road	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright
Church School 9:00 a.m.	Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.	Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161	Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey E. Walton	Worship 10:15 a.m.
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.	Church Office 547-9122
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.	Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old US 31 North
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Friendship & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.	Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
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Sunday School 11:30 a.m.	Faith Formation: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.	Evening before Holy Days 7:00 p.m.
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Gov. Granholm passes curriculum mandate

Sturock: Mandate shouldn't result in drastic changes in Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's new, more stringent graduation requirements are set to begin in high schools all over the state.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Schools, Dr. John Sturock, said the new curriculum requirements shouldn't mean any drastic changes in Charlevoix schools.

"I think about 70 percent of our kids are involved in a curriculum like that right now," he said. "It's just a matter of figuring out how the technical trades kids (credits) can apply."

He added, "This is pretty new, so we have to figure out how we can apply this to our particular situation, but there are some options in there."

Students in seventh-grade, the class of 2011, and under will be eligible for the new curriculum requirements once they reach high school.

"If Michigan is to compete in a global economy, we must have the best educated workforce in the nation to attract jobs and investment to our state," Granholm stated in an April 20, press release. "This new, challenging curriculum will help ensure that every student in Michigan is prepared for college or technical training when they finish high school."

In order to graduate from high school, Charlevoix students must take four credits of English and math, three credits of social studies and science and one credit of physical education and health, plus one credit of visual, performing or applied arts in addition to an online course.

The foreign language requirement, to begin in 2016, will be two credits.

Sturock said he isn't sure what the extra cost of the new curriculum requirements could be, if any.

"We're just trying to get into this year's budget. We'll worry about next year, next year," he said. "It's hard to say how this will affect the budget, it's still two years out yet."

Granholm further stated the new curriculum is merely the first step in the process of, "Ensuring that students graduate from high school with the tools they need to succeed in college or technical training. Now we must ensure that financial

barriers don't prevent students from getting the education they need. We can do that by giving every student a \$4,000 new Merit Award Scholarship."

Granholm previously said all children in Michigan must continue their education after high school, regardless of what field of expertise they enter.

She hopes to award the MERIT scholarships to every high school student in Michigan who completes



Dr. John Sturock

two years of college, beginning with the class of 2007.

Sturock said, with all the trouble the leaders in Lansing have just coming up with the \$225 per

pupil increase, he doesn't see how Granholm is going to fund a \$4,000 per child scholarship.

But, he said, "In the end, I think our kids need to be educated to compete in the global market. There are some kids who go into the service industry and do very, very well, but many kids need the extra education."

Sturock said he's always dubiious when it comes to the blanket fixes proposed by legislators.

"At one time you could graduate from high school and go to a manufacturing firm and support and raise a family, but those jobs are no longer available to us," he said. "You need more education, so I think it's probably a good idea, but I hate to see stuff mandated."

He added, "But in the eyes of the government, they think they have to do something to move an issue forward."

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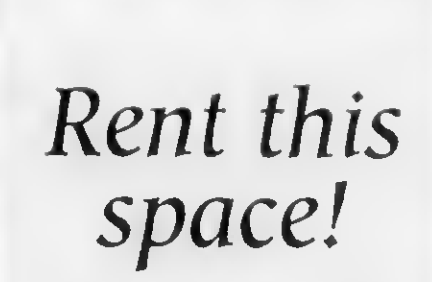


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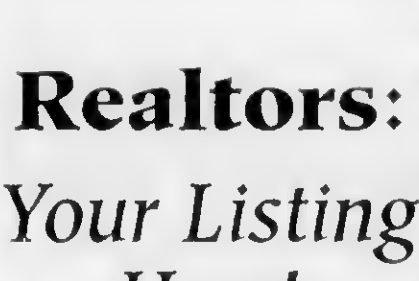
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Prosecutor's office appeals Judge Pajtas' decision

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

The Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office has filed an appeal of Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas' order to quash four, first degree criminal sexual conduct charges from the long list of felonies Charlevoix resident, Lloyd Joseph Waltonen, is facing.

On Thursday, April 13, Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara filed an objection to the order to quash and a motion to reconsider. On April 19, Judge Pajtas issued an order denying Fanara's motion for reconsideration, upholding his decision.

"The issue presented to the court in the defendant's motion to quash is whether or not criminal sexual conduct can be charged where a person engages in consensual sexual intercourse in exchange for illegal drugs," states Pajtas in his order denying reconsideration.

"The answer is obvious. There can be no criminal sexual conduct where the sexual conduct is between two consenting adults."

However, Fanara argues the victim

was coerced.

"He got her addicted to oxycontin and when she was suffering from withdrawals offered her the pills for sex. I feel that's coercion," she said.

Judge Pajtas based his opinion in part on the victim's testimony.

"This court has reviewed the entire preliminary examination transcript. The complainant's testimony was unequivocal that while she didn't desire to have sex, she voluntarily did so to obtain illegal drugs. While there may be probable cause to charge the supplier of the drugs with prostitution, he or she does not commit CSC first degree," he states in the order denying reconsideration.

In making his decision to quash the charges, Judge Pajtas heard from defense attorney Kerry Zahner, who argued in support of throwing out or reducing the charges her client faced.

Zahner claims coercion was not part of the sex acts in question.

Waltonen is accused of providing oxycontin and methadone to at least one woman in exchange for sex.

According to summaries of testimony by two women in an affidavit of probable cause given by to



Lloyd Waltonen

Charlevoix County Sheriff's detective corporal Chuck Vondra, Waltonen forced oral and vaginal sex in exchange for oxycontin and methadone.

A search warrant executed at Waltonen's residence on Feb. 9 resulted in seizure of pill bottles labeled Lloyd Waltonen containing methadone, oxycodone, amphetamines and Adderall XR pills.

Information gathered in the investigation that has taken place thus far, alleges incidents of exchange of pills for sexual favors dating back to 2001 and extend through 2005.

Waltonen, 42, was arrested by Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater on Thursday, Feb. 22 and was arraigned that day in Charlevoix County District Court.

He now faces charges including four felony counts of delivery of drugs, each of which carry possible

20-year prison terms, four felony counts of maintaining a drug house, each of which carry two-year possible prison sentences, four misdemeanor counts of prostitution and one felony count of eavesdropping with a video, which carries a possible five-year prison sentence.

Waltonen was charged as a habitual offender for two prior felony convictions from the early 1990s when he was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon and a felony firearm violation. This means if found guilty of these charges he could face twice the maximum sentence prescribed.

He is being held in Charlevoix County Jail with bond set at \$50,000.

Brian Neill, assistant attorney general for the state's appellate division, will be handling the appeal on behalf of the local prosecutor's office.

"We think this case represents a kind of behavior that is so reprehensible that it deserves a second look," said Nate Bailey, spokesman for the office of Michigan attorney general Mike Cox.

A date when the appeal will be heard has not been set. Fanara said the appeal will likely be heard on an expedited basis as Waltonen is set to stand trial in June. She is hoping the appellate court will overturn Pajtas' decision, forcing Waltonen to face the criminal sexual conduct charges.

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On Tuesday, May 2nd the township employees will be driving through Charlevoix Township to chip branches and twigs collected by Charlevoix Township residents. Wood must be smaller than six inches in diameter, four feet in length and neatly piled at the side of the road or street in front of the residence by 8:00 a.m. We will not be picking up leaves.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

Local health department urges parents to immunize children

The Northwest Michigan community Health Agency urges parents to vaccinate their children on time.

According to information provided by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department, over 20 percent of children are not fully immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Every day, 11,000 babies are born in the United States who will need to be immunized against 13 diseases before age two. Despite recent gains in infant immunization coverage, more than 20 percent of the nation's two-year-olds do not get fully immunized against infectious diseases to which they are especially vulnerable.

"Children can become seriously ill from vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, whooping cough, and bacterial meningitis before they are two years old if they are not fully immunized," said Patricia Fratlick, Director of Family Health Services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "National Infant Immunization Week, April 22 to April 29, is a good reminder to review your child's immunization record and call your child's health care provider or the health department to schedule needed immunizations."

Anne Schuchat, MD, Director of the National Immunization Program at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said, "The suffering or death of even one child from a vaccine-preventable disease is an unnecessary hu-

man tragedy," she said. "Let us renew our efforts to ensure that no child will have to needlessly suffer from a vaccine preventable disease."

To schedule an immunization appointment for your child, call his/her health care provider or the health department at (800) 432-4121.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, April 17, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the City Attorney to continue working on the Chicago Club agreement.
- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor to sign the Hold Harmless agreement for the April 29 fireworks display in Round Lake.
- Motion passed authorizing the Clerk to execute the fireworks permit for April 29.
- Motion passed authorizing use of City dock, Council Chambers and the City logo for the Griffin project.
- Motion passed renewing the Senior Citizen's Center annual contract.
- Motion passed awarding bid for biosolid removal at wastewater treatment plant to BioTech Agronomics, Inc.
- Motion passed awarding bid for fuel purchase to Holiday Gas Station.
- Motion passed awarding bid for restroom cleaning to Mama T's.
- Motion passed awarding tree trimming/removal contract to Willcome Tree Service.
- Council met in closed session to discuss union negotiations.

Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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Lockman embezzlement trial postponed

By BENJAMIN COHS
Staff writer

The trial of Karla Sue Lockman has once again been postponed. This time until 9 a.m., Aug. 15.

The Consent Order Adjourning Trial, filed on Thursday, April 20 with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office, is just another step in the judicial process, according

Land asks boaters to protect waterways

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced that boaters and others can take a stand in protecting Michigan waterways by reporting suspicious activity as part of the America's Waterway Watch campaign.

Complete information is included with the 250,000 watercraft registration renewal notices mailed in early March.

The America's Waterway Watch campaign encourages residents to become the "eyes and ears" of the country by watching over coasts, bridges, tunnels, ports, ships and other water-related resources. Championing the campaign to promote greater safety throughout the Great Lakes are Capt. Patrick Brennan, commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit; Capt. Scott Laroche, commander, Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan; and Capt. Quain Kahler, commander, Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie.

The Coast Guard and U.S. Department of Homeland Security sponsor America's Waterway Watch nationwide. In Michigan, cooperative outreach is provided by the Department of State, Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons.

- Residents are asked to report:
- Unattended vessels or vehicles in unusual locations such as near bridges, tunnels or overpasses, or by commercial areas or services like ports, fuel docks, cruise ships or marinas.
 - Lights flashing between boats.
 - Unusual night operations.
 - People near critical facilities who do not fit the surrounding environment such as individuals wearing improper attire.

Residents are cautioned to not approach or challenge anyone acting suspiciously. They should call the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802 or (877) 24WATCH. For immediate dangers to life or property, calls should be made to 911.

The brochure and other related information is also available in Secretary of State branch offices.

For more information about the America's Waterway Watch initiative, visit the Coast Guard Web site at www.uscg.mil/hq/g-n/mp/AWW_Website/need.htm.

to Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema.

"It's just a postponement so all the experts can get hired, review all the data and be able to form an opinion at trial," he said. "Because of the insanity issue, this is not out of the ordinary."

Jarema said the trial has been extended to seven days to allow more time for the examination of witnesses and experts and to hear their testimony.

According to the order, "On Dec. 7, 2005, subsequent to a Criminal Responsibility examination of defendant (Lockman), the Center for Forensic Psychiatry issued its written opinion finding defendant met the statutory criteria for mental illness and insanity."

The order states that Jarema sought an independent evaluation of Lockman to which he hasn't received an answer.

"Defendant recently retained potential experts in the field of



Karla Lockman

forensic psychology, psychiatry and toxicology for the purpose of review records, conduct evaluation and/or otherwise to render an opinion and/or offer ex-

pert testimony regarding the issue of Criminal Responsibility/Insanity and issues relating thereto. That defendant's retention of potential experts was delayed due to lack of financial resources. As a result, those potential experts have not had sufficient time to conduct and/or complete their analysis."

Another reason for the postponement is that Lockman's attorney has a scheduling conflict with the previous trial date.

Lockman is charged with two

counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of \$20,000 or more while working as a closing agent for Northern Preferred Title Company LLC. If found guilty, this crime is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$15,000 fine or three times the amount embezzled.

Two civil suits, which were filed in United States District Court Western District of Michigan in 2005, allege Lockman may have embezzled as much as \$975,023.64.

Northern Preferred has since severely curtailed activities and laid off 14 employees.

Before the most recent postponement, Lockman's trial was set for January 2006 and then changed to June 5 following a forensic evaluation which questioned the status of her mental health.

According to the report authored by Lockman's examining physician, Dr. Jeffrey Wendt of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry,

Lockman meets the statutory criteria for legal insanity.

Lockman's attorney, Fred Gibson said a major issue in this case is Paxil, a prescription drug used to treat depression, and anxiety disorders. Lockman was prescribed Paxil in August 2004. When her prescription was renewed by a physician in November 2004, Gibson said a mistake by a pharmacist resulted in a doubling of the dose.

Gibson maintains Lockman took the double dose of Paxil while the alleged embezzlement occurred.

Lockman remains free on bond while awaiting trial.

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Work from St. Mary School art show to be auctioned

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The St. Mary School special persons day was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 21 with their first art show beginning that day and lasting through this Friday, April 28.

Approximately 225 people, including students, attended Friday's event.

Local resident, Anne Golski, was in the halls looking for just the right piece of art to be framed for the St. Mary Northern Light Auction coming up later this year in September.

"I have it narrowed down to three," Golski said.

When Golski, who has attended special persons day in the past, was asked to judge the art, she gladly accepted.

Members of the Knights of Columbus and the Grey Gables helped prepare a pancake breakfast for those in attendance.

Mediums used for the art show include colored pencil, wire and plaster wrap, collage, magic model, marker, oil pastel and watercolor.

According to Mary Shepard, school secretary, the annual special persons day evolved from grandparents day.

"That's how it started, but all students can't have a grandparent attend," she said. "This is a combination of springtime celebration of a grandparent or special person in the children's lives."

Special persons were invited to view the art show, visit classrooms and attend the children's liturgy before dining.

Shepard said anyone interested in viewing the art can, "stop by office to let us know they're here and they can look around."

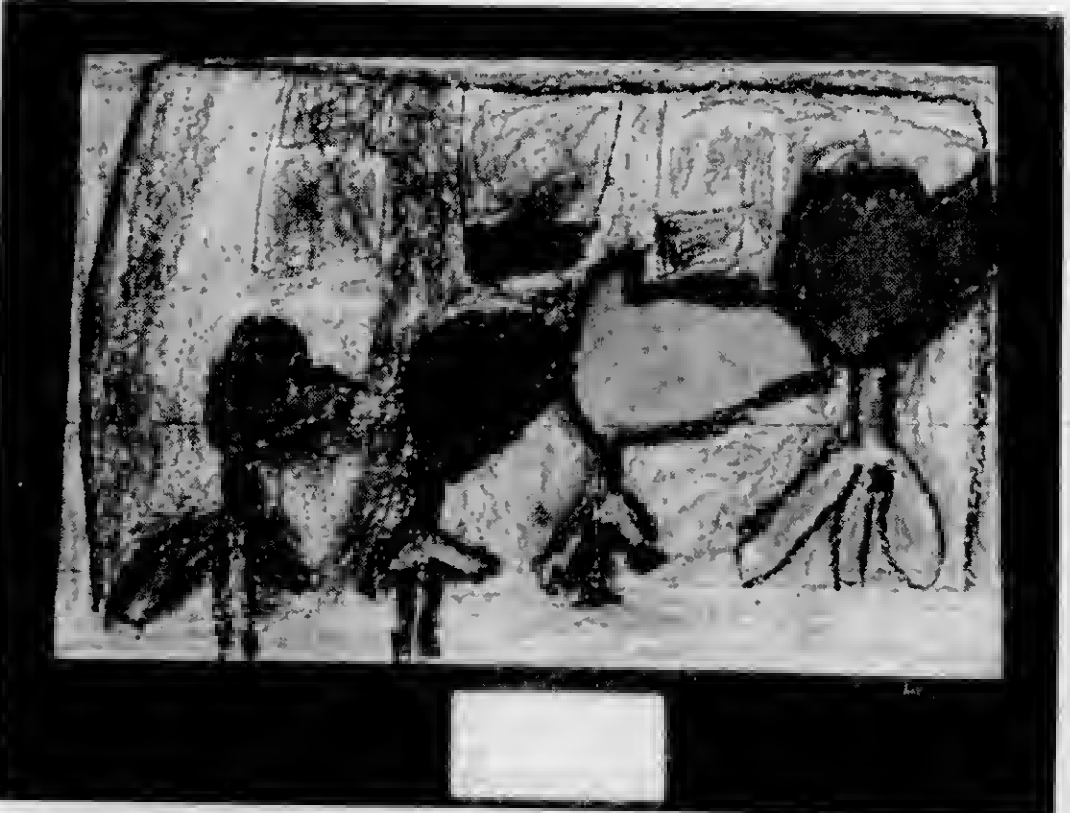
The school is located at 1005 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

For more information call (231) 547-9441.



Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Anne Golski searches walls and walls of various art forms at St. Mary School in Charlevoix for just the right piece to be framed and auctioned this autumn. (Below) Hali Clark, a second-grader at St. Mary School in Charlevoix, used oil pastel to create this house and flowers for St. Mary School's first art show.



Courtesy photo

Goldie Locks of Love

On April 14, Megan Romano, 7, of Charlevoix, donated her hair to Locks of Love. Megan had her 10-inch ponytail cut by Glenda Wilhelm at Shabby Girls salon in Charlevoix. Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children 18 years and younger suffering from long-term medical hair loss. They use donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. For more information contact www.locksoflove.org.

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Bergmann Center gears up for Starlight event

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will host the 4th Annual Starlight Dinner and Live Auction beginning at noon on Sunday, May 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Catering is provided by Grey Gables with entertainment by Chris Dominaie. The auctioneer will be Sam Kose. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information call (231) 547-2979.

According to Kim Brock, community relations coordinator for the Bergmann Center, this event is designed to, "Help support the Bergmann Center while also giving these guys a chance to fulfill their dreams. We go around annually and ask them what they want to do and we try to fulfill their dreams."

Brock said participants of the Bergmann Center have enjoyed outings to the Great Wolf Lodge, Greenfield Village, a Detroit Tigers Game, Michigan's Adventure theme park and more.

Fifty-one individuals with developmental disabilities work at the Bergmann Center on projects for Honeywell of Boyne City, LexaLife International in Charlevoix and other businesses.

"This is a work activity center," said administrative assistant, Aimee Vanderark. "They come here and work just like if they worked for you. We actually bring work into the shop for them to do."

When asked what the best part of working for the Bergmann Center is, most of the respondents answered, "money."

"They get a paycheck," Brock said. "They get a chance to work and earn their own money."

This fund-raiser will allow the center to run on budget and continue to provide a work environment for people who might not otherwise get the chance to get out and work.

Each year, the event continues to grow in both the number of attendees and amount of funds raised.

"We started out at Guseppes,



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Brenda, Jamie, Sylvia and Patty, all clients of the Bergmann Center of Charlevoix, show off some of the donated and handcrafted items which will be up for auction at the Bergmann Center's annual dinner dance to take place at noon on Sunday, May 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

which was a wonderful place, but now there is not enough room," Brock said. "We hope to continue to grow so we can have the chance to work with our clients and the community."

Vanderark said, "It makes the

community more aware of who you are and what you are doing. In return, we receive their support and we're extremely appreciative of them for that. Without the community's support, we couldn't do this."

Brock said this event is for anyone who enjoys a good meal, fun entertainment and the satisfaction of supporting a good cause.

"Around 100 people attended last year. This year we hope to have more," Brock said.

Attire is dress casual to semi-formal.

Vanderark said the people who help support the Bergmann Center will never know how much good they are doing.

"There is always that fear of people with disabilities, but when people get to know us they love our guys," she said.

Vanderark said this gives the center participants the chance to give back to the community.

When not working for local companies, the Bergmann Center's clients volunteer with Meals on Wheels for senior citizens and recycling efforts.

While a few tickets may be available until the day of the event, Brock said it would be a good idea to purchase them by Friday, April 28 to ensure availability.

The Bergmann Center's duties began in 1954, though under a different name, when a handful of local parents with retarded children formed a daycare program. Later, Robert and Lillian Bergman opened their home to a few children with developmental disabilities and eventually, in 1973, the Bergmann Center was so named and has served many people in the ensuing decades.

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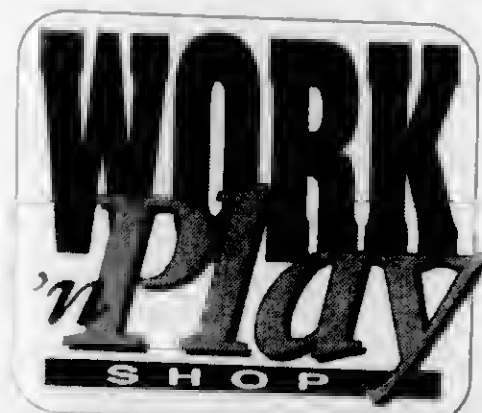


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Northwest Academy students win big at festival



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Members of the Northwest Academy Intermediate Band recently competed in the Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival in Kalkaska. (Back, from left) Gary Stutzman, Casey Riley, Kellie Brethauer, Jenice Kroon, Amber Trudeau, Amy Waldron, Anna Kroon, (middle) Evan Themm, Jon Way, Sam Keehn, Chris DeKorne, Christian Morrison, Hannah Oliver, (front) Dan Schwartzfisher and Grant Oliver.

Health department warns of high lead content in some children's jewelry

State officials recently drew attention to new guidance from the Consumer Product Safety Commission regarding children's jewelry that may contain high concentrations of lead and urged parents to use caution when purchasing items.

"We would urge parents to be aware of the lead poisoning risks associated with inexpensive jewelry by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Web site," said Janet Olszewski, Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health. "Additionally, children should never place metal items in their mouths."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced a new policy addressing lead in children's metal jewelry after two incidences around the country led to recalls of products. Details can be found at www.cpsc.gov or by calling the consumer hotline at (800) 638-2772.

In February 2006, a Minnesota child died from brain swelling due to lead poisoning after having eaten a heart-shaped charm from a bracelet included in a box of Reebok shoes. Reebok and the Consumer Product Safety Commission have begun a voluntary recall of the bracelets that have been distributed all over the U.S. in the packaging with Reebok shoes.

In 2004, a child in Oregon became severely lead-poisoned after consuming a necklace with a high lead content. At that time, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled 150 million pieces of metallic toy

jewelry sold all over the country in vending machines and other outlets.

While deteriorating lead-based paint in homes built before 1978 remains the most common U.S. source of lead exposure, ingesting lead-con-

taining items is becoming more common as a source of life-threatening lead poisoning.

For more information contact the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at (231) 347-5041.

The Northwest Academy Intermediate Band members participated in the Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival in Kalkaska on Saturday, April 22.

Of the 13 events in which the students performed during the day, they came away with eight first divisions and five second division ratings.

"These students have worked hard all year and their efforts have paid huge dividends. I am really proud of all they have accomplished," said Gary Stutzman, director of bands at Northwest Academy.

The following students received first division ratings: Clarinet/flute duet — Jenice Kroon and Amber Trudeau; clarinet/flute duet — Trudeau and Kellie Brethauer; clarinet trio — Brethauer, Jenice Kroon and Evan Themm; alto sax solo — Hannah Oliver; snare drum solo — Dan Schwartzfisher; drum duet — Schwartzfisher and Grant Oliver; tuba solo — Sam

Keeln; brass quartet — Keehn, Jon Way, Amy Waldron and Chris DeKorne.

The following students received second division ratings: Woodwind quartet — Trudeau, Kroon, Themm and Hannah Oliver; cornet/tenor sax duet — Casey Riley and Christian Morrison; tenor sax solo — Morrison; cornet/alto sax duet — Waldron and Hannah Oliver; cornet solo — Waldron.

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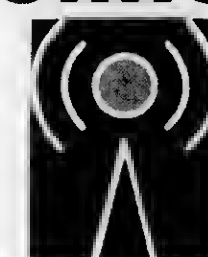
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BUSINESS

Ownership change at Judy's Restaurant



By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

New ownership has brought changes to Judy's Restaurant in downtown Charlevoix.

On Feb. 8, Antrim County residents Jim and Sonia Cetnarowski bought the established restaurant, located at 117 Antrim Street, from Ed and Judy Johnson.

"My goal has always been to have a small, family-oriented restaurant, catering to the working people," Sonia said.

Since purchasing the business, Sonia, who manages the restaurant full-time, has worked to make that goal a reality. Under the creative culinary direction of chef Jim Ploe, the Cetnarowskis have expanded their hours of operation and their menu offerings.

"We have a creative, excited chef. He's helped us evolve a lot of dishes," Jim said.

The restaurant is now open from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. seven days a week. During the summer months, the Cetnarowskis plan to stay open later. New menu items include the popular

chicken salad wrap, homemade soups like the crowd-pleasing loaded baked potato, burgers and a ham serum.

"It's growing every day. Our business, for this being the slow time, has doubled since we bought the place," said Sonia, who has worked in the restaurant business for 22 years. "I believe we have the best core of regular customers that any owner would want to have."

This summer, the couple plan to hire part-time help including an additional server and a prep cook.

Future changes may include a name change. But for now, the two plan to maintain the long legacy of Judy's Restaurant.

The Cetnarowski family, which now includes their two daughters, Ashley, 6, and Amber, 3, moved to northern Michigan from Sterling Heights in 2000.

Since then, Jim has continued to work full-time with AT & T Communications while Sonia has worked in restaurants including Murray's Bar and Grill in East Jordan and Omaha's Breakfast Club in Charlevoix.

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On Feb. 8, Jim and Sonia Cetnarowski (pictured above) bought the local established eatery, Judy's Restaurant, located at 117 Antrim Street, from Ed and Judy Johnson. Since then, the two have added some menu selections and increased the hours of operation.

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SPORTS

Boys' track takes top slot at Boyne City meet

By BENJAMIN GOHIS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayders boys' varsity track team hosted the competition in Boyne City last week.

The boys took first place with 127 points for a solid start to the track season. Their closest competitor, Elk Rapids, placed with 58 points, followed by Harbor Springs with 53 and host, Boyne City, with 18.

"The boys are off to a great start," said varsity coach, Ken Plude. "They're showing their depth and work effort. (We're) looking forward to a continued effort."

The following is a list of individual results from the meet:

High jump 2, Mike DiMartino, five feet 10 inches 3, Josh Saur, 5-8 4, Billy Roloff, 5-6 5, Chase Beatty, 5-2.

Pole vault 2, Hunter Boss, 11 3, Kyle Jones, 10-6 4, Mat Golovich, 8-6.

Long jump 1, DiMartino, 19-5 1/2 2, Nate LaBlance, 18 1/2 4, Saur, 17 1/2.

Shot put 1, Jeff Golovich, 44-7 4,

Ray Jones, 41-10.

Discus throw 1, Ray Jones, 129-4 4, Jeff Golovich, 120-7 1/2 5, Trevor Cole, 112-3 1/2.

3200-meter run 2, Isaac Matchett, 11 minutes 3.56 seconds 4, Dustin Arp, 12:02.35.

110 meter hurdles 1, Jeff Golovich, 16:36 5, Scott Plude, 17:18.

300 1, Scott Plude, 42:69 3, Jeff Golovich, 43:59.

4x100-meter relay 2, Charlevoix, 47:35.

4x200 1, Charlevoix, 1:36.71.

4x400 1, Charlevoix, 3:39.01.

4x800 1, Charlevoix, 8:18.

100-meter dash 2, Matt Kanine, 12:02.5, Robert Shuttler, 12:30.5, Kyle

Jones, 12:30.

200 1, Darron Munson, 23.57 5, Shuttler 24.67.

400 1, Munson, 52.28 3, Roloff, 59.94.

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Charlevoix-East Jordan ski team members recognized

The following award results for the 2005-2006 Charlevoix-East Jordan ski team were recently submitted.

Winners of the Kelsey Barnard Memorial Cup are Katherine Rowley and Mac Brennan.

Charlevoix-East Jordan ski team members who made the mark in the state's classes B, C and D awards designation are: First team slalom, Katherine Rowley; first team giant slalom, Katherine Rowley; all-regional team, Cameron Attee; Katherine Rowley and Kelsey Poineau.

In the Lake Michigan Conference the following honors were given to

Charlevoix-East Jordan ski team members: All-conference slalom, Katherine Rowley and Kelsey Poineau; honorable mention slalom, Mac Brennan, Cameron Attee and Nic Williams; all-conference giant slalom, Katherine Rowley and Kelsey Poineau; honorable mention giant slalom, Mac Brennan and Cameron Attee.

Charlevoix-East Jordan girls ski team members were given First Team All-state Academic Honors. This is the third of the last four years that the girls team has accomplished this feat. The boys ski team members were given Second Team All-state Academic Honors.

SPORTS

Soccer maintains undefeated standing with wins last week

The varsity girls' Rayder soccer team continues to dominate the playing field, tallying three more wins.

On April 17, the Rayders shut the Rams of Harbor Springs out with a final score of 2-0.

The Ramsey sisters again provided the Rayders' scoring punch. On a windy night where field position was key, the Rayders held off the Rams going with the wind in the first half. First half play was even as the Rayders had trouble controlling the ball into the wind and the Rams went hard to the ball, winning most of the 50/50 encounters.

Going with the breeze in the second half, the Rayders began to control play and came close on several scoring opportunities. Finally, with about 25 minutes to play, senior Madison Ramsey worked the ball across the top of the penalty area and shook the defender for an unassisted shot putting the Rayders on the board. Charlevoix continued to apply pressure throughout the match.

With two minutes remaining, senior tri-captain Stevie Murray sent a corner kick across the goal mouth and sophomore Ariel Ramsey headed it home. Charlevoix managed 19 shots on goal for the night.

Defensively for the Rayders, senior goalkeeper and tri-captain Laura Nitchman earned her second shutout of the season turning away 10 Harbor shots. Murray played an exceptional game, especially in the first half going into the wind, controlling the play from her sweeper spot. Sophomore Emily Foster earned the Rayder's Player of the Game award for her untiring efforts at outside back. Freshman midfielder KC McCary played strong defensively and tracked down a Harbor breakaway scoring opportunity. Sophomore midfielder Becca Madison played a strong game while being marked by as many as three Harbor defenders at times.

"As always, Harbor played a tough physical game. They don't back down

from any balls. This was a good win for Charlevoix and taught many of our freshmen what it will take to be successful in the Lake Michigan Conference this year," head coach Carol Madison said.

Charlevoix, traveled to Grayling on Thursday, April 20 where they chalked another shutout, winning 10-0 and improving their record to 3-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Goals were scored by Madison Ramsey (2), Nitchman, Brecklin Golovich-Keie, Lori Zimmerman (2), Molly Branicki, Becca Madison (2) and Ariel Ramsey. Assists came from Madison Ramsey, Zita Anderson, Golovich-Keie, Zimmerman, Danni Bergmann, Gena Gaudio, Ariel Ramsey (2) and Kris Broman.

The Rayders finished the week with a 5-1 win on April 21 when they hosted Elk Rapids.

The win over the Elks improved their record to 4-0 in the Lake Michigan

Conference and overall.

Charlevoix controlled play in the first half, getting off 12 shots to three for Elk Rapids. However, the Rayders had some trouble finding the back of the net as Elk Rapids packed in their defensive power. Charlevoix went ahead at the 21 minute mark, when senior Madison Ramsey converted on a penalty kick awarded for a handball in the box. The Elks came back with 10 minutes remaining in the first half, converting on a chip pass from a free kick at the Rayder 20-yard line.

The Rayders came out strong to start the second half and went ahead to stay when McCary scored her first varsity goal from 18 yards out. Anderson put the Rayders up 3-1 with a nice goal from 20 yards, followed by another score from McCary and a final shot from Madison Ramsey for the 5-1 margin.

Assists for the Rayders went to Madison Ramsey, Madison and Ariel Ramsey. Charlevoix out-shot the Lady Elks 24-13 on the night.

Defensively, Charlevoix received strong play from sweeper Murray, se-

nior back Lisa Kuehler and in the mid-field, McCary, Madison and Anderson. Nitchman notched her fourth win. She has 25 saves against one goal allowed for the season.

McCary was named Rayder Player of the Game.

Charlevoix hosted Cheboygan in a non-league match on Monday, April 24. Results from this game were not available by press time.

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Tennis team wins two, loses one

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

and lost to Elk Rapids 0-6, 6-4, 7-5.

With strong doubles play leading the way, this week the tennis team faced Harbor Springs on Monday in Charlevoix. Results were not available by press time. Later this week, on

Friday, April 28, the team will compete at the Boyne City Invitational and on Saturday, April 29, at the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational.

"This is a huge week for us," Lundteigen said.

The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team finished a busy week of play tallying two wins, beating Grayling 5-3 and Traverse City Christian 8-1, and a close 5-3 loss against Elk Rapids.

Couch Erik Lundteigen said, "We're moving in the right direction. But the kids are going to have to work hard."

Individual results were:

• First, singles: Matt Novotny beat Grayling, 6-1, 6-4; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-3, 6-1; and lost to Elk Rapids 6-1, 6-3.

• Second, singles: Dan Swenor lost to Grayling, 6-2, 6-1; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-1, 6-3; and lost to Elk Rapids 7-6, 6-2.

• Third, singles: Ty Haske lost to Grayling, 6-0, 6-2; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-2, 6-4; and lost to Elk Rapids 6-2, 7-6.

• Fourth, singles: Brad Cyr lost to Grayling, 5-7, 6-0, 6-4; and lost to Elk Rapids 6-2, 6-1.

• Fourth, singles: Alex McKenzie lost to Traverse City Christian, 6-1, 6-1.

• First, doubles: Dustin Dibble and Mike Greyerbiel beat Grayling, 6-0, 6-3; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-0, 6-1; and beat Elk Rapids 6-2, 6-3.

• Second, doubles: Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster beat Grayling, 6-3, 6-3; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-0, 6-0; and beat Elk Rapids 7-6, 6-0.

• Third, doubles: Kris Bartling and Kevin Greyerbiel beat Grayling, 6-1, 6-1; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-3, 6-1; and beat Elk Rapids 6-2, 6-1.

• Fourth, doubles: Kenny Anderson and Alex Molter beat Grayling, 6-0, 6-0; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-0, 6-1;

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SPORTS

Baseball team secures first place at tourney

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The Rayders' varsity baseball team topped a productive week by claiming the Charlevoix Invitational tournament championship.

Charlevoix defeated Cheboygan 7-2 and Traverse City St. Francis 3-2 to claim the title at the April 22 tournament.

Pitcher Matt Teuscher led his team to a 7-2 victory over Cheboygan in the first game of the tournament, giving up only five hits and delivering four strikeouts.

Charlevoix trailed 2-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth as Ty Telgenhof singled in the tying run with one out.

Charlevoix coach, Allen Telgenhof, said he was proud of the way his team recovered leading into the championship game.

"Matt (Teuscher) pitched an awesome game for us, staying ahead of their hitters all day long," Telgenhof said.

Following the win, the Rayders faced Traverse City St. Francis in the Charlevoix Invitational championship game, defeating them 3-2 in a come from behind victory.

Freshman, Michael Heckendorn, started the rally as Charlevoix trailed 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth with two outs and no one on when he scored the tying run on a wild pitch which forced an extra innings tiebreaker.

The Rayders secured the championship as Teuscher scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth.

"I couldn't be more proud of our guys and the way they competed," Telgenhof said.

Telgenhof was excited to see his team perform as well as they did in their first tournament of the season, and he looks forward to many more successful tournaments.

"We want our baseball program in Charlevoix to be about winning championships," he said. "The guys are excited and already talking about winning another in a couple of weeks when we head down to the Birch Run tournament."

On Thursday, April 20, the Rayders split their doubleheader against Roscommon, losing the first game 10-0 and winning the second 10-6 at home.

Telgenhof said Roscommon's batting was what led to Charlevoix's first game defeat.

"The top four hitters in their lineup really did a job on us getting all seven of their hits and getting on base 11 out of 12 times up," he said.

In that meeting's nightcap, Charlevoix



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix players rush the plate right after Matt Teuscher scored the winning run against Traverse City St. Francis in the Charlevoix Invitational, April 22.

fell behind 3-0 in the first, but recovered quickly with four runs early in the game to avoid a sweep.

"I was concerned about how the team would respond, but they came back in

the second inning," Telgenhof said.

The Rayders varsity baseball team plays again at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28 when they host the Elks of Elk Rapids.

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Rayder softball team falls at Charlevoix Invitational

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

After an impressive four-game winning streak, the Rayders' varsity softball team fell in two closely contested match-ups at Saturday's Charlevoix Invitational tournament.

Despite a solid pitching effort by freshman Amber Hoffman, Charlevoix was downed by Ellsworth 3-2 and Central Lake 9-8 in the Rayders' first tournament of the season.

Coach Tony Zimmerman entered the tournament expecting Ellsworth to offer his team a challenge.

"They (Ellsworth) were 31-3 last season and only lost two players, we came in knowing what to expect," Zimmerman said.

He added, "The girls did an excellent job keeping up."

Zimmerman said the highest heartbreak of the tournament was the Rayders' turnaround loss to Central Lake as the Trojans fought back from a four-run deficit late in the sixth to force an extra inning.

Zimmerman said the loss resulted from several base coaching miscues late in the game.

"I feel that I let them down. The girls did an excellent job," he said.

Despite the losses, Zimmerman said he saw excellent playing from Hoffman, who pitched both games and provided her team with a total of 11 strikeouts.

The Lady Rayders rallied with seven runs at the top of the sixth to overcome

a four-run deficit and lead Charlevoix to a 13-10 victory at home over East Jordan in the first meeting of their doubleheader on Tuesday, April 18.

Charlevoix's hitting showed marked improvement as Hoffman (2-4), Lauren Mielke (3-4), Sasha Spenceley (2-4), Genevieve Kochanny (3-4) and Desi Faust (2-4) provided the basis for the team's quick recovery.

Sophomore Desi Faust concluded an evening of solid pitching as she carried her team to a 7-5 win in that meeting's nightcap.

Hoffman proved her strength as a pitcher as she pitched five strikeouts to provide her team with two consecutive wins at Roscommon on Thursday, April 20 as Charlevoix defeated the Bucks 7-3 and 8-2.

Zimmerman said he was proud of his team's improvements and he hopes to see them continue to grow and develop.

"We have worked hard to tighten our defense. And, our base running and fielding are really coming along," he said.

Zimmerman refused to take all the credit for his team's turnaround, crediting assistant coaches Ken Hoffman and Patrick Faust with providing sound knowledge of the game and a positive environment in which to learn.

"Our coaching staff is doing a great job instilling a winning attitude in the girls," Zimmerman said.

The Charlevoix softball team plays again at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28 at Elk Rapids.

SPORTS



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Indoor soccer Team Blue claim first

Another season of the Charlevoix Indoor Soccer League has come to an end. In the championship game, Team Blue narrowly escaped Team Black to claim the 5-4 win. There were a record six teams in the league this winter. Team Blue players are (above, from left) Chris Hall, Peter Londgren, Isaac Matchett, Matt Teuscher, Ben Castiglione, Steve Carland and Jon Jelinek.

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Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the week: Ralph Kitson with a high game of 186.

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Speedy delivery

Amy Waldron, 14, found a way to finish her Petoskey News-Review paper route in a hurry. Last week, she was seen making her rounds on roller blades on Bridge Street.

Michigan's Fun Kickoff April 28-30 events line-up

The Michigan Festivals and Events Association will host Michigan's Fun Kickoff and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Castle Farms of Charlevoix, starting with a mid-way full of amusements, a Kids' Kingdom with jugglers, magicians, face painting, Ronald McDonald and more, and the weekend will climax with a fireworks display over Round Lake.

Highlights of the upcoming festival include, a carnival midway from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at Castle Farms.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 the Michigan Fun Art Fair offers a juried fine art and craft showcase and sale. The Kids' Kingdom will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day as well.

The Flavors of Michigan wine, beer and food tasting, taking place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., offers participants "Wine, Brew and Food Infusion," (cost of \$10) a commemorative sampling glass and tickets good toward food and drink. Flavors of Michigan boasts the best of the best in the state.

From noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday is the midway with carnival amusements. Then, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in East Park, Mojo and the Boogiemani will play until the fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m.

Then, on Sunday, April 30, the midway will once again be open from noon to 5 p.m.

Barron said the Venetian style fireworks display is being sponsored by Colonial Fireworks Company, the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Downtown Development Authority.

The \$25,000 fireworks display will be similar in length to the Venetian Saturday show.

The Michigan Festivals and Events Association is the largest festival association in the United States.

For information on lodging or dining for the weekend of the event, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

For more information concerning events, call Castle Farms at (231) 237-0884 or visit the Michigan Festivals and Events Association Web site at www.michiganfun.us.

Michigan's Fun Kickoff

Charlevoix will host the 2006 Michigan's Fun Kickoff presented by the Michigan Festival and Events Association April 28-30 at Castle Farms, located off M-66.

Events:

Friday, April 28
5 to 10 p.m. Carnival Midway at Castle Farms

Saturday, April 29
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Michigan Art Fair at Castle Farms
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Kids' Kingdom at Castle Farms

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Flavors of Michigan (Wine, Brew and Food) at Castle Farms
Noon to 10 p.m. Carnival Midway at Castle Farms

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Musical Entertainment by Mojo and the Boogiemani in East Park
9:45 p.m. Fireworks Extravaganza over Round Lake

Sunday, April 30
Noon to 5 p.m. Carnival Midway at Castle Farms

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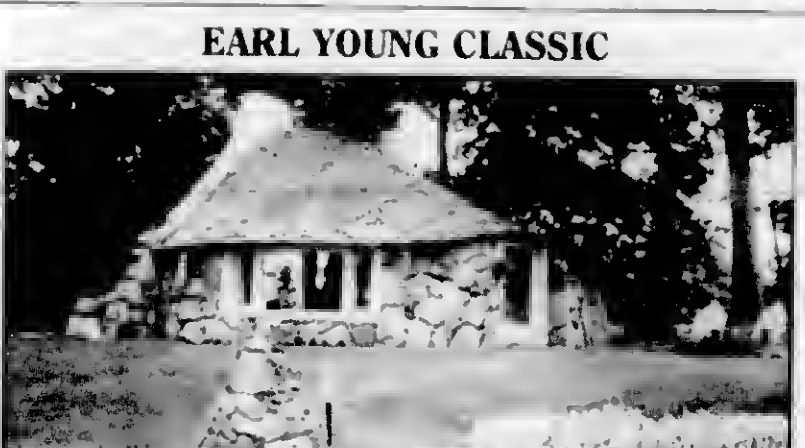
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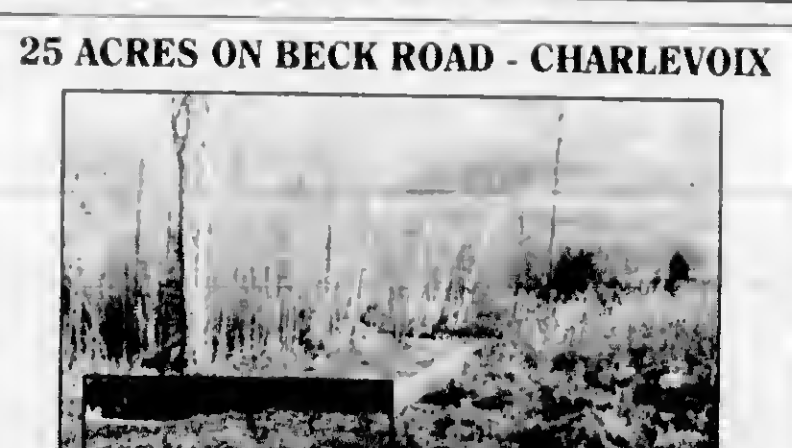
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Voters pick Stevens and McLean

By **BENJAMIN GOHS**
Staff writer

Jeff Stevens, with 641 votes (34.87 percent), and John McLean Jr., with 483 votes (26.28 percent), were the two big winners in the May 2 school board election.

Candidate Tom Barnes received 419 votes, for 22.8 percent. He was trailed by incumbent Dennis Halverson with 293 votes, for 15.94 percent. Tuesday evening, 13.3 percent of registered voters in the school district turned out for a total of 1,838 ballots cast. There were two write-in votes.

"I just feel real good to have as much support as I got and as many votes as I got," Stevens said. "I'm looking forward to working with the board, the school and the community."

Stevens said he isn't quite sure, but he believes living in Charlevoix all his life and having children in the school

system helped give him an edge in the race.

"Apparently, I've been trusted throughout the years," he said.

Stevens said the first thing he wants to get working on is building community trust in the school board.

"Getting moving on this financial dilemma is something we'll need a lot of community support on. So, that would be number one," he said.

Stevens, who works with the local Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Station and the City of Charlevoix Fire Department, has a wife, Michelle, son, Brandon, and daughter, Bailee.

McLean shared Stevens' excitement at the outcome of the election.

"I'm ecstatic. I'm still in awe," he said. "My supporters were phenomenal. They were a huge part of my success and I really don't believe I would have gotten as far as I have without them."

McLean believes Charlevoix is ready for some fresh ideas.

"I think I was very honest. I have no agenda on this," he said. "I have been in the community for only about six years and my opponents have been longtime residents. That tells me the town is behind me and they're ready for some change, and I'm pretty proud of that."

McLean said the first thing he wants to do is figure out ways of generating revenue for the schools.

McLean is a volunteer firefighter and father of two sons, Jake and Jared. He will retire in June from his post as chief officer in charge at the Charlevoix Lifeboat Station.

Barnes believes McLean and Stevens ran enthusiastic campaigns and the voters simply responded in kind.

He thanked everyone who voted for him and said he may consider running in the future.

"I'm still very concerned about the

finances of the school. If it turns out that the schools are in better financial condition next year, then I probably won't see any reason to run. But, if things don't improve, then I would look forward to running again," he said.

Unseated school board president, Halverson, said the board will have a tough time with the impending financial problems.

"Maybe, knowing what I know, they (voters) might have done me a favor," Halverson said. "The town and the board is going to be faced with some very tough decisions — unfortunately, (they're) probably going to get around to people and jobs."

He added, "I wish them a lot of luck."

Halverson said he remains a member of the community and has much interest in what occurs. However, he added that it's too early to speculate as to whether he'll run again.

Festive kickoff to the tourist season

By **JULIE WITTHOFT**
Editor

Last weekend, people packed Charlevoix for Michigan's Fun Kickoff in what many hope was a prequel to a successful tourist season.

"Charlevoix was alive with enthusiasm. It was a great feeling — people were ready to celebrate spring. And that's the feeling we were hoping for," said Tracy Sell, president of the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The local convention and visitors bureau is one of several local organizations, including the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc., that played a supporting role in bringing the Michigan Festivals and Events Association's April 28-30 expanded spring conference to Charlevoix.

"For a first-year event, this exceeded our expectations. It was absolutely wonderful," said Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The three-day, fun-filled festival, dubbed Michigan's Fun Kickoff, included a midway, a Kids' Kingdom, an art show and a regional food and wine tasting event all at Castle Farms and a

fireworks display over Round Lake.

"We are very, very happy. It was such a hit. And it was wonderful to see the community open its arms to us. You rolled the red carpet out for us," said Sue Bila, executive director of the Michigan Festivals and Events Association.

On Monday morning, just after the dust settled from the three-day event, Bila's phone was already ringing with talk for next year's conference.

She said information will be tabulated and talk of whether the conference will return to Charlevoix next year, should take place in the next two months.

"We would love to have it come back," Merta said.

This was the first time in the events association's long history that the spring conference, which included staple items like educational seminars for the 115 registered conference attendees, has included features like Flavors of Michigan and the carnival.

"It was great to see Michigan's Fun Kickoff come alive and to start the events season early," Bila said.

According to Sell, others in town were pleased to start the season early

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Photo by Julie Witthoфт

Colonial Fireworks Co., the business that puts on the Venetian Festival fireworks display, donated \$25,000 in fireworks and their services as pyrotechnicians to the Michigan Festival and Events Association's Michigan's Fun Kickoff fireworks spectacular April 29 in East Park. Thousands attended the show. For more photos from the event, see page 18.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Patrick Clifford Bearden, 22, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Michael William Ennik Jr., 23, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Scott Michael Jakobowski, 32, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended-first offense. Serve five days in jail with credit for five days; \$300 in fines and costs.

Rex Allen Bartholomew Jr., 38, East Jordan. Attempted fleeing and eluding-fourth degree. Serve 180 days in jail, to serve 15 days, 165 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; write a letter of apology; \$1,250 in fines and costs.

Matthew Steele, 35, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,185 in fines and costs.

Carl Clarence Murray, 24, East Jordan. Operating without license on person. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Robert Arcine Mullen, 40, Charlevoix. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed; and motor vehicle operator without security. Serve seven days in jail with credit for three days, to serve four days in jail; \$800 in fines and costs.

Christopher Martin Vrondran, 26, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months proba-

tion; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$880 in fines and costs.

Matthew Craig Essmann, 27, Lake Orion. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$880 in fines and costs.

Ben E. Hamrick, 24, Gaylord. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$730 in fines and costs.

Ellen Marie Karlskin, 40, Boyne City. Drug/alcohol consumption by a minor allowed on premises. Serve 28 days in jail; \$700 in fines and costs.

Kurt D. Fisher, 50, Mt. Pleasant. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Isaac James Hoaglund, 20, Boyne City. Minor with a blood

alcohol content. Serve five days of community service work; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,000 in fines and costs. Violation of restricted license. Serve 90 days in jail, 85 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$200 in fines and costs.

Loryn Joseph-Michael Sova, 20, Clarkston. Minor in possession of alcohol-third offense. To attend Impact weekend; \$500 in fines and costs.

Virginia Ann McCallum, 39, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail, with credit for one day, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Michael Robert Flowers, 20, Charlevoix. Assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; no contact with the victim; write a letter of apology; obtain employment; \$850 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following case was recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Samuel Dean Walton, 48, East Jordan. Controlled substance-labels-alteration/defacement/removal; \$350 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Valley Painting & Restoration, 709 Josephine St., East Jordan, by Manuel A. and Lynnette I. Medina

Island Tree Tops, 26407 McDonough Road, Beaver Island, by Carol Ann and Robert Avery

Cougar Crafts & Glass; B & A Sunrise, P.O. Box 189, Beaver Island, by Robert H. Avery

Melrose Maintenance & Construction, 620 State St., Petoskey, by Frank Montel III

K-Wall Custom Coatings, 8692 Central Avenue, Charlevoix, by Troy Teeple

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Harry L. Atkins, 79 and Vickie M Skop, 55, both of Boyne City

Divorce

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Melissa Word vs. William Word Jr.

Births

Ava Ann Heger weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces was born April 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jerrod and Tiffany Heger of Ellsworth. Her sibling is Emma Lynn Heger. Her grandparents are Frank and Cathy Heger of Owosso and Richard and Patty Marshall of Laingsburg.

Charity Aurora weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces was born April 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Shawnee Knapp. Her sibling is Madison Elizabeth. Her grandparents are Betty Lou Sellers of East Jordan, Bobby Cullin Sellers of East Jordan, Shannon Marie Harvey of Petoskey, David Oliver of Boyne City.

Kayla Noel Young weighing 9 pounds, 15 ounces was born April 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Curtis and Tracy Young of East Jordan. Her siblings are brother Slade, 6, and sister Kira, 5. Her grandparents are Larry and Patricia Young of Merritt Island, Fla. and Joyce Hamon of Sebring, Ohio.

Correction

Due to a reporting error, in an article entitled "School budget dominates election," which appeared on page one of the April 26 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, the date of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education election was incorrectly listed as Tuesday, May 5. Election day was Tuesday, May 2. The editorial staff apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused readers.

Voc-ed millage approval continues programs

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

On Tuesday, May 2, the .75 mill Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District millage renewal passed by a wide margin of 71.33 percent with 1,396 'yes' votes and 561 'no' votes for a total voter turnout of 10.4 percent.

The millage is expected to generate approximately \$3.5 million a year from 2006 to 2009 to fund the 39 vocational-technical education programs provided through the intermediate school district.

One such program is the robotics class at Charlevoix High School, taught by Joe Woods, the manufacturing technology teacher and director of career and technical education.

Woods said he has students who land jobs while still in high school due to their training in the voc-ed classes.

"They (students) are extremely well prepared when they go to the university level and for when they go into the workforce," he said. "We have students all over the country going to school and getting jobs. I have a student who is graduating from Arizona State (University), and he said he still relies on a lot of things that he learned in the program in high school."

One of the best parts of the class, Woods said, is taking the trip to Ohio for a national work-cell competition.

"A work-cell is an area or defined machine that performs a process," he said. "In industry, these work-cells are setup and the process is completed start

to finish with no human interaction."

The work-cell Woods' students built for the 2005 competition needed to sort in several different ways and with no human interaction.

"That has to include a minimum of one robot in it," Woods said. "It sounds simple but it isn't, because it's all done with automation."

He added, "We were able to take the first place award for the competition."

Students also had to address safety issues, write an engineering brief and give a presentation on the project.

Woods said his robotics class is similar to the Lake Superior State University senior projects.

"It's modeled after that program to give the kids a senior program experience, as many of them are going to continue on into the engineering field," he said.

While at the competition, Woods' students were in the company of technological giants like Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Texas Tech and the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Of the 3,400 students in the intermediate school district, 2,700 are enrolled in some type of approved vocational-technical education program.

"Without that money, some of the classes might be there, but they would probably end up with more of the general classes that didn't focus on the high-tech training necessary in today's world on today's equipment," Woods said.



Courtesy photo
The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District vocational/technical education millage was passed by voters Tuesday, May 2. The money goes to help pay for classes like building trades and robotics. Pictured (above, from left) are the first place winners from Charlevoix High School at a robotics competition held in 2005 in Ohio.

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A glimpse at the business world off-line



Julie Witthoeft
'Just a thought'

The Midwest's high tech world was turned upside down last Wednesday, April 26, when AT&T's DSL Internet service experienced a major glitch that disconnected Internet service to much of five states including Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

A lot of northern Michigan, including Charlevoix, felt the hit. Shortly after arriving at work that day, I knew something was wrong

when my e-mail in box was unusually scant on messages directing me to wonder drugs that can tone and enlarge existent and nonexistent parts of my anatomy.

Soon after, I realized that businesses like ours that rely on Internet information and e-mail correspondence were stuck in a new realm of non-electronic communication.

By 4 p.m., the AT&T promised time when customers would be brought back on-line. I knew the glitch had become a news story of massive proportions. As I began my search for the AT&T source of information on the problem, I realized that when corporate America experiences outages, answers aren't readily available.

My first conversation was an automated Q and A session with my responses ranging from, "Yes," to the cold silent treatment. I fur-

iously pressed the number 0 on my dial pad, hoping a person's voice would magically appear on the other end of the line.

This approach worked out for me. A man, named William in the engineering department picked up from somewhere outside of Michigan.

Even though I sternly expressed that I was looking for information on the outage for inclusion in a news story, he kept repeating what I now believe to be a written response he was instructed to deliver to the masses.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience. Service is expected to return by 4 p.m. central time."

He then went on to deliver a lengthy monologue as to how to troubleshoot and attempt to restore service.

I again repeated that I was looking for information on the problem

for a news story, not to become an information technology wiz.

I then asked, for the third time, to speak with someone in the public relations department, hoping that the news story concept would get better for a rep with a bit more media savvy.

William politely responded that these contact phone numbers are not something he is privy to. But that they do exist in cyberspace.

This was the kicker, brace yourselves, I know I did.

William's response was "Google it."

Knowing full well that my inquiry was about an Internet outage of cataclysmic proportions, I was directed to the Internet to search for the public relations phone number.

I laughed hopelessly and told exasperated William that this just

wouldn't do. He then sent me to yet another automated phone contact where a computerized message relayed the same response he gave me at the start of our Stooges talk.

As the day came to a close, I figured I would spend at least another morning off-line.

But I took comfort in knowing that even though the Courier now belongs to a new media empire, Schurz Communications Inc. any representative of the company with which you speak will be two things — human and equipped to send you to whoever can best serve you.

God bless America and the information age!

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Looking back at the roots of vegetable gardening



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

The satisfactions of growing a vegetable garden are many.

It's not possible for me to plant a piece of a potato in the earth without thinking how delicious those offspring potatoes will be some months in the future. I can't put a seed of lettuce out without feeling the crunch of a fresh leaf between my teeth.

There is no way I can set a young tomato plant in the soil without seeing and tasting those beautiful red globes. As a harvester and as a cook I can project myself months into the future when those not yet sprouted plants will be the freshest food.

At the same time, as a botanist, I can't plant a potato without thinking

of their long history with human beings, who probably made the same sort of projections about the future crop that I do. The history of our common vegetables is as fascinating to me as their sprouting and growth. While planting and caring for the plants I can project myself hundreds of years into the past and visit with the spirits of people long dead and cultures which no longer exist. Some people tried to tell me that all that education about plants wouldn't ever be very useful. It has entertained me for countless hours already.

Think potatoes for a minute. Two thousand years ago in the high mountains of what is now Peru, people cultivated a plant that produced walnut sized, bitter tubers in the thin air and cold of their homeland. To make the tubers edible, they were left out to freeze, and then were tramped on to squeeze out some of the bitter juice.

Potatoes were not seen by Europeans until Spanish soldiers conquered the Incas in about 1530. The Spaniards thought they were

some sort of truffle, a misunderstanding so persistent that it gave us the German word for potato (kartoffel). When potatoes were brought back to Europe they were met with mixed responses. They were known to be in the Nightshade family which has many poisonous plants, and most people considered them potentially dangerous. By the 1590s they had arrived in England and Ireland. Since the potato was not mentioned in the Bible it was rejected by some Protestants, but Catholics welcomed them and ritually planted them on Good Friday. The French, characteristically, made the potato not only acceptable, but more palatable than the British had.

The peasants of Ireland became almost totally dependent on the potato as a food source, and when a serious disease killed most of the potatoes in 1845-1846, a million Irish died of starvation and another million emigrated. The Irish still, as of the 1990s, eat more potatoes per capita than any other European people.

Now, think tomatoes. They too

are South American in origin and did not reach Europe until the late 1500s. For almost a century they were rejected as potentially poisonous. They belong to the same taxonomic family as the potato. There were rumors that tomatoes were a potent aphrodisiac, which probably enhanced their consumption. Their names in various European languages translate as "apples of love."

The place where tomatoes first become edibles wasn't well established until the 1700s when recipes including tomatoes began to appear

in cookbooks. And the final arrival of tomatoes as food for everyone came only in the 1830s when someone invented and began canning tomato ketchup. More tomatoes find their way into food as ketchup than in any other form.

So, planting a garden guides us all the way from the sixteenth century to the late summer of 2006. Bon appetit!

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Breast cancer walk

Editor:
The Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will take place on Saturday, May 13. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. in East Park. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.

We know that this year has been difficult financially for a lot of people and business organizations. We have not solicited our local business community for money or donations this year. That doesn't mean we would not welcome donations, but this year, more than ever, we would simply like to focus on the walk and remember those friends and loved ones we have lost to cancer and to honor those who are still in the fight.

Walkers are still encouraged to sign up for the walk and collect donations. Entry forms are available at Vacation Properties Network and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office. We will be giving out door prizes to participants. We appreciate the support everyone has given us over the past many years.

Those businesses and individuals who wish to donate to the fund may do so by making a check out to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and be sure to enter Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund or CAMCF in the memo line of your check. Mail your check to CCCF, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Better yet bring your check Saturday, May 13 and walk with us.

Terry Edger
Charlevoix

Legion seeks information

Editor:
The Charlevoix American Legion is asking for help from the greater Charlevoix community on several ongoing efforts. Call (231) 547-2181 with any available information.

We are actively seeking names of military personnel deployed to the Iraq/Afghanistan Theater of Operations. The American Legion will incorporate those names into a living memorial at the American Legion Hall.

In our on-going effort to erect a memorial to all those who have died in active service from the Charlevoix area we are soliciting information concerning any known casualties. We are particularly interested in anyone having information about the following individuals: Christie C. Empey, died World War I; Winfred P. Vail, Third Armored Division, died at the age of 17 in 1947 at Fort Knox, Ky.; William Naquam, Thirty-second Infantry, died July 26, 1932.

We are looking for marching units for the Charlevoix Memorial Day parade on May 29. Any group with a marching unit—band, drill team, honor guard, etc. is welcome to contact us for further information. Mounted units and military vehicles are welcome.

The American Legion is looking for the oldest and youngest veterans from the Charlevoix area. Please submit names to the above number as soon as possible. We will host the winners during the parade. Those unable to attend will receive a very honorable mention.

Joseph F. Seidel
Commander
American Legion Post 226
Charlevoix

Support performing arts

Editor:
Our Charlevoix High School performing arts program has a well-regarded state-wide reputation for our coach, Mrs. Connie Ford, and our quality of performers. For 37 years, this program has allowed our students the opportunity to meet and compete with students from Ishpeming to Ypsilanti.

We need the community's continued support for this program. Please contact Dr. John Sturrock, members of the school board, and Mr. Gary Grundman, encouraging the continuation of this program in the curriculum. The next school board meeting is at 7 p.m. on May 8. Please attend.

Art, music and theater are not a luxury but a vital part of our children's education and our community's spirit.
Nancy E. Beghein
Charlevoix

Performing arts builds skills

Editor:
As graduates of Charlevoix High School and as former members of its performing arts program, we would like to express our most sincere wishes that school administrators continue to fund this most important part of the curriculum. As people who have worked in the real world in various capacities over the past 26 years, we can tell you that the performing arts program was essential to our success in life.

As parents of two school-aged children and as taxpayers in Dexter, we understand the hard choices that administrators have to make each day. Hard choices have to be made in these most uncertain fiscal times. We're sure the administration has the best intentions for students and want to make sure they are well-equipped for the real world.

Sometimes however, we can lose sight of the core skills that young people really need in order make a life for themselves in our society. We won't debate which subjects are necessary for a good education. Basic math, English, science and physical education experiences are obviously part of a must have education for our students. However, it is not as obvious that a person skilled in the arts of writing, reading, public speaking, debating, editing, organizing, prioritizing, researching, etc. will be rewarded with

high-paying opportunities that a person without expertise in these essential areas of interpersonal communication will not receive? This has been our experience over and over with the companies we've worked for and with the one we now own. These are the skills that we began honing in the performing arts program at Charlevoix High School.

All we can say is that our employers have lauded our public speaking and interpersonal communication abilities on a consistent basis. These skills have resulted in quick job hires and excellent performance reviews in all of our career basis. These skills also had a direct impact on my wife's opportunity to succeed the owner of a very profitable business in Ann Arbor.

Surely you've read that the number one fear among Americans is public speaking. Doesn't that speak volumes about the necessity of the Charlevoix performing arts program? Don't our children need a place to practice and develop these skills that are so critical to success in today's wired world? Don't our children need an outlet for competition — in addition to the athletic field — that promotes essential skill-building and creativity?

In closing, let's put things in another perspective. Most people in our society use the skills developed in the performing arts program on an everyday basis. We write and edit our e-mails and reports, we read our books and newspapers, we speak publicly to our co-workers and bosses, we debate and research issues that are important to us — especially around election time. And we create, edit and organize presentations we make for our companies. Are these not the very things we should be teaching our children? Are these skills not important for our children's success as future public leaders? Aren't we trying to give our children more and better tools to help secure their places as productive members of society? Please help our children by giving them an opportunity that only the Charlevoix performing arts program can provide.

Jack and Susan Carlson
Dexter

Immigrant demonstration

Editor:
This week's demonstrations by immigrants seeking recognition for their human rights reminds me that none of my forefathers had green cards and some were considered criminals when they left their countries of origin. The criminals

in my background range from people espousing religions different from the established religion of their country to more hard scramble characters sent off to Australia for such crimes as being debtors or stealing a landlord's horse. The religious refugees arrived on the east coast and started a revolution. The criminals found boats to bring them to the west coast where they became entrepreneurs in a variety of ways.

Happily, they all found safe haven here and contributed to the vibrancy that is our immigrant nation.

I consider all these immigrant forefathers noble and am proud of my heritage, no matter how disreputable others may have considered them.

Today's more recent immigrants and refugees also have heritage of which to be proud and rights to be respected. And their presence continues to bring vibrancy to our country.

Sara Gay Dammann
Charlevoix

Thanks hoops helpers

Editor:
The 2006 senior class would like to thank everyone who participated in the student/faculty basketball game last week. The teacher participation was wonderful. Thanks for being such good sports about your performances.

Thanks too to Ken Boss for announcing and making a tough job look easy. We could not have had this successful fund-raiser without the help of the parent volunteers and the chairperson of the event, Chris Cole. To those spectators who bribed, thanks for your creative and valuable participation. The funds raised at this event will greatly help the class of 2006 to have a safe and memorable all night graduation party.

Zita Winn
All night graduation party
Committee member

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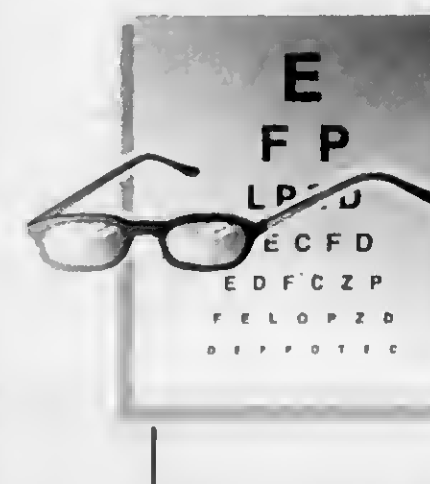
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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

Central Michigan University honors list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, who have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average, have been named to the school's fall semester honors list: Sarah Cross, Jennifer McClellan, Matthew McClellan, Brittany Niswander, Lindsey Pace, Lauren Silberhorn and Christopher Smith.

National dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending schools throughout the State of Michigan, have been named to the national dean's list and are featured in the 28th Annual Edition of the National Dean's List. They are: Gina Attee, attending Grand Valley State University; Jessica Dotzla, attending Baker College; Margaret Kantola, attending the University of Michigan; Lindsey Pace, attending Central Michigan University; Andrea Ruhlman, attending the University of Michigan; and Craig Wilson, attending Michigan State University.

Alma College graduate

Adrienne Winchester of Charlevoix graduated from Alma College on Saturday, April 22, with a bachelor of arts degree in French. Adrienne is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School, and is the daughter of Lisa Hammond and Ronald Winchester, both of Charlevoix.

Michigan State University dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Michigan State University in East Lansing, have been named to the school's dean's list. The dean's list honors all full-time undergraduates in the university who earn a 3.5 or better grade point average. They are: Interior design major, Amanda Marie Bajos; marketing major, John Michael DiMartino; business management major, Rhett Anthony Malpass; English major, Laura Jane Potter; mechanical engineering major, Martin Cody Priess; electrical engineering major, Michael Robert Rosen; English major, Kati Sue Swenor; and professional writing major, Anna Louise Taylor.

Trout tournament dinner fund-raiser Saturday, May 6

A fund-raiser dinner to benefit the 22nd Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located off Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix.

The meal, prepared by chef Roy Hall will be a buffet. A cash bar will be available. Games, silent and live

auctions, bucket prizes and more will be offered.

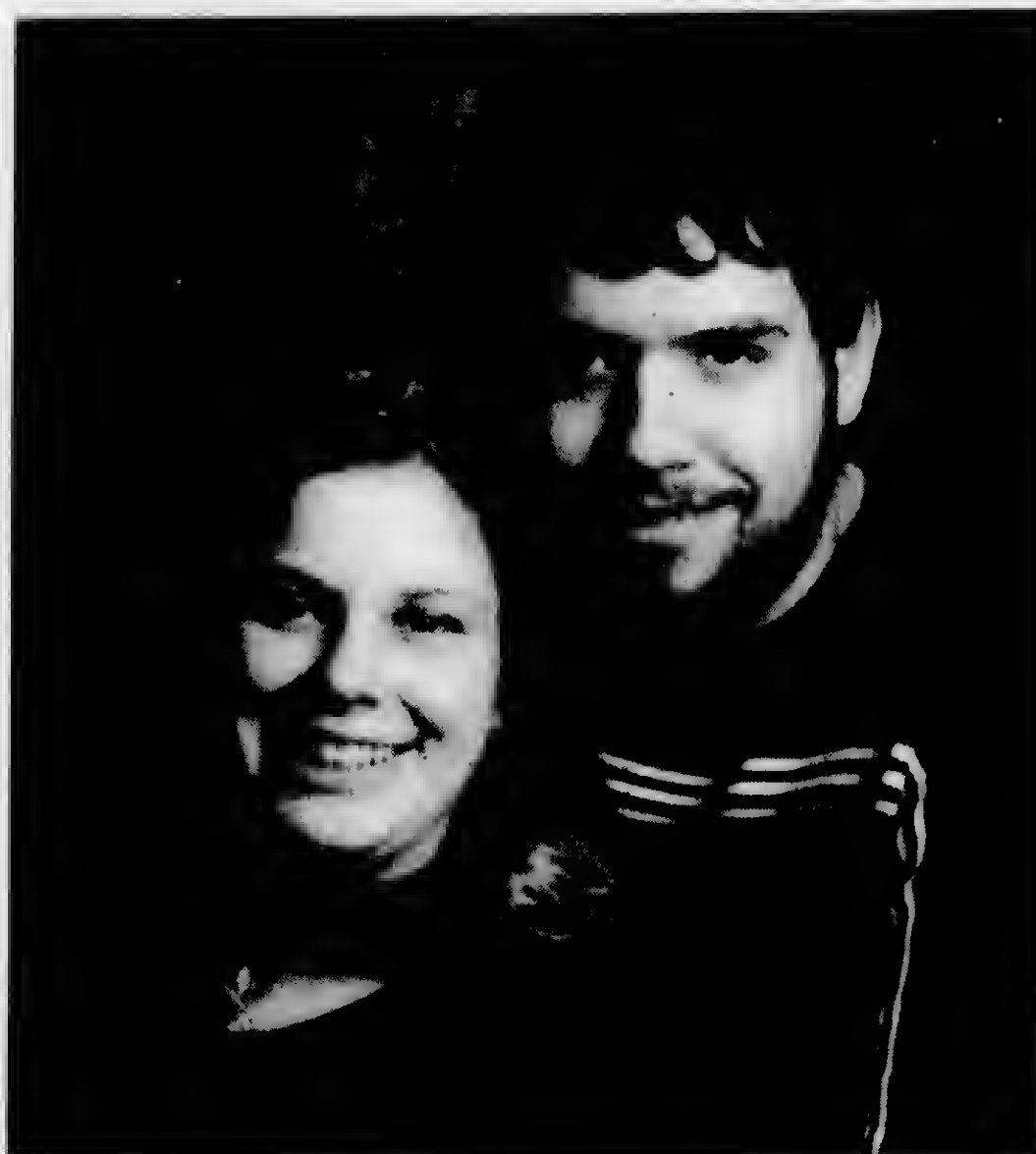
The cost of tickets is \$25 each or two for \$40.

The trout tournament is scheduled to take place June 9-11.

For dinner tickets or more information, call (231) 547-9054 or (231) 547-6805.

Engagement

Hand — Fuller



Kelly Marie Hand and Raymond Scott Fuller Jr. have announced their engagement. The couple is planning a Saturday, August 12 wedding at the Charlevoix Church of God.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Shirley Hand of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Millard and Marion Hand of Charlevoix, Gene and Lotti McCaslin of Kaleva, and Vianne and Gale Crane of Kalkaska. Her great-grandmother is Vera Crane of Rapid City.

Kelly is attending North Central Michigan College with a goal of attaining an associate's degree in early childhood education. She is employed at the Bullfrog Light Company in Charlevoix.

The groom-to-be is the son of Scott and Caroline Fuller of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Wallace and Ann Winter and Mary Bruff, both of Charlevoix. Raymond is employed at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Area Community Pool 12th Annual Pool Run

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 12th Annual Pool Run on Saturday, June 3 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

A 5K Run and a mile Fun Run/Walk will highlight the activities. Both races will start at 9 a.m. The pre-entry deadline is Saturday, May 27 with a fee of \$12.

Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for \$15.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt. The Fun Run/Walk entry fee is \$7 and does not include a T-shirt.

Medals will be given to first, second and third place finishers in each age group. The age groups are 9 and under,

10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

All proceeds from the race will go to fund operations at the pool.

For more information or to obtain a race form, call the pool at (231) 547-0982.

Four generations



Courtesy photo

Four generations of the Musilek family of Charlevoix recently gathered at the home of Loren and Paula Musilek. Pictured (above, from left) are Ruth Musilek, 83, Julie (Musilek) Witthoef, Mailie Witthoef, 2, and Loren Musilek.

Ducks Unlimited banquet May 18

The major fund-raiser for the Charlevoix chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a banquet, will take place on Thursday, May 18 at the Belvedere Club Casino.

Tickets for the banquet are \$50 per person, and there are a variety of special purchase packages available. The committee is also collecting cash donations to underwrite the auctions as well as raffle items.

From 1985 to 2004, Ducks Unlimited has provided financial support to restore, enhance and protect wetlands and uplands in more than 74 separate counties in Michigan. The organization was recently successful in securing \$1 million in federal funds to conserve habitat in Michigan.

To arrange a donation or for more information on ticket packages, call Ken Kline at (231) 547-4808.

Lighthouse restoration candle, sticker fund-raiser

Bullfrog Light Company will help the Charlevoix Historical Society raise money for the lighthouse restoration project by granting the Charlevoix Keeper of the Light Committee exclusive rights to sell two additional color ways of their popular South Pier Light Candle.

The candle sports the beautiful navy on white pen and ink artwork of Charlevoix native Tim Gibbons and is available at the Bullfrog Candle Factory Outlet store located at 05995 M-66, and at other retail shops.

The two new color ways are available only at the Harsha House Museum Store, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix.

dramatically emblazoned on the surface. The other candle is blue, showing off the lighthouse in its circa 1968 white apparel.

The Historical Society is keeping a record of the most popular color and will post the results each month.

Because the first fund-raiser was so successful and the initial order of lighthouse bumper stickers sold out so quickly, the Charlevoix Keeper of the Light Committee is replenishing the supply. The second order of stickers are now available at the Harsha House Museum store, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS - April 12, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on April 12, 2006. Commissioner Sallonstall was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the March 22, 2006 meeting as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #06-022, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #06-023, Purchase of Delinquent Taxes.

Motion approved Resolution #06-024, Mass Gathering Ordinance.

Recinded Resolution #87-095 in its entirety.

Motion approved Resolution #06-025, Hospital Application for Funds and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign any necessary documents for these funds.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk



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Lansing-based Teen Challenge, a non-profit organization ministering through music, will be rockin' the house at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 7 at Charlevoix Assembly of God church.

Teen Challenge to perform Sunday concert at Assembly of God church

Lansing-based Teen Challenge will be rockin' the house at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 7 at Charlevoix Assembly of God church.

Pastor Duane will lead the worship service, the Drill Team will march, and Pastor Jeff Turner will minister.

Teen Challenge is a non-profit organization founded in 1958 by Rev. David Wilkerson and brings an affirming message of hope and resto-

ration to youth, adults and families with life-controlling problems such as addiction to alcohol and/or substances, homelessness and unplanned pregnancy.

A study released in 1999 by Northwestern University compared the results of the Teen Challenge program with short-term inpatient treatment programs. The research found that after 24 months, 71.2 percent of

Teen Challenge graduates were abstained from drugs and alcohol, 86.4 percent abstained from drugs, 84.7 percent abstained from smoking and 89.8 percent were employed full-time.

The Charlevoix Assembly of God church is located at 05291 M-66 North near Castle Farms. For more information, call Ginger at (231) 547-6430 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

Obituary

Charles Hastie: Dec. 12, 1912 - Jan. 8, 2006

There will be a memorial service for the Rev. Charles B. Hastie, 93 of Mackinaw City, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, at the First Congregational Church, located at 308 South Main St. in Cheboygan. Visitation and "Coffee with Charlie" will take place at 10 a.m., prior to the service, in the church parish hall.

Rev. Hastie was born Dec. 12, 1912 in Grand Rapids, the son of Dr. John D. and Mabel (Cleveland) Hastie. He

passed away Jan. 8, 2006, at Hospice House in Cheboygan.

The Cheboygan Congregational Church was his first call after Yale Divinity School.

Rev. Hastie served the First Congregational Church in Gaylord from 1961-1978 and was very active in the community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters; and is survived by his wife, Eleanor K.

(Wakefield) Hastie; daughters, Mary C. McKinney (John) and Elizabeth T. Hastie; a son, F. Michael Wakefield; a sister-in-law, Margaret Hastie; seven grand-children and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions can be directed to First Congregational Church UCC, 101 State St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720, or the church of your choice.

The Christian Funeral Home in Cheboygan, is serving the family.

Death notice

Flora Kitchens: Died April 29, 2006

Flora Kitchens, beloved mother of Barbara Fels, passed away on April 29 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. She is survived

by daughter, Barbara; son-in-law, Jack Fels; grandchildren, Patty Williams, Lori Silva, Bill Fels and Michael Fels; and their families. Cremation

will take place, as was her wish. A memorial service will be held at a future date in Alabama for her extended family.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp I. Jenkins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey E. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson 547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care 10:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7475

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203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)
Sunday School 9:10 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North
Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (at Park Ave.)
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North
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Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Workplace smoking ban approved for Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

In less than 60 days, the Charlevoix County Clean Indoor Air Act will be in effect following its adoption during the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' April 26 meeting.

After some procedural maneuvering, including rescinding the entire smoking ban and readopting it separately for Emmet, Antrim and Otsego counties, a vote to exempt Charlevoix from the regulation died with a 3-3 vote.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, said it was important the commissioners complete all three steps in one meeting.

"If this board passes a motion to rescind, I would urge this board to then turn around and simultaneously enact the underlying motion for this regulation so therefore there's not a time gap so the other counties are not in jeopardy," Jarema said. "And then you guys can fight it out over exempt or not exempt."

A motion to waive the commission's rules on procedure passed unanimously so commissioners could vote to rescind the act.

During the discussion phase of the evening, first district commissioner, Connie Saltonstall said she hoped the commissioners would support the health of the residents of the four counties served by the

Who: Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners
When: April 26

What does it mean: The vote to exempt died in a 3-3 tie. Sixty days from the vote, some Charlevoix County businesses must abide by the Clean Indoor Air Act.

local health department, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

"There are provisions that provide for everyone. It does not mean that people may not smoke. If there is only one person in the business, the regulation doesn't apply. If there is only one person in the vehicle, the regulation does not apply," Saltonstall said. "The problem with smoking is that secondhand smoke affects the health of other people. This regulation supports maintaining the health of people in the work place so they don't have to suffer because of someone else's bad health choice."

She added, "If a business chooses to allow smoking, there is a provision for that. There is a designated smoking place. There are regulations for direct venting so it doesn't go out in the atmosphere where people who choose to respect their health and not smoke aren't affected by it."

Shirley Roloff, sixth district commissioner, said the reasons Saltonstall gave were valid, but she doesn't feel smoking in businesses is a big enough issue to warrant

regulation.

"You can check this town and you'll find very, very few people that still smoke inside their buildings," Roloff said. "I guess I just have a problem with another regulation from the government. It really isn't up to me to regulate a man's business."

She added, "They should be smart enough to try and protect (their) people."

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency health officer, Gerry Chase said, "This is a serious issue and you're giving frivolous reasons to not address it. I'm certainly not someone who runs out and tries to take hamburgers (or) cigarettes out of people's mouths, beer out of my hand or anybody else's hand or anything like that, this is addressing secondhand smoke."

Chase spoke about a 19-year-old waitress who died on the job when she had an asthma attack caused by cigarette smoke. He also told of a man in his 20s who collapsed at work and later died from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Chase said studies on areas

where regulations on smoking in private businesses are passed show significant reductions in nicotine levels of nonsmokers.

"Statistically, we know second-hand smoke does kill in this area," he said. "The number in our district is 25 deaths a year. This is a serious issue."

Ron Reinhardt, third district commissioner, said he finds his constituents don't usually call him unless they are upset about something.

"I'd say about 90 percent of them say, 'No, smoking is not good.' But, out of 30-some people, only two want it passed," he said. "They say, 'No more government regulations.' Yes, smoking is bad. Secondhand smoke is bad. But what's next?"

He added, "Also, one of their points is, you can still smoke in restaurants, bars and still drive down the road with your kids or whoever and still smoke. That's where most of this is coming from. This is very little from businesses. Their



Connie Saltonstall

(constituents) answer was leave it alone. And that's how I'm going to vote."

Reinhardt said a vote to adopt this regulation is a vote for more gov-

ernment.

Randy Frykberg, second district commissioner said, "If you like safer society and safer living, it's also the way to go."

In an interview in the days following the failure to exempt Charlevoix County from the clean air act, Saltonstall said she was pleased.

"I think this is a very good thing for the people in this county," she said. "I think it says we have people working in this community to provide great health services."

Midwest DSL service outage hits Charlevoix

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Last week, an interruption in AT&T's DSL high speed Internet service left thousands of customers searching for new ways to communicate.

According to Meghan Rofkopf, a spokesperson for AT&T's Chicago, Ill. office, on Wednesday, April 26, planned maintenance upgrades to hardware and software on broadband switches resulted in sporadic service to five states in the Midwest including Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

"It was a technical malfunction, we believe in the software, that knocked out DSL service," Rofkopf said.

The first service problems began at around 3 a.m. on April 26 and technical teams restored DSL to customers in both southern and northern Michigan by around 8 p.m. that night.

She said it is unknown how many customers were impacted by the malfunction but estimates are in the thousands.

Rofkopf said the far reaching impact of the outage was realized at call centers, flooded with people out of service requesting information on what caused the problem and when service would be restored.

Charlevoix was one of many

communities impacted by the malfunction.

Manager of Charlevoix's Cyber Shire, Alex Busman, was happy to have a slow traffic day as Internet service petered in and out.

The Spring Arbor University elementary education student arrived at the office at around 9 a.m. to do some school work. He said between that time and the store's opening at 3 p.m. service was cut about four times.

"It was an inconvenience more than anything," he said. "I would rather have it happen now than in the middle of July."

The Cyber Shire, which opened two years ago in the Oleson's Plaza, offers 16 stations hooked to AT&T's DSL high speed Internet service. Aside from Internet access, they also offer gaming opportunities, computer repair and virus cleanup services.

Rofkopf said AT&T has offered its DSL service since 1999.

Since opening two years ago, the Cyber Shire has been a DSL user. Owner, Kurtis Busman said he has had very few problems with service since signing on with AT&T.

"But when it does go down, it's frustrating because it's hard to know what's going on. It's not like someone calls you," he said.

Rofkopf said she is unsure whether an outage of this magnitude has happened since 1999.



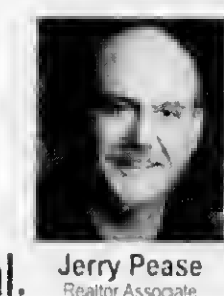
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Charlevoix's Cyber Shire was one of many local businesses impacted by an interruption in AT&T DSL service that knocked out service to customers in five states across the Midwest. Pictured at left is Cyber Shire manager Alex Busman and his father, store owner, Kurtis Busman.

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The featured speaker is David Brandon, a member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Brandon, who is chief executive officer of Domino's Pizza Inc., serves on the board of several non-profit organizations, including Detroit Renaissance. He is also heading up Dick DeVos' campaign to become Michigan's next governor.

Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and Republican candidates for U.S. Senate, Michael Bouchard, Keith Butler and Jerry Zandstra, will also be in attendance.

The public is invited to attend the dinner and related events, which will begin with a 6 p.m. cash bar reception followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

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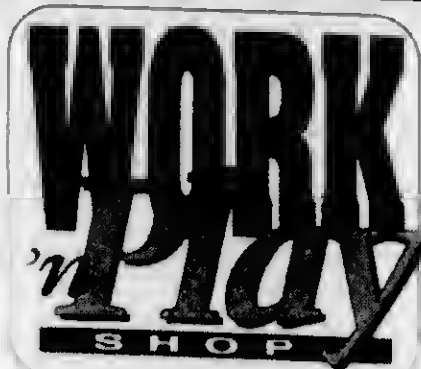
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OPIE award winners to be honored at banquet

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The 11th Annual Outstanding Person In Education (OPIE) award winners have been announced.

Each year the OPIE awards honor local educators and support staff who dedicate their lives to students. This year's local winners are Melissa Puzio, John Guirey, Jim Stambaugh and Mike Bartz.



Melissa Puzio

Puzio, a teacher of early childhood special education with the Taylor School, said she first became interested in teaching the 3 to 5-year-olds while completing an observation of

a classroom during college. "I just got intrigued by a student that was in an early childhood special education classroom," she said.

Puzio said the child's disability and the special type of work needed to deal with him interested her.

"I like seeing the kids grow and learn. Sometimes it's baby steps and sometimes they are actually big steps," she said.

"Another influence on Puzio's decision to make educating others her career was that both her parents are teachers.

Puzio had no idea she would be honored this year.

"It was a surprise. It's overwhelming," she said. "It's an honor, but it's also a challenge to keep doing and growing and learning myself so I can keep teaching new and different things to the kids."

Puzio, who is married with two children, has worked in education for 12 years.



Mike Bartz

Charlevoix Middle School support staff member, Bartz, has worked in the custodial and maintenance field for one school or another in Charlevoix for 21 years.

Bartz said he was shocked to find he had been named as an OPIE winner.

"I'm still working on that. It's an honor," he said. "It's different. Your peers are recognizing you and it feels kind of neat."

Bartz maintains the building and grounds and always finds time to joke around with the students or be there when they need a friend.

"I like doing the repairs and dealing with the kids," he said. "I've had a few come and talk to me with home problems, especially when I was working at the high school. Some of them had the trouble dealing with parents and wanting to quit school and they would come talk with me."

Bartz said the OPIE award ranks with the time he was asked to speak to a

graduating senior class in Charlevoix. "That was a very big honor for me," he said. "When the kids ask you, they are recognizing who you are, and that's important. I don't think that's ever been done before with a custodian."

Originally from Detroit, Bartz has been in the Charlevoix area since 1965.



Jim Stambaugh

Currently an English and history teacher on Beaver Island, Stambaugh has had the opportunity to teach art, government, economics and drafting throughout his 30-year teaching

career. Stambaugh spent approximately 11 years teaching in White Pigeon before coming to Beaver Island 19 years ago.

"It's an honor to be recognized by your peers because they consider that you are deserving of the award," he said. "And I appreciate their confidence."

Stambaugh decided to pursue teaching because of its social impact.

"I think, like most teachers, you have a feeling you can affect a change somehow in society, hopefully for the better," he said. "And I enjoy teaching English. It's kind of cool when a kid will read a story that he likes and say, 'That was fun.'"

Stambaugh said it's exciting to see

what he calls the "Aha factor," when a child who has struggled to grasp something finally comprehends it.

Stambaugh, who is in semi retirement, is married and has four children.



John Guirey

Charlevoix High School art teacher, Guirey, has taught for 14 years, seven of those in Charlevoix.

Guirey was a fine arts major who specialized in graphic design for advertising when, while working as a summer coach at Camp Daggett, realized he wanted to work with kids all the time.

"Working at the summer camp got me interested in going back (to school) to be a teacher," he said. "I was nominated as outstanding counselor the first two summers and I think that was a big thing for me."

Guirey is now the summer camp director at Camp Daggett.

The best part of teaching, he said, is the "Day-to-day interaction with the students," and "Seeing how they develop their skills as artists."

He added, "The students are wonder-

ful. I enjoy seeing them everyday."

Guirey said it's fulfilling to see some of his pupils pursue a career in the field.

"Right now, I have a couple students in art school and a couple are seniors who are starting off their careers in art," he said.

And, Guirey said, he is flattered to receive an OPIE award.

"There are so many wonderful teachers. It's a big honor to be chosen by my peers," he said. "This is probably the first substantial honor like this for me."

Guirey's wife, also a certified teacher, is a stay-at-home mother of two sons.

The OPIE dinner and award ceremony is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, in the conference center at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls.

This event is open to the public. To reserve a ticket, send \$26 per person to: 616 Petoskey St., Suite #203, Petoskey, Michigan 49770. Payments can also be dropped off.

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Civic involvement has taken Charlevoix High School students to Lansing to discuss the educational budget, the energy crisis, and issues of public health and safety with state legislators.

The findings of these students will be presented to the community at an open forum, to take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 in the lower level of the Weatherlane Restaurant. The forum is a continuation of the monthly non-partisan public interest discussions sponsored by the Charlevoix County Democratic Party.

The students, from Annemarie Conway's advanced government class, studied the effects of Proposal A, passed in 1994, and how continuous adjustments to the law that created caps on property taxes, have resulted in a loss of \$550 million a year in state funding for schools.

Other students researched the energy crisis and alternative energy sources, including ethanol fuels that could have an impact on Michigan's agricultural economy.

A third group addressed the public health and safety concerns of smoking in Michigan's restaurants.

"These students have a lot to say," said Bill Lovett, chairman of the Charlevoix County Democratic Party. "Last year, we met with a similar group of engaged students and I know we learned a lot from them."

"The depth of their research and their findings after meeting with our state legislators should be extremely informative."

The Thursday meeting in the Weatherlane Restaurant's lower level is open to the public. The meeting with the students will be preceded by a Dutch treat dinner at 6 p.m.

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Blaise Snabes, 4, and his classmates at Care-A-Lot Preschool and Day-care, located off Barnard Road in Charlevoix, planted a red maple April 28 at the Charlevoix Senior Center. (Left) Blaise takes his turn digging the hole for the tree. (Right) Charlevoix Senior Center director, Earl Muma, stands with the students at the project site on the front lawn at the center, located off Norwood Road.



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and denial and you are left wondering what went wrong. As parents there's a tendency to heap the guilt upon ourselves.

There are numerous pro-use messages that our children hear on a daily basis from friends, music, television, movies, billboards, magazines and Web sites. It's difficult to navigate through the maze of information and busy schedules and trying to track the who (friends), what (activities), when (time frames) and where (location) of your child's life.

- Things to know:
 - Take care of yourself — having a child with a substance abuse problem is emotionally draining.
 - Talk to your child — establish and maintain good communication. No one knows your child better than you do.
 - Get involved in your child's life — know their friends, likes and dislikes.
 - Set rules and boundaries — be clear and consistent and apply appropriate consequences.
 - Teach your child how to form positive relationships.
 - Monitor their activities — who do they listen to, how do they spend their time.
 - Take action — listen to your internal alarm bell system. If something doesn't feel right in your gut, investigate.
 - Do not blame yourself or your child

if you discover a substance abuse problem.

- Educate yourself on the existing resources and get your child the help needed to stop use.
- Tap into your local substance abuse agency or school district that can provide additional information.
- Remember the demand for services is higher than the treatment options and resources available.

The sooner you get help the better the results.

Scott and Celia Kelly, founders of BASES will lead a presentation called "Raising Drug Free Kids," from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 at BASES Teen Center, located at 208 West Lincoln Street in Charlevoix.

Topics included in the presentation will be: Local and national drug use trends among teens; signs and symptoms of problematic use; and what parents need to know.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers from the audience regarding specific teen situation recommendations. Anonymity will be respected.

Celia Kelly is program director for Bay Area Substance Education Service (BASES), located at 208 West Lincoln Street in Charlevoix. For more information about the services provided at BASES call Kelly at (231) 547-1144.

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Planting begins at 5 p.m. Volunteers will plant five miles of petunias on both sides of U.S. 31 from the Charlevoix Municipal Airport to Mercer Boulevard. The planting takes about one hour. Block captains identified by orange vests will direct volunteers, answer questions and give out picnic coupons good for hot dogs, chips, cookies and refreshments.

Volunteer planters should dress for the weather in comfortable clothes and garden gloves.

The picnic begins at 6 p.m. in East Park.

Operation Petunia is funded by generous individual and business donations. Donations can be made to Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Inc. and mailed to: Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, P.O. Box One, Charlevoix, MI 49720.



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On May 25, people of all ages will gather along five miles of Bridge Street to beautify Charlevoix by planting petunias.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for May reading.

Karma Wilson, "Moose Tracks"

Ages 4-7

Moose tracks are all over the house. The animals that came to visit can explain all the feathers, fur, nuts and prints. But who left the moose tracks? Bright illustrations show a hippo in the tub, a frog in the sink and birds on the bedpost while the cat is asleep.

The cartoon pictures are cheerful and full of detail. There is an opportunity for parents to play "I spy" with their children who will find new critters in the unlikely places.

Parents and children will enjoy solving the riddle of the moose tracks.

L.D. Harkrader, "Airball: My life in Briefs"

Grades 5-7

Poor Kirby Nickel is better at watching basketball than he is at playing. But when the seventh-grade team has a chance to be part of the ceremony retiring NBA star Brett McGrew's jersey, mega-fan Kirby has got to be there. How Kirby works his heart out and coach uses "stealth uniforms" to psych up the team makes for a good read, building to a rip-roaring final game and a satisfying conclusion.

Humor, heart and basketball abounds.

Audrey Wood, "Silly Sally"

Ages 2-5

A delightful rhyming story that builds the story by adding characters. Silly Sally "dances backwards upside-down all the way to town" picking up companions along the way. With repetition, the rhyming action helps children remember the story and sequence of animals. A silly book sure to bring giggles.

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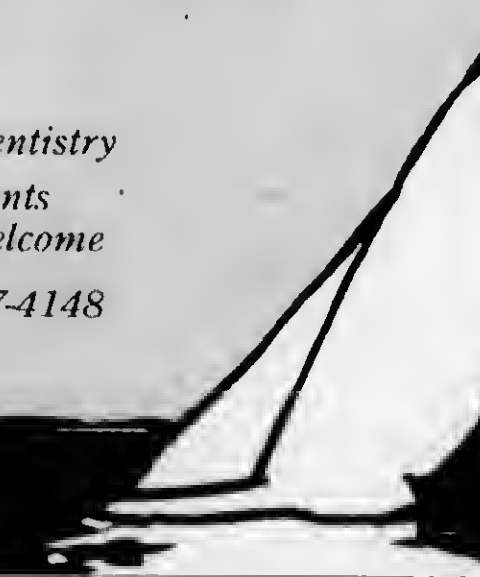


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The photos on this page taken by Charlevoix residents and visitors were submitted to the Charlevoix Courier for publication on our monthly "That's my photo" page. Photos can be dropped off at the Courier office at 112 Mason Street, mailed to P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720, or e-mailed to news@charlevoixcourier.com. Information about the photographer and photo, including the date the picture was taken and the names of those pictured, must be submitted along with the picture. (Left) Charlevoix resident Zita Winn caught a precious moment in early April when these, then 3-week-old Charlevoix baby goats contentedly snacked.



Photo by Zita Winn

On Easter Sunday, April 16, Charlevoix resident Zita Winn caught this beautiful depiction of the uncertainty that accompanies changing seasons in Charlevoix.



Photo by Steve Roby

Pictured above is the interior of an art workshop owned by Steve and Ann Marie Roby, of Farmington Hills and Charlevoix, located at 99 Auld St. in Charlevoix. The couple is in the process of replicating the fireplace that existed in the former Appletree building, masterminded by famed local architect Earl Young.



Photo by Mick Smith

(Left) Mick Smith of Petoskey, captured this picture at the Barnard Grange veterans' appreciation lunch April 22. Pictured in front of the grange World War I memorial are both veterans and active service members from the Charlevoix area.



Photo by Mary Edger

On March 31, Charlevoix resident, Mary Edger, attended the opening reception for Mike Fels at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art in Grand Rapids. Mike, a resident of North Carolina, (pictured at left) is an artist that graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1983 and has gone on to teach art at Pennsylvania State University and Elon University. Mike is the son of Jack and Barb Fels of Charlevoix. His high school art teacher, Marty Mathers also attended. The exhibit will continue through May 29 in Grand Rapids.

Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk fund-raiser, May 13

The Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will take place on Saturday, May 13. The walk has raised over \$100,000 for breast cancer research, hospice, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Camp Daggett scholarships.

Initially all money collected and donated during this walk went to the National Cancer Society and the walk was held under their direction. Four years ago it was decided that the money raised by the walk would be dedicated to local efforts and have gone to the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund which

operates under the umbrella of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Another option for this money, if so directed, will go into the walk's endowment fund which has an attractive tax deduction.

There are a number of ways to participate in this activity. Individual walkers can collect contributions using the walker registration form available at two locations in downtown Charlevoix — Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 408 Bridge Street or Vacation Properties

Network, located at 203 Bridge Street.

Registration for the walk starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, and the walk starts at 9 a.m.

Prizes for walkers will be given away following the walk, in East Park.

Those wishing to make a contribution may do so by sending a check to the Charlevoix County Community Fund, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Print the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund in the memo line.

May 16 deadline to file for county, township seats

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' seats and several township seats are up for grabs this election year.

The deadline to file for candidacy to run for the county commission or township positions is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16. However, potential candidates are advised to file prior to the 4 p.m. deadline.

Candidates for county office must file at the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State St. in Charlevoix. For a complete listing of open seats and filing requirements, call the clerk's office at (231) 547-7200.

Candidates filing for township office must file in their respective township.

Hayes Township has an opening for supervisor, trustee and clerk. File in Hayes Township at 09195 Old U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. For more information, call Marlene Golovich at (231) 347-2899.

Eveline Township has an opening for trustee. File in Eveline Township at 08525 Ferry Road in East Jordan. Call Don Hayden at (231) 582-3119 for more information.

Norwood Township has an opening for treasurer. File in Norwood at 04099 Lakeshore Drive. Call Michelle Cyr at (231) 547-5861 for more information.

U.S. Senate candidate Michael Bouchard to speak Friday, May 5

Northern Michigan residents are invited to meet Michael Bouchard, Oakland County Sheriff and candidate for the Republican nomination to the U.S. Senate, in Charlevoix the morning of Friday, May 5.

Charlevoix County Republican Women are hosting a breakfast buffet scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Flap Jack Family Restaurant located at the corner of Carpenter and Bridge streets in Charlevoix.

Bouchard will be available to discuss his ideas as a prospective U.S. Senator.

The cost for breakfast is \$8 per person. For more information, call Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0886.



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Charlevoix hosts Michigan's Fun Kickoff



Photo by Julie Witthoef

April 28-30 people packed Charlevoix for Michigan's Fun Kickoff sponsored by the Michigan Festivals and Events Association. Area residents enjoyed a wide array of activities including a carnival, a regional food and wine tasting event, an art show and fireworks. Events took place primarily at Castle Farms, but music entertainment provided by Charlevoix's Mojo and Boogiemans and the fireworks took place in East Park. (Left) Prior to the spectacular fireworks show, Mojo and the Boogiemans entertained the crowd. Here, the band's bass player A.J. Witthoef jams with the crowd.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Owners and operators of Castle Farms of Charlevoix, Richard and Linda Mueller, take a break from their duties while enjoying a mechanical horseback ride on Friday, April 28.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) The ride was a little scary for 4-year-old Epiphany Hang and 8-year-old Acacia Duhart of Charlevoix. The two enjoyed some of the wide variety of games and rides during the carnival and midway provided by Schmidt Amusements at Castle Farms during Michigan's Fun Kickoff.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Left) Ronald McDonald poses with Sabrina Reibeling and Schyanna Furman of the Michigan Festivals and Events Association just before ribbon cutting ceremonies, April 29 at Castle Farms.



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Look out Anakin Skywalker, 7-year-old Collin Turkelson is getting ready to be the next Darth Maul at a face painting booth during the Kids' Kingdom Saturday morning, April 29 at the Castle.

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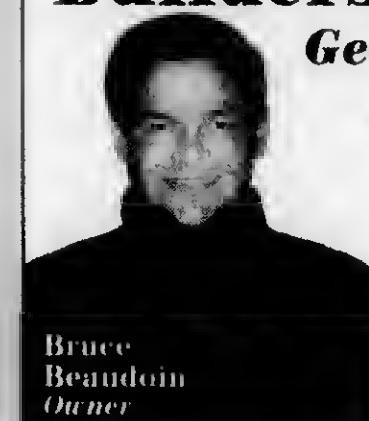
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Photo by Julie Witthoef

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VitalCare to host a free sleep apnea clinic May 10

A free clinic will be available to sleep apnea patients from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at VitalCare's Petoskey location, located at 2264 Harbor-Petoskey Road, in the Clock Tower Plaza. The event is available on a walk-in basis. Appointments aren't necessary.

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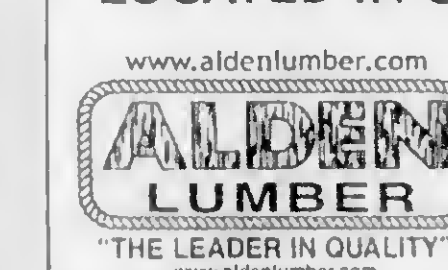
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Scenic Michigan hosts sign, lighting workshop



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Charlevoix County township government officials are invited to attend a May 11 sign and lighting workshop hosted by Scenic Michigan. (Above) Scenic Michigan board president, Bethany Goodman (left), accepts a check for \$3,000 from Maureen Radke, of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, to fund the upcoming workshop.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is sponsoring a workshop hosted by Scenic Michigan on the importance of regulating signs and lighting.

Debby Payne, office manager for Scenic Michigan, said this workshop is open to the public.

"It teaches how to write, defend and enforce sign and lighting ordinances," she said.

During the workshop, recommended parts of lighting and sign ordinances will also be discussed.

"It tells why communities should be involved in sign and lighting issues, the First Amendment issues in crafting a sign ordinance and how good lighting promotes public safety,

improves community appearance and saves money," Payne said.

The two main components of the workshop, said Charlevoix County Planning Department director, Larry Sullivan, should be important to everyone in the community.

"This will provide some very valuable information on signage standards," he said. "But, there is the issue of freedom of expression, so you have to be certain that you're not running afoul of some of those protected rights."

Sullivan said some municipalities in Michigan have implemented "content neutral" standards. And in some places, political yard signs have been regulated.

"I think this could very well provide some language that could be utilized by all the surrounding communities

Right now, they do vary considerably from community to community," he said. "And when rules vary, it can be frustrating to people in the signage industry and people with businesses."

Sullivan said, while local officials, members of planning commissions and zoning administrators are the ideal audience, this workshop is for "anyone that's concerned about the appearance of our community."

He added, "Some people have referred to signs as litter on a stick. That's one perception of signage. But, signs perform a very valuable function, so I think the business community as well should be interested in this."

The other aspect of the workshop will deal with lighting issues.

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Township officials to attend workshop

WORKSHOP

Continued from page 22

Who: Scenic Michigan

What it is: Sign and lighting workshop.

When: 7 p.m., May 11

Where: Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office

"It's increasingly more and more difficult to see the stars in the sky at night," Sullivan said. "There's a perception that exists that more light is better — that's not always necessarily the case."

Sullivan said it has been proven that the brightest lights do not always make for the safest roads, parking lots and footpaths.

"Generally, we're using too much light. With more light, you lose your visibility (night vision) and with lower light you can see further," he said. "In terms of security, a lot of businesses think if they have bright lighting they have increased security, when I'm more likely to be attracted to a flash-light bouncing around in a dark park-

ing lot."

The workshop will focus on the concept of reducing the amount of lighting used and how to do so.

"It's also an issue of types of lighting fixtures and what is the minimum lighting needed to provide safety and security, but not negatively impact our neighbors," he said. "The idea is to be more effective and efficient with the use of lighting while reducing energy consumption and costs."

Scenic Michigan, who will be presenting the workshop, has its headquarters in Petoskey.

The organization works to sustain visually pleasing communities through the regulation of signs and lighting.

According to their Web site, Scenic Michigan is a, "Statewide coalition of grassroots organizations, elected officials, and citizens working to preserve and protect the beauty of Michigan's roadsides."

Scenic Michigan worked to make it a felony to destroy trees or shrubs within a highway right-of-way, ban new construction of double-decker billboards, increase the spacing between billboards, ban tobacco advertising on

billboards and increase billboard permit fees.

They have also worked with the Michigan Department of Transportation to develop a resolution prohibiting advertisements of age-restricted products and the installation of tourist oriented directory signs.

Scenic Michigan works with the Michigan legislature, conducts educational programs and acts as an information clearing house.

According to Scenic Michigan, tourist oriented directory signs and logo signs work better than billboards at promoting businesses from the highways and are at least as effective at directing traffic as billboards.

The workshop will take place at 7 p.m. on May 11 in the training room in the basement of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's building.

Red Cross blood drive to take place on May 18

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meach Street.

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SPORTS

Lady Rayder soccer posts three shutouts

The Charlevoix Rayder girls' soccer team continued its winning streak last week tallying three more shutouts.

The first 3-0 win came on April 24 when the Rayders faced Cheboygan at home.

Sophomore Becca Madison got the Rayders on the board in the first half with a direct free kick from 20 yards out placed nicely in the upper corner of the net. Although the Rayders had several other opportunities, the first half ended 1-0.

Cheboygan came out with pressure, managing several shots, to begin the second stanza but Charlevoix settled down and took control of play.

When senior sweeper Stevie Murray went down with a foot bruise, freshman Meridith Rich came in on the Rayder's defensive line. Rich almost immediately took a corner kick opportunity and laced a shot off a defender into the net for the second goal. Minutes later, Rich again sent a corner across for the assist to Madison, who sent a nice shot home for the final score.

Senior goalkeeper Laura Nitchman earned her fourth shutout of the season with 10 saves. The Rayders also received good play from defenders Emily Foster and Lisa Kuebler, midfielders Zita Anderson, Madison, KC McCary and Danni Bergmann, and senior forward Madison Ramsey. Rich was awarded Rayder Player of the Game.

Going into the crucial Lake Michigan Conference game April 27 when Charlevoix faced Traverse City St. Francis, both teams were undefeated.

But only Charlevoix would maintain its flawless record shutting out Traverse City St. Francis 6-0.

The Rayders had the best of the play

managing 18 shots to 8 for the Liberty on the night. Nitchman earned her fifth shutout of the season.

Charlevoix got on the board early when Murray sent a corner across to fellow senior Madison Ramsey for the volley into the net. Ramsey managed three goals on the night, working tirelessly from her forward spot. Charlevoix's other goals came from the center midfield, McCary (2) and Madison (1). Junior, Lori Zimmerman, contributed two assists and earned the Rayder Player of the Game award. Other assists came from junior, Zita Anderson, and Madison (2).

"This was a good test for the young Rayders against a Liberty team that passes the ball well. Traverse City was playing without a few key players and I'm sure that they will be better when we play the rematch in late May," coach Carol Madison said.

The Lady Rayders' third win came on April 29 when they left Glen Lake scoreless beating them 5-0.

The Rayders managed 32 shots and extended playing time for reserves in the non conference win. Anderson got the Rayders moving in the first half with a solid shot past the Laker's keeper, who played well with 27 saves on the day.

Madison Ramsey added three goals and Madison had one. Assists went to Murray (2), Madison, Ariel Ramsey and Rich.

Anderson was named Rayder Player of the Game for her tireless efforts at midfield.

Charlevoix, now 5-0 in conference and 7-0 overall, hosted Lake Michigan Conference foe Boyne City on Monday, May 1. Results from the showdown were not available by press time.

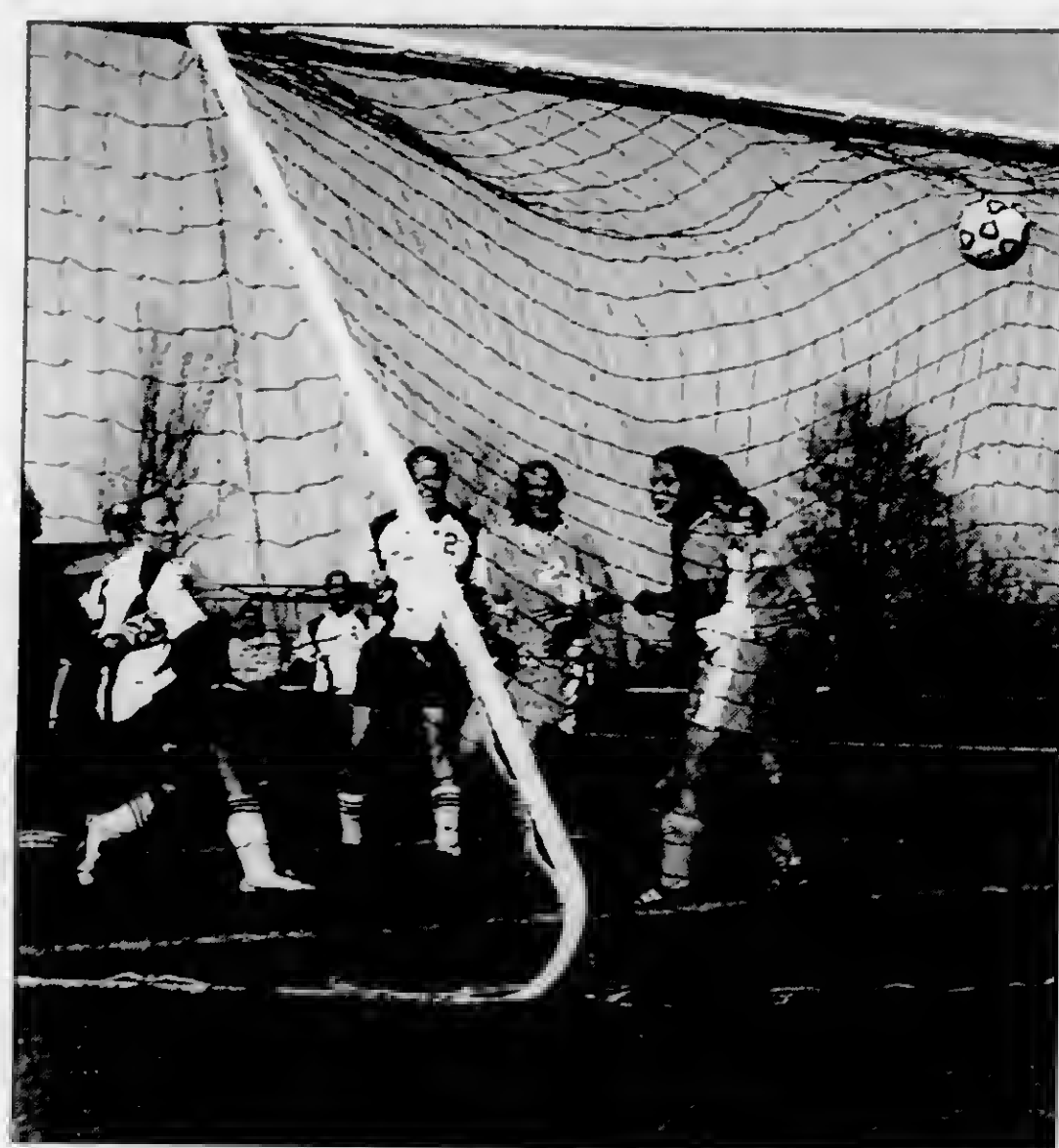


Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Madison Ramsey drives in the first goal of the Lake Michigan Conference match up pitting Charlevoix against Traverse City St. Francis on April 27. This was one of three shutout victories the Rayders tallied last week.

Women's triathlon fund-raiser registration

Registration is underway for the second annual non-competitive Tri*4*Fun Women's Triathlon.

Forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton Street in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

The triathlon will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19. A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 10 a.m. at Shanahan Field at the corner of Waller and Old Orchard roads.

The event will include a 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim.

Participants can register individually or as a team. Registration fees are \$100 for a team of two or three and \$50 per individual.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail WATCH@Core.com.

Tennis team takes third at tournaments

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team missed the first place mark by just a few points on several occasions last week.

The team lost to Harbor Springs on Monday, April 24 and placed third, just two points away from first place, at two tournaments later in the week in Boyne City and Traverse City.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said, "It's all close, which is great. It's going to be really tight all year."

Individual results in Charlevoix's 5-3 April 24 loss to Harbor Springs were:

• First, singles: Matt Novotny lost, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

• Second, singles: Dan Swenor lost, 6-2, 6-3.

• Third, singles: Ty Haske lost, 7-5, 6-2.

• Fourth, singles: Brad Cyr won, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

• First, doubles: Dustin Dibble and Mike Greyerbiehl lost, 6-3, 7-5.

• Second, doubles: Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster won, 6-2, 6-2.

• Third, doubles: Kris Bartling and Kevin Greyerbiehl lost, 7-5, 6-3.

• Fourth, doubles: Weston Bryan and Alex Molter won, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

At the Boyne City Invitational on April 28, the Charlevoix tennis team

placed third out of the eight teams that competed, finishing just two points out of second place.

"We had a busy day. The kids played a lot of long matches," Lundteigen said.

Individual results for Charlevoix's third place finish at the Boyne City Invitational were:

• First, singles: Matt Novotny beat Glen Lake, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Harbor Springs 6-2, 7-6; and beat Grayling 6-1, 6-4.

• Second, singles: Dan Swenor beat Boyne City, 6-0, 6-4; lost to Glen Lake, 6-4, 2-6, 10-8; and lost to Grayling, 6-0, 6-4.

• Third, singles: Ty Haske lost Boyne City, 6-3, 6-3; beat Traverse City Christian, 7-5, 6-2; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis 6-1, 6-4.

• Fourth, singles: Alex McKenzie lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 6-2, 6-4; beat Glen Lake, 4-6, 6-2, 12-10; and lost to Boyne City, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.

In doubles play at the Boyne City Invitational, three doubles teams were named flight winners for taking all three match-ups.

Doubles team results for Charlevoix's third place finish at the Boyne City Invitational were:

• First, doubles (flight winners): Dustin Dibble and Mike Greyerbiehl

beat Traverse City St. Francis, 6-2, 4-6, 14-12; beat Elk Rapids, 6-2, 6-2; and beat Harbor Springs 6-2, 6-0.

• Second, doubles: Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster beat Boyne City, 6-1, 6-1; beat Traverse City St. Francis, 6-1, 7-6; and beat Glen Lake, 6-0, 6-0.

• Third, doubles (flight winners): Kris Bartling and Kevin Greyerbiehl beat Harbor Springs, 6-4, 6-0; beat Traverse City St. Francis, 6-3, 6-1; and beat Elk Rapids 6-4, 6-2.

• Fourth, doubles (flight winners): Eric Deboe and Alex Molter beat Glen Lake, 6-1, 6-0; beat Traverse City Christian, 6-0, 6-0; and beat Traverse City St. Francis, 5-7, 6-4, 10-8.

At the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational on Saturday, April 29, the Charlevoix tennis team placed third out of the five teams that competed, finishing just two points out of first place.

Elk Rapids claimed first place with 17 points, Traverse City St. Francis took second with 16 points and Charlevoix placed third with 15 points.

Boyne City dropped out of the invitational and a team of players from the remaining schools were pooled to create a combined team.

Individual results for Charlevoix's third place finish at the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational were:

• First, singles: Matt Novotny beat

combined team, 6-1, 6-0; lost to Elk Rapids 7-5, 6-4; and lost to Harbor Springs, 6-4, 7-6.

• Second, singles: Dan Swenor beat combined team, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Elk Rapids, 7-5, 6-4; and beat Manistee, 6-3, 4-6, 9-4.

• Third, singles: Ty Haske lost to Harbor Springs, 6-1, 6-1; won by injury forfeit over the combined team; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis 6-2, 6-2.

• Fourth, singles: Alex McKenzie won against the combined team, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 6-2, 5-7, 12-10; and lost to Harbor Springs, 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles play at the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational, two doubles teams were named flight winners for taking all three match-ups.

Doubles team results for Charlevoix's third place finish at the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational were:

• First, doubles: Dustin Dibble and Mike Greyerbiehl lost to Elk Rapids, 3-6, 6-4, 10-8; beat Harbor Springs, 6-3, 6-3; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 2-6, 6-0, 13-11.

• Second, doubles (flight winner): Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster beat Elk Rapids, 6-1, 6-1; beat Manistee, 6-1, 6-1; and beat Traverse City St. Francis, 6-0, 6-3.

• Third, doubles (flight winners): Kris Bartling and Kevin Greyerbiehl beat

the combined team, 6-0, 6-1; beat Elk Rapids, 6-2, 6-2; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 6-4, 6-2.

• Fourth, doubles (flight winners): Eric Deboe and Alex Molter beat the combined team, 6-0, 6-1; beat Elk Rapids, 6-3, 6-3; and beat Traverse City St. Francis, 6-2, 6-4.

This week the tennis team faced Harbor Springs on Monday at Harbor Springs High School. Results were not available by press time. At 4:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, May 3, the team will compete against Elk Rapids and at 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 5, the team will compete against Boyne City on their home courts.

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Softball team to host Traverse City St. Francis Tuesday, May 9

SOFTBALL

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"This will be the meat of our schedule, if we come out unscathed we will be looking pretty good," he said.

On Tuesday, April 25, the Rayders claimed both games against Harbor

Springs — 13-3 in the first game and 5-3 in the second.

In the first game, Hoffman pitched six strikeouts to provide her team with an early lead.

Faust offered four strikeouts in the second game to give her team the win.

The solid pitching effort was bolstered by continued development in

the hitting department as Hoffman (2-4), Faust (2-4), Genevieve Kochanny (3-4), and Janay Drost (2-4) each solidified the team's lead.

The Charlevoix varsity girls' softball team plays again at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 9 at home against Traverse City St. Francis.

Rayder baseball lets go of lead and loses games in late innings

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The Charlevoix boys' varsity baseball team felt the sting of strong pitching and aggressive offense in a double header against Elk Rapids on Friday, April 28, losing 5-2 in the first game and 8-6 in the second.

Rayder coach Allen Telgenhof said his team's biggest challenge came from the Elks' pitching department.

"Cory William is one of our league's best pitchers, he shut us down," he said.

In the first game, an RBI single from Cliff Jones, a triple from Jon Putman, and a single from Kyle DeYoung highlighted the Rayders' offensive play.

Matt Teuscher boasted six strikeouts and only three walks in the six innings he pitched.

In the second game, the Rayders scored four runs to take a 6-2 lead in the fourth inning. They lost that lead as Elk Rapids scored six runs in the top of the fifth without an



Allen Telgenhof

out, to take the lead, in a rally started by a Rayder error.

Two hits and an RBI from Danny Waldron, an RBI and a run scored from Putman, a single and a run from DeYoung, and a run singled in from Teuscher contributed to the Rayders' short-lived lead.

Eddie Waldron pitched four innings of the evenings nightcap with one walk and four strikeouts as Teuscher threw a perfect inning of relief and Danny Waldron threw a shutout inning.

Earlier in the week, the Rayders fell in two sixth inning turnarounds to Harbor Springs, losing the first game 2-1 and the second 4-3 on Tuesday, April 25.

Charlevoix led 1-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning of the first game when Harbor

Springs scored twice to win. In his first game of the season, Danny Waldron offered five strikeouts, six walks and only one hit in the five innings he pitched.

In the second game of the evening, the Rayders led 3-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth as Harbor Springs again scored two runs in their last bats to pull out the turnaround.

Ty Telgenhof pitched five innings, giving up only three hits, walking six and striking out five.

Coach Telgenhof said he believes the losses can be a learning experience for his team.

"I was very disappointed to let two wins get away from us like that but, we are still a young team and putting teams away is something we need to learn," he said.

The varsity boys' baseball team will be playing at the Birch Run Tournament at 10 a.m., on Saturday, May 6. They will then play at 4:15 p.m., on Tuesday, May 9 at Cheboygan.

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The conversation will include all elements of a race and the 2005-2008 rules that apply. Seminar handout material will be given to each participant.

The event is open to all sailors, including those racing under one-design and handicap rating systems. Panelists include U.S. Sailing certified judges: Allan A. Teske, Robert Sargent, Ted Jones, Beth Hanson, Jerry Thomas, Andrew J. Kiener and Nancy Glover.

The cost of the seminar is \$25. A lunch is included in the cost and will be provided by the yacht club.

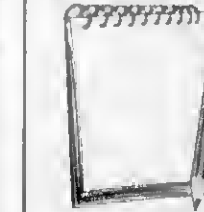
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Charlevoix
4-H soccer
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Charlevoix 4-H soccer fall sign-up will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on May 25 and May 30 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym.

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Faculty, students lock horns in tie game

Fifth-grade Charlevoix Middle School teacher Steve Seelye (bottom) and seventh-grade math teacher Curt Harwood (top) attempt to score points for the faculty team at the student-faculty fund-raiser basketball game to benefit the senior class graduation party. The final score was 80-80.

Deadline nears for Ferris State
University golf camp scholarships

Those that participated in the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's 2005 summer program are eligible for scholarships to attend the prestigious golf camp at Ferris State University this summer.

Dean Davenport, executive director of the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association, announced that the association's board members approved renewing the scholarship program with Ferris State University.

Awards will likely be given to five deserving junior golfers for scholarships enabling them to spend a week on the campus of Ferris State University.

Applications are due by May 13. Applicants must have participated in more than half of the past summer's

sessions and be at least 12 years of age to be eligible. Application packets were mailed recently to over 60 youngsters that qualified for consideration. Winners are selected because of their dedication and interest in golf, their potential and the manner in which they respond to the official application questions.

During the past eight years 72 junior golfers from the Charlevoix area have been awarded scholarships.

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Area events

May 3

Circle of Strength meeting

The Circle of Strength. Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call (231) 547-8950.

May 3

Ree league softball registration

City of Charlevoix recreation league slow-pitch softball registration will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 in the basement of Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State Street.

During the season, the men's league players will compete on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The first game is Tuesday, May 30.

Women's league players will play Monday and Wednesday nights starting June 5 and ending in mid-August.

People ages 13 and up are eligible to play in the men's and women's slow-pitch softball league.

Registration for girls' fast-pitch softball is underway in area schools or through the recreation department. Divisions include girls ages 18 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under. The deadline to register is April 28.

T-ball registration for children ages 5, 6, and 7 will take place at a date to be announced in late May.

For more information call Ike Boss at the recreation depart (231) 547-3253.

May 4

Raising Drug Free Kids

Scott and Celia Kelly, founders of BASES will lead a presentation called "Raising Drug Free Kids," from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 at BASES Teen Center, located at 208 West Lincoln Street in Charlevoix.

Topics included in the presentation will be: Local and national drug use trends among teens; signs and symptoms of problematic use; and what parents need to know.

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers from the audience regarding specific teen situation recommendations. Anonymity will be respected.

For more information, call (231) 547-1144.

May 6

Craft Fair and Flea Market

Greensky Hill Church will host its second annual inside Craft Fair and out-

side Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 on the church's historic grounds, located off Old U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

There will be food for sale all day provided by the women of Greensky Hill Church. Door prizes will be offered every hour on the half hour.

Proceeds from the event will be directed to the church's July camp meeting.

For more information, call (231) 547-2028.

May 6

Murder mystery

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will host its 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Benefit Dinner on Saturday, May 6 at the Dilworth Inn, in Boyne City. Advance tickets are \$50 each. The cost includes hors d'oeuvres, a prime rib buffet, auction and a murder mystery. A cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased at Boyne County Books and the Charlevoix County Humane Society. For more information, call (231) 582-6774.

May 6

Baby-sitter training

Baby-sitter training will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 6 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with training in safety, basic childcare, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is \$25 for the class and includes a baby-sitter's list that contains many of the items needed to feel confident and skilled as a baby-sitter. Snacks and lunch are provided. For more information, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

May 8

Hospital guild program

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will host a program on Thailand at 11 a.m. May 8 in the large classroom near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Terry and Lynne Salmonson will share their experiences of living with the Akha tribe in northern Thailand last year.

"It was a wonderful cultural experience in a beautiful, exotic land. We fell in love with the people of the Akha tribe as we lived in their village and worked side by side with them to build a much needed community center. We went to serve but received much more than we gave," Lynne Salmonson said.

The meeting is open to prospective guild members and hospital volunteers. For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

May 9

City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m. on May 9 in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield Street.

For more information, call Ev Wucjick at (231) 547-6376, Gail Baldrige at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

May 13

Mother's Day Walk

The Women for Peace of Charlevoix County are sponsoring a Mother's Day Walk for Peace at noon on Saturday, May 13, in Charlevoix. Participants are asked to gather at 11:45 a.m. at the bandshell in East Park, to wear a black armband and to bring a flower. Following a short ceremony, refreshments will be served in the meeting room of the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 109 Clinton St.

For details, call JoAnne at (231) 547-4820, Meg at (231) 582-7689 or Charlene at (231) 536-2817.

May 11, 14

LTCT production

Little Traverse Civic Theatre's 60th anniversary production of "You Can't Take It With You," will be presented at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 and Sunday, May 14 at the Little Traverse Civic Theatre located at 461 East Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey. Tickets

are \$8 per person. For reservations or more information call (231) 348-1850 or visit www.ltct.org.

May 16

Retired federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, May 16, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, our speaker will be Rod Slocum, Executive Director of Bay View Association. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For further information, call 231-238-4840.

May 17, 24 and 31 CPR, First Aid classes

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid classes are available at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, in classroom B.

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, in classroom B.

- Basic First Aid from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, in classroom B.

The enrollment cost is \$25 for each CPR class, which includes a CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30. There is a price reduction for the three-class series.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received.

All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

April 25-May 23

Grief Support program

Loss of any kind is the focus of a series presented by Hospice of North Michigan and designed to help people cope.

A series of five, weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 25 through May 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 207 Nichols Street in East Jordan.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency.

The program is designed to help those grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work. Facilitators for this program are Rev. Nancy Rhode, a hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, Hospice of Northwest Michigan bereavement coordinator.

Anyone who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others may participate.

To register, call Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231) 536-2842. There is no charge for this program.



Sherm Chamberlain

'I loved the fireworks and seeing people downtown. It was nice to see people out. A good time was had by all.'



Virginia Lahde

'I thought the fiddlers from Sterling were wonderful. I hope they can get them for one of the concerts in the park.'



Amy Cook

'The carnival was great. It was nice and small. And it was all local people. It was what Venetian Festival was like when I was a little girl.'



Rodney Ostrum

'My wife and I thought the art fair was very good. There were many nice products.'



Karen Largent

'I thought everything was great. The art setup, the wine tasting and food. And there were a lot of nice things for kids to do.'

Businesses profit from off-season festival

FESTIVAL

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too. He said the conference provided a boost to local restaurants, lodging establishments and retailers during a traditionally slow traffic time.

He said 100 percent of lodging establishments affiliated with the convention and visitors bureau offered discounts to conference attendees.

Bila said this support from the community could be a clincher in bringing the festival back.

"The special rates left a lasting impression on a lot of people. With the cost of gas a lot of people were apprehensive to drive up but were welcomed with low prices," she said.

While vacancy numbers are not yet known, on Monday, May 1, Sell's group distributed a survey to gauge community response to this event.

"We suspect we'll hear positive re-

sults," he said.

While the association does incur costs in planning the event, Bila said expenses are outweighed by exposure for those exhibiting and those promoting events.

"There was so much value to this," she said.

While this early season boost was embraced by the community, if the festival returns, Sell and Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc. board president, Dan Barron, said it should be pushed forward about two weeks, to mid-May.

According to Barron, high winds out of the southeast almost blew out plans for fireworks over Round Lake, Saturday night, April 29.

"If the wind picked up any further, it may have prompted a cancellation of the display, which we wouldn't want to do. But safety first," he said.

Master pyrotechnicians Frank Loffredo, Jr. and Ron Greco of Colonial

Fireworks Co., John McLean Jr. chief of Coast Guard Station Charlevoix and city fire chief Paul Ivan, all approved moving forward with the show.

The fireworks display included a \$25,000 donation from Colonial Fireworks Co., the business that handles the famed Venetian Festival fireworks show, a \$1,000 donation from Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority and \$4,000 from the convention and visitors bureau.

Bila didn't take issue with the time frame but did say promotion for next year's event, whether it be in Charlevoix or elsewhere, will start sooner and will be more far reaching. She plans to contact over 400 car clubs in the Midwest to be included in next year's event.

Barron agreed and said with more

time to plan, the magnitude of the event's impact could be even more significant.

"From my perspective, if they (Michigan Festivals and Events Association board of directors) have an interest, we could establish more events, actually in the downtown area," he said.

While the excitement of spring characterized the mood around town during the kickoff, Charlevoix City Police Chief Gerard Doan said the crowd of about 2,000 people who on Saturday night filled East Park, were tame. He had seven patrolmen working that night, joined by deputies with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and state troopers from the Michigan State Police Petoskey Post.

The only incident Doan reported

was a disturbance called in Saturday night citing boisterous revelers walking the city streets.

For more information about the Michigan Festivals and Events Association, the largest festival association in the United States, visit the group's Web site at www.michiganfun.us.

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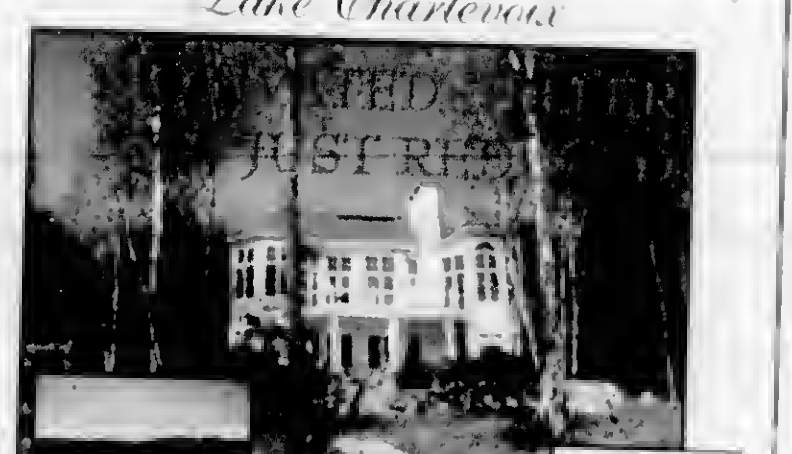


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Starburst dress debuts at prom

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

She's a little sweet, a little sour and pretty darn fruity, but only because her prom dress is made from the wrappers of Starburst candies.

When she began tearing, folding and gluing the candy wrappers onto the dress last November, Charlevoix High School senior, Rachel Barta, didn't know what she was getting herself into.

"Last November I started working on it," she said. "Each wrapper is split into two and there are 20,108 on the dress so far — there will probably be 30,000 by the time it's done."

Perhaps it wasn't Barta's lifelong dream to construct a garment from food packaging, but when a friend dared her to do it, she couldn't resist.

"I was going to make a belt

out of them, and then somebody was like, 'Why don't you make a dress?' So I did."

Barta, the daughter of Lee and Sue Barta of Charlevoix, said when her elders first heard of her intentions, they were skeptical at best.

"I bought the material and my grandma made me the dress," she said. "She wasn't so happy when she found out I was putting all kinds of stuff on it, but now she thinks it's cool."

She added, "My parents think it's great and my mom's impressed that I stuck with it."

Barta said this is probably the wackiest thing she's ever done.

"I'd never heard of anyone making a dress out of Starburst wrappers before," she said. "But now I guess there's a girl from Boyne City who's making one for next

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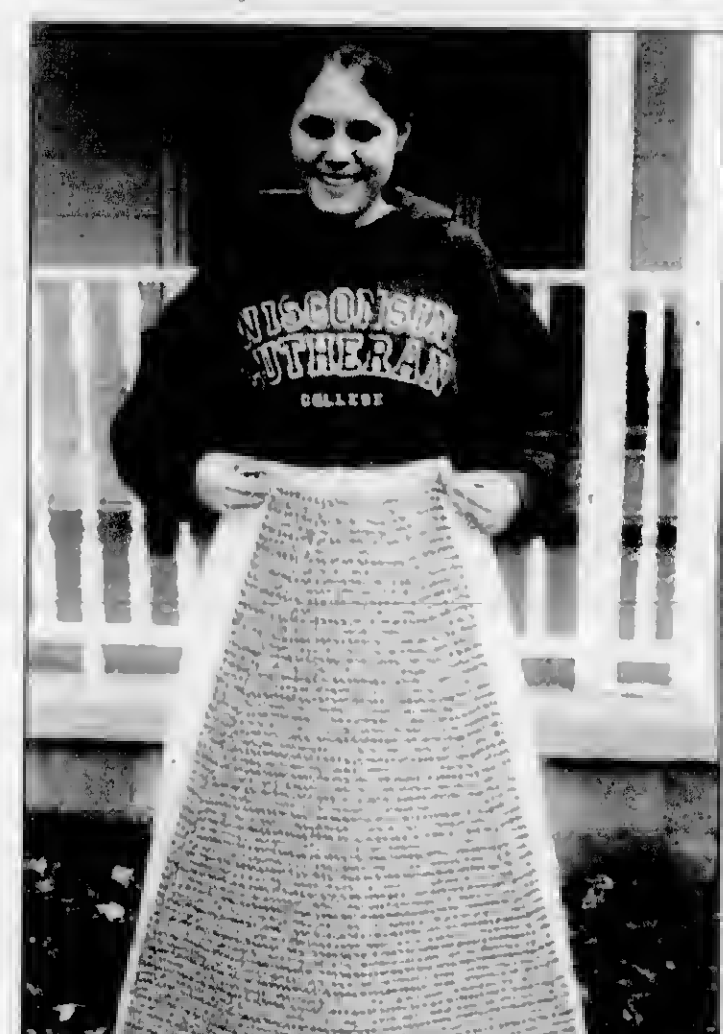


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Charlevoix High School senior, Rachel Barta, shows off her months of handwork on the prom dress turned Starburst wrapper crafting project.

Mother's Day sweet retreat for local duo

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Mother's Day for many is a typical sun-up to sun-down rat race — changing diapers, chasing children and trying to quench their never-ending thirst for entertainment.

Many dread bits and pieces of the experience while most soak in and cherish the special day.

For one Charlevoix mom, Mother's Day, May 14, is for her to cherish. She is still here to hold her head high and say, "My name is mom. And my mother is one amazing lady."

Colleen Griffin, a 43-year-old mother of two, was diagnosed with intraductal breast cancer in 2002. She underwent a lumpectomy at that time, followed by chemotherapy and radiation.

Just when she thought she had beat the disease, in 2005, it reared its ugly head again, in the same area.

While her children are pursuing their adult lives, Bobby Tripp, 22, and Danielle Tripp, 18, Griffin said her first thought was that of any mother, "Who will take care of them if I don't pull through?"

She opted to go with a bilateral mastectomy, followed by chemotherapy and



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Charlevoix residents and mother-daughter team, Sandy Allard and Colleen Griffin, pictured above, will celebrate their motherhood and health this Mother's Day, May 14. Griffin has successfully battled breast cancer with Allard at her side.

reconstructive surgery and now celebrates her remission.

This Mother's Day, as Griffin kicks back and enjoys the day, she will honor

her mother, Sandy Allard, who she credits with getting her back on her feet.

"She and my husband (Mark Griffin) have been an amazing support system,"

she said. "She was there through both surgeries. She wouldn't leave my side until she knew I could take care of myself. She's not only my mother, she's my best friend."

The two plan to relax, dine and celebrate their experiences as mothers.

Griffin said she feels motherhood is all about being in tune with a child's needs, an outlook she learned first-hand from Allard.

"Being there for them when they're down and out is so important," she said.

Allard, who lost her husband, Daniel Harnett, in an accident when Griffin, one of her five children, was only 14.

She ran her husband's business, which she eventually sold, and got remarried to Fritz Allard. Allard worked full-time and cared for her huge combined Harnett-Allard family, which included nine children.

Griffin said she will celebrate two things this Sunday — her mother, who she credits as her inspiration and her experience with cancer which has given her a new outlook on life.

"I live every day to its fullest. If there's something to go do, I want to do it. I don't want to miss out on anything," she said.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Francis Thomas Buchannon, 37, Boyne City. Attempted check, no account. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 364 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; \$620 in fines and costs.

Marcus Leroy Bundy, 43, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling \$500.

Daniel Peter Lucenko, 49, East Jordan. East Jordan ordinance-accumulation of junk, trash, refuse. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Sally Leanne Richards, 30, Vanderbilt. Driving while license suspended-first offense. Serve 12 days in jail; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Kathleen Erin Preston, 27, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,230 in fines and costs.

Katherine Lynne Moore, 25, Gaylord. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 10 days in jail, 71 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Lori June Gee, 49, East Jordan.

Embezzlement of more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve six months probation; to write a letter of apology; \$3,350 in fines and costs.

Charles Albert Picot, 54, Vanderbilt. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Joshua Daniel Pepin, 30, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,085 in fines and costs.

Vivian Shamon Steen, 28, Charlevoix. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 12 days in jail; \$315 in fines and costs.

Julius David Kowalski, 46, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

David J. Antos Jr., 44, Strongsville, Ohio. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day,

30 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Brian James Dreffe, 20, Atlanta. Prostitution-acosting and soliciting. Serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; fines and costs totaling \$500.

James Alexander-Strac Findlay, 38, Waterford. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court
The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Danny Lee Russell, 44, residence unknown. Attempted larceny by conversion of \$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 49 days, to serve 180 days in jail. Occupational code-performing without a license-first offense. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 49 days, to serve 90 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$6,210 in fines and costs.

Donald Lee Sundelius, 23, Petoskey. Criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree with a victim between the ages of 13-16. Serve 270 days in jail with credit for six days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$820 in

fines and costs.

Shawn Trevor McPherson, 27, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated-third offense. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail, serve 480 hours of community service work; serve 24 months probation; \$970 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Orchard Maintenance (Charlevoix Sewer and Drain Cleaning), 3066 Black Road, Charlevoix, by William D. Thorp Jr.

Yarn Ball Production, 305 West Hurlbut #2, Charlevoix, by Robert (Wade) Dale

Road Sines Catering, 4160 Waterman Road, East Jordan, by Trina L. Bos

Jules of the North Painting, 3373 North M-75, Boyne City, by Julie A. Crouterfield

Boyer Country Hardware; Boyne Co-op True Value; Boyne Co-op. Boyne City, by Timothy and Debra McAndrew

Northern Medical Massage, 5041 Bergmann Road, East Jordan, by Raynce Lewis

Kerr's Cleaning and Services, 8730 Horton Bay Road, Petoskey, by Eugene Dawn Kerr

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Michael Brian Davis, 51 and Ann Marie Weisler, 47, both of Boyne City

Robert K. Lyons, 43 and Susan E. Bradley, 50, both of Walloon Lake

James Leroy Schlappi, 40 and Lorie Beth DeGrazia, 43, both of Charlevoix

Divorces
The following people were recently granted judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Heidi J. Lowell vs. Arthur J. Lowell

Aminda Helen Denise vs. Jeffrey Alan Denise

Births

Andrew David Stadt weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces was born April 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brandon and Wendt Stadt of East Jordan. His siblings are Avery Lynn and Kolton James. His grandparents are David LaCroix and Jennifer Phelps of Petoskey, Dave and Julia Morrow of Boyne City and Leon and Wendy Stadt of Boyne City.

Ava Grace Thanasiu weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces was born April 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jamie Jenness and Brian Thanasiu of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Dick and Lori Wagner of West Olive, Gary and Debbie Drew of East Jordan and James and Janice Thanasiu of Charlevoix.

Sweet tooth inspires colorful dress design

STARBURST

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year's prom."

Barta folds the wrappers into what some call an "idiot chain." The finished product is a zig-zag approximately an inch or so wide which she then glues to the dress.

While Barta is still in production on her kooky creation, she speculates a finished product by the day before Charlevoix High School's prom which will take place this Saturday, May 13.

"The whole front and back of the dress is done and I'm working on the sides and top right now," she said.

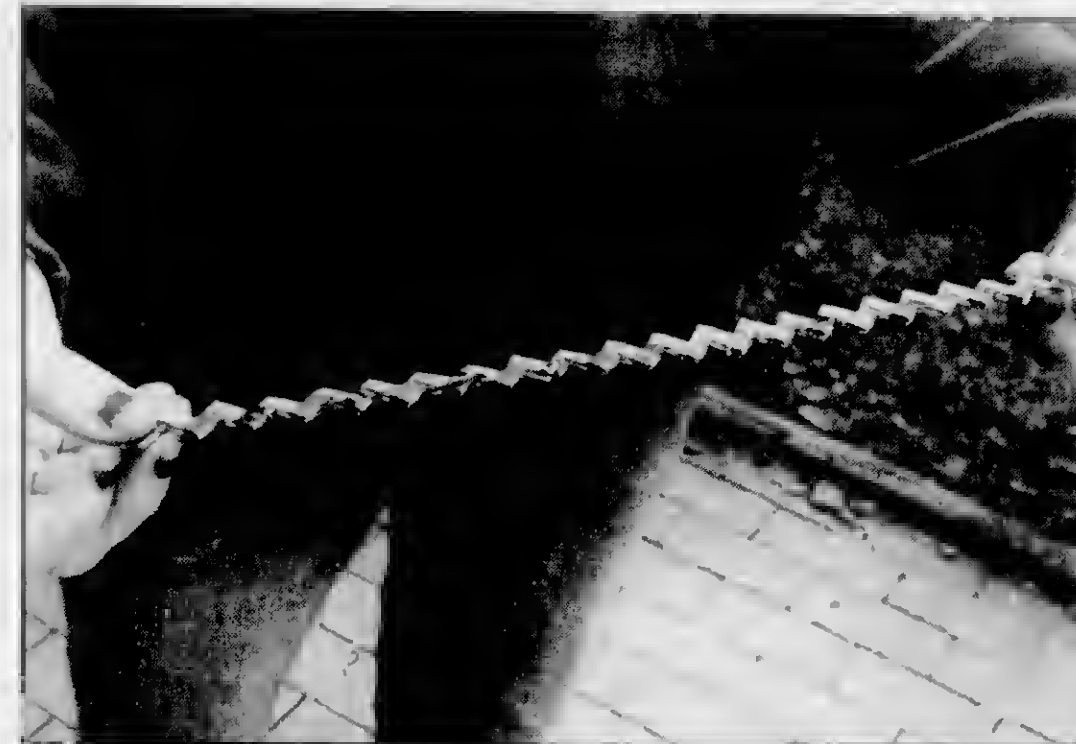
Many students from Barta's school, even one's she doesn't know, are saving their Starburst wrappers for her project. A point, she said, which helps her cut down on the cost.

"So far, if you bought each one of the packages for 75 cents, it would be like \$600 just for the Starburst," she said.

The 18-year-old said she chose this type of candy wrapper because it was easy to fold.

If there is time, she hopes to make a tie for her date, a friend from Petoskey, to match her colorful dress.

And, while she enjoys creating her own fashions, her future isn't in Starburst stock. She plans to attend North Central Michigan College to pursue a degree in nursing.



Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Rachel Barta holds dozens of Starburst candy wrappers which she tore, folded and glued to create long zigzags also called "idiot chains" to craft one unique prom dress. (Left) Here are some of the nearly 30,000 wrappers which will eventually end up on Barta's dress. Barta, a Charlevoix High School senior, will attend prom festivities this Saturday, May 13 at Castle Farms.



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Sheriff Lasater issues tips to ensure safe prom season

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater encourages teens and parents to make prom safe by following the law.

To ensure that teens stay safe during prom season, sheriff Lasater issued a reminder that underage drinking is not only dangerous but it is against the law.

"You can't have a memorable experience at prom if you are unable to remember any of it because you have had too much to drink," sheriff Lasater said. "Be safe on prom night. If you are a teen, don't drink or use drugs. If you are a parent, remain vigilant about what your teen is doing. By making it inconvenient for kids to drink, you may save a life."

Sheriff Lasater offers the following tips to prevent underage drinking and keep this year's prom safe for everyone in the community:

• Parents and other adults must remember that underage drinking is against the law. Not only is furnishing alcohol to

someone under 21 a crime, it sends the wrong message.

• Parents and teens both need to understand that the "everybody is doing it" excuse is just plain wrong. Being liked should never mean giving up your personal responsibility or caving in to social pressures. Parents have an obligation to set boundaries that tell teens which behaviors are appropriate and which are not.

• Everyone in a community is responsible for preventing alcohol-related injuries. At prom time retailers, limousine drivers, hotel owners and others in the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activity to law enforcement. Suspicious activities may include: Drinking and/or visible intoxication of youth; someone purchasing a large quantity of alcohol; someone furnishing alcohol to a minor; a teen using a false form of identification; or prom parties hosted in hotel rooms.

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Funeral protest ban questions freedom of speech



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

The Michigan Senate recently voted unanimously on a bill now headed to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's desk which, if passed, will prevent demonstrations within 500 feet of a funeral. Violators would be punished with two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. A second offense would carry four years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

The Senate is pushing the legislation because a group from the Westboro Baptist church of Kansas,

founded by the not quite right Rev. Fred Phelps, stands near military funerals shouting, "God hates you" and holding signs which read, "God hates fags."

This group of cheery individuals is certain our men and women in the military are being slaughtered in the Middle East as punishment from God for the American toleration of homosexuals.

While the only funeral I'll ever protest is my own, my devotion to the U. S. Constitution is unwavering. And, my queasiness isn't from the Senate's intent, but instead from their logic.

Let's say Sgt. Smith dies fighting for my rights. Then, for reasons known only to the voices in Rev. Phelps' head, I protest at Smith's funeral. The Senate has chosen to honor said fallen soldier by outlawing those freedoms for which he

fought. Hey, I said it was the logic of politicians.

This isn't about whether you agree with the war, homosexuality or respect for the dead, this is a case of the government using an emotionally charged issue to dismantle the already threadbare First Amendment.

If Granholm signs this bill, the First Amendment might as well read, "Congress shall make all laws respecting allowable forms of expression within the arbitrary guidelines of the federal government's whimsy. P.S. Thomas Jefferson can go suck an egg."

Indeed, the freedoms of speech and expression in America do not guarantee decency, taste, respect, equality or tolerance — nor should they. If nothing else, we have the right to offend and the right to be offended.

Noam Chomsky wrote, "If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all."

Unless citizens of "the land of the free and the home of the brave," are ever-vigilant in demanding freedom and remaining brave enough to accept the often vile consequences, narrow-minded elements in our government may next outlaw your right to protest near an abortion clinic or a Ku Klux Klan rally.

Our soldiers are not thin-skinned cowards. And if they are willing to put their lives on the line to ensure our freedoms, the least we can do is exercise those freedoms.

Phelps' hunch may eventually burn in hell, but until then, they must be afforded all the rights and privileges of U.S. citizens — our Constitution demands it.

The tyranny which conspires to

control theological, prurient and political expression doesn't always arrive by the gun's muzzle. More often than not we are oppressed by the well-intentioned busybody compelled to dictate the course of our lives.

I only hope our Canadian-born governor knows more about the U.S. Constitution than our state senators do, or the censor's noose will surely continue to tighten.

Regardless of which side of this issue you're on, you can let the governor know how you feel by calling (517) 335-7858 or writing to: Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909.

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Celebrating mothers of the past, present and future



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

Brightly colored daffodils and tulips let us know that spring has arrived and they quietly remind us that a very special day will soon be here.

In this beautiful month of May we set aside one day to honor the person who brought us into the world cooking, cuddling and kicking. Mother's Day recognizes how special moms truly are and we usually respond with sending flowers, cards and (as a reminder to my husband), remodel her kitchen. In my naiveté, I thought Mother's Day was an idea from the creative art department at Hallmark Cards. You can only imagine my surprise as I delved a little further and

discovered my thoughts couldn't be farther from the truth.

The earliest Mother's Day can be traced to ancient Greece when they honored "Rhea" mother of the gods. All of my Greek friends have bragging rights on establishing this holiday. Servants in merry old England celebrated, "Mothering Sunday," as this was their only day off to return home to visit their mum. OK, one day off a year for the servants and one day off for the mothers. My question is, "When the servants left for the day, who took over?"

As Christianity spread, the church celebrated and honored the spiritual power that gave them life. Mother's Day during that period of time was moved to the fourth Sunday of Lent. By 1907, Ms. Anna Jarvis campaigned for a national Mother's Day. Her letter writing helped push this into a holiday that would be celebrated across the United States. Her tenacity also moved Mother's Day to the second Sunday of May to honor the death of her own mother, President Woodrow Wilson, wanting

to please all mothers including his own, made it official by proclaiming the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day — the new national holiday.

So, there you have it. Hallmark didn't invent it and I need to remind all of my friends, aunts, sisters and mother that you are special all of the time and I don't need a date to remind me.

Let's honor mothers everywhere by remembering to keep smiling, not frowning, because you don't want your face to freeze that way. Remember that just because all your friends are doing it you can still make your own decision and still be their friend if you disagree. Veggies may not grow out of your ears but eating two portions of them a day will reduce your cholesterol. And a good reminder from mom's everywhere, "If you don't have anything nice to say don't say anything at all."

To all the stay-at-home moms, I celebrate you as I'm reminded that as a wage earner your yearly income would be \$134,000 — a combined

daycare provider, janitor, housekeeper and cook. Plus you reap the benefits that money can't buy — seeing the first steps, first words and not missing any of it. Maybe you should bring up back pay?

I celebrate all my working friends that balance home and work life, knowing it's not easy but they pass on their great skill of organization to their children and teach them to become a little more independent.

I celebrate all my retired friends who still worry and care about their

grown up children because their children will always be their babies.

And last of all, I celebrate my adoptive mother who raised me and my birth mother who gave me life, for without you I wouldn't be sharing my thoughts with anyone. Thank you mothers everywhere — go forth and celebrate.

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Letters to the editor

Honk for Women in Black

You may have seen them as you drove or walked by — a group of women, standing quietly on a street corner, no arm waving, no shouting, just a dignified presence, impressive by its obvious determination to further a cause which they fervently believe in — a protest to the war in Iraq — a protest to all war.

These are the "Women in Black" — a movement which started at the onset of the Iraq war and has gained momentum both nationally and internationally.

Women have not borne the pain of childbirth to have their sons and daughters march off to war and become cannon fodder for their country's military adventures. Let them grow up to be warriors for peace not young lives snuffed out in senseless combat for some dreamed up, vague cause.

Some of the "biggies" in Washington may have seen them, grinned and said, "Ho hum — not another protest. Oh well, it won't last long." Pay attention, fellas. The American public is becoming increasingly weary, resentful and angry at the erroneous information the government tries to shove down its throat. How can we sort out fact from fiction, veracity from duplicity? A hopeless task.

I am reminded of a movie way back, in which people in Manhattan, threw open their windows, stuck their heads out and shouted, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more." As they say in Germany, "Genug ist genug (enough is enough)."

So, as you drive by these women who are there, and who will be there, come snow, rain or shine, every Friday at noon, toot your horn and give them a wave of affirmation.

These are the "Women in Black" — God bless 'em.
Elizabeth Humphrey
Ellsworth

'Thanks' for running school board candidates

I just wanted to give my thanks to the four community members that ran for a seat on the Charlevoix School Board. If you won a seat or not you need to be commended for stepping up at a time when it seems only hard decisions have to be made. I don't think that as a community we understand how difficult a situation our school system is in and I can only hope that more people such as you start taking an interest. So, thank you Tom Barnes, John McLean Jr., Jeff Stevens and Dennis Halverson.

I would also like to congratulate Stevens and McLean for winning the two seats that were up for election. I look forward to working with you in the near future. I know I speak for the whole board and administration when I say contact us anytime with any questions you may have or for any help we may give you.

Next I would like to thank Dennis Halverson and Ardeth Weiland for the time that they have put into this board, all extended boards and as the community

as well. I've learned much from both of you within this short year I have been on the board. Your commitment for the good of our schools is exemplary. Thank you again.

Lastly, I wish to invite all of the community members to start getting involved. We as a board will be working hard to keep you informed of our situations. However, the best way to stay informed is to start coming to the board meetings which take place at 7 p.m. every second Monday of each month. If you have kids in the system, or not, it's very important to be involved with the happenings of our great schools and more so all the great kids we have coming out of them.

Dean Spencely
Charlevoix

'Thank you' United Way volunteers

Editor:
On behalf of the board of directors of Char-Em United Way, I would like to thank the volunteers and donors who participated in our recent Agency Allocation Hearings.

Twenty-five volunteers met over three days to review funding applications from 23 agencies. Thanks to: Board mem-

bers Jennifer Archambault, Donna Newton, Mike Atchison, Ken Pallagi, Steve Andrae, Sam Clark and Sabra Hayden. And to our citizen review team members: Dee Vincent, Chris Rice, Judy Bunton, Sue Finchey, Dave Wassenaar, Greg Law, Darsi Spencely, Christi Struck, Debbie Roche, Laura Kemp, Jim Rudolph, JoEllen Rudolph, Kathryn Flewelling, Lee Kramer, Shirley Roloff and Michelle Culver.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the businesses that donated our meeting space and our refreshments.

Thanks to our volunteers for helping United Way make a difference in our community.

Martha Lancaster
Executive director
Char-Em United Way
Harbor Springs

Recognize World War II vets

Editor:
This past year, we topped out with over 2,000 World War II veterans dying per day in the U.S. These heroes from years past are fewer in number now, so less than 1,500 per day are dying until 2015, when 98 percent of them will be gone. Our grand heroes have passed to you and I a much better world for us to live in. They were

young high school students that went off to war, to make the world a safer place for us to live in.

I have been reflecting upon the circumstances in which many of our departed comrades, surviving spouses and their children find themselves after their veteran is no longer there to provide for their daily needs. These needs often go unnoticed by those who were once their close associates.

Today, I am in the Color Guard here in Charlevoix County, honoring many veterans at their funerals. My responsibilities toward the memory of a departed veteran, your loved one, does not end at the grave. You and I need to be there, to give attention to the family in time of their loss. Our society should care for and not forget what they did for the world in years gone by.

Robert T. Drebenstedt
Charlevoix County Department of Veterans Affairs
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COMMUNITY

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

DePauw service volunteer

DePauw University junior Elizabeth Anne Ulrich of Charlevoix, is a community service volunteer during the 2006 spring semester. Through the entirely student-managed DePauw Community Service, DePauw students serve in 25 community organizations and agencies. DePauw students have a long tradition of community service, and approximately three-fourths of the student body participates in community service each year. DePauw University is located in Greencastle, Ind.

National dean's list

Jennifer Rowe of Charlevoix, has been named to the National dean's list and is one of many area students featured in the 28th Annual Edition of the National Dean's List.

Award recipient

J.D. Boydston, CPA, a Charlevoix High School graduate, recently received the Thomas J. Thompson award from the company with which he is employed, Yeo & Yeo Associates. The award recognizes an individual in the firm who exemplifies the late Thompson's service to the community and the firm. Boydston is senior manager in Yeo & Yeo Associates' audit department who recently transferred from their Midland office to the Ann Arbor office.

Aquinas College dean's list

Joshua Fassett and Leslie Hoffman of Charlevoix were recently named to the Aquinas College fall semester dean's list. In order to qualify for the Aquinas College dean's list, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Aquinas College is located in Grand Rapids.

Performing arts students qualify for state finals

On April 25, students in the Charlevoix High School performing arts program hosted a class B-C-D Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Competition at Alma College.

This competition was attended by over 20 schools and 250 students, coaches, judges and parents. Charlevoix has hosted this event for 12 years.

Charlevoix students competed and assisted in every aspect of coordinating the tournament. Their duties included registration, preparing ballot and instructional packets for each school, as well as coordinating the judges' lunch and housekeeping.

Charlevoix High School performing arts students qualified for State Final Competition to take place on May 5 and 6 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University

in Ypsilanti.

At the State Final Competition, Cody Morrison, Juli Neidert, Travis Klooster, Jessica Soto, Kara Simon, Brian Whitley and Jordan McCarthy will present, "Into the Woods," for the multiple interpretation category. Travis Taehé will compete in the extemporaneous speaking category. Sam Kantola will present, "Necktie Party," for the prose category and Laura Larsen will represent Charlevoix High School in the prose category. Jacob Kirby, Nick Whitley and Stephanie Milazzo will be bidding on available slots in which to

compete.

A congratulatory send-off for the performing arts students competing at the state final took place at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 4 at Charlevoix High School.

Results from the state final competition were not available by press time.

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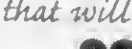
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, May 1, 2006 - 7 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI
The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving annual funding of \$4,600 for Charlevoix City Band.
- Motion passed endorsing food pantry's application to Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for funds.
- Motion passed accepting contract with the Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band Boosters for petunia wedding for the not-to-exceed amount of \$16,000.
- Motion passed approving the agreement with Robert W. Baird & Co. as financial advisor to the Marina Project Bond.
- Motion passed amending the minutes of Feb. 17, 1997 to correct a clerical error.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for May 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. for an ordinance amending section 5.12(3) of the City Code (definition of a front yard).
- Resolution 2006-05-01 adopted as amended by the City Planner, pledge for 50% matching funds for Cool Cities grant.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for May 15, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. to gather public input on proposed Charter amendments.

Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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Engagement

Johnson — Crook



Jeffrey and Pauline Johnson of Frankemuth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Johnson, to Steven Crook, son of Edwin and Judy Crook of Charlevoix.

Nicole received her master's degree from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and is employed by Michigan Cardiovascular Institute in Saginaw as a physician assistant in cardiology.

Steve received a bachelor of science degree in packaging from Michigan State University in East Lansing and is currently employed at Bergmann Marine in Charlevoix.

The couple is planning an Aug. 19 wedding.

Loss of child seminar offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay

As part of their "Life Lessons Educational Series" the Safe Crossings Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is planning an educational opportunity for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, from any cause.

The seminar is also for friends and family members who desire to encourage and to help, and for professionals who desire to be supportive. The event is scheduled to take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at The Carnegie Building, located at 451 E. Mitchell St., in Petoskey, and will be free to all who attend.

A panel of parents who have experienced the death of a child will share their stories of loss. The panel will discuss those things that have helped them on their journey through grief, as well as, things that have been hurtful.

Parents participating on the panel have experienced the death of their child at different ages, under a variety of circum-

stances: a long-term illness, sudden illness, a motor vehicle accident, by suicide and through infant loss.

This event is being sponsored jointly in our community by the Safe Crossings Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and The Compassionate Friends, Safe Harbor Chapter of Petoskey.

For more information or to register, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit www.hospiceltr.org.

Ellsworth Farmers Exchange offers two \$1,500 scholarships

The Ellsworth Farmers Exchange Cooperative is offering two scholarships of \$1,500 to outstanding seniors who are either the child or grandchild of a cooperative stockholder.

The scholarship is a one-time sum that will be paid upon proof of a successful first semester of college for fall 2006. The scholarship committee will select the recipients from a pool of applications received by May 30. No late submissions will be accepted. The recipient will be notified by June 2.

Applications have been mailed to high school guidance counselors in Bellaire, Mancelona, Elk Rapids, Gaylord, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Central Lake, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Petoskey.

Applications can also be obtained by contacting Tim Underwood at the Ellsworth Farmers Exchange at (231) 588-2300.

Win-Some Women retreat registration is underway

The Win-Some Women Christian Retreat committee is currently accepting registrations for the spring 2006 retreat to be held on Mackinac Island.

Three back-to-back retreats are being planned, however registrations can only be accepted for the May 17-18 retreat at this time.

Keynote speakers for this retreat are Gordon and Gail MacDonald, well-known speakers and authors. Special music guests are Steve and Annie Chapman, who have been ministering through music for

over 25 years.

In addition to the main sessions, participants will have the opportunity to choose two break out sessions.

Registration forms are available at Country Clutter and Promises & Praises in downtown Petoskey.

They are also available at Rainbow Christian Bookstore in Traverse City.

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Please place grass and brush out only on the above scheduled days. Grass and brush should be placed adjacent to the street or along the street curb line. Items should not be placed in the traveled portion of the street. Grass clipping and brush placed in plastic bags will not be picked up. The City crews will not be picking up any other items. If you have questions, contact the City Street Department at 547-3276.

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Obituaries

William Barber: March 19, 1926 - Jan. 29, 2006

William H. Barber, 79, of Boyne City, died on Jan. 29, 2006 at his home.

Born on March 19, 1926 in Bayshore, he was the son of the late George and Marion Barber.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Christian Science Church, as well as being a police officer and volunteer fireman.

Barber is survived by his wife, Lucille Kotesky Barber; three sons, William

G. Barber, James Barber and Jon Barber; four daughters, Cindy Couture, Bonnie Bannon, Teresa Cusak and Patty Edrington; one brother, Nelson Barber; five sisters, Ida Reed, Rena Ocenasek, Peggy McKone, Georgie Taft and Alma Mattson; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sylvia M. Barber; and a sister, Lena Morris.

Family and friends are invited to

attend a celebration of Barber's life from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 14 in the 4-H Center at the Emmet County Fairgrounds. A luncheon will be provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Challenge Mountain, 2205 Springbrook Road, Boyne Falls, MI, 49713.

Lee Funeral Home & Crematory of Little River/North Myrtle Beach is serving the family.

Robert R. Ware Jr.: March 18, 1913 - April 19, 2006



Robert Ware Jr.

Robert R. Ware, Jr. of Oak Park III, an emeritus member of the Belvedere Club, died peacefully at his Oak Park residence on April 19. He was 93. A memorial service

is planned for later this summer in the Chicago suburb.

Bob was born on March 18, 1913, in Chicago, Ill., the first child of Robert and Rea Ware and Elizabeth "Bessie" Dickerson Ware. His paternal grandparents, Elisha Clark Ware and Minnie A. Hanna Ware, were among the earliest to visit the Charlevoix Summer Resort Association, later the Belvedere Club. Five generations of Wares have enjoyed "The Cottage" (#212) in Charlevoix since their forebears first arrived in 1883.

In 1919, when Bob was six, the growing family moved to Oak Park, Ill. Here he attended William Beye Elementary School, where he met his future wife, Betty Craig. He graduated from Oak Park-River Forest High School and attended the University of Chicago, where he

majoring in business and was a proud member of Skull & Crescent honorary society as well as Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

On June 22, 1940, he married his childhood sweetheart in Oak Park, Ill. He was employed in the family firm founded by his father and uncles, Ware Brothers Manufacturing/Chicago Roller Skate Co. Learning the business from the ground up, "Robert Junior," as he was known at the plant, eventually rose to the rank of executive vice-president, a position he held until his retirement in 1983.

As a young man, Ware excelled in a number of individual sports such as swimming, wrestling, target shooting, archery, hunting and fishing. His favorite pastime, was sailing — a skill he developed under the expert tutelage of his uncles and father while summering in northern Michigan. One of his greatest thrills was crewing during a Mackinac race aboard Bill Witherspoon's "Bangalore." For many years he sailed his own boats out of Chicago Yacht Club's Monroe Street harbor.

An avid reader, Ware knew long passages of poetry by heart and could recite everything from the soaring Latin verse of Vergil's "Aeneid" to the bawdiest rhymes and barroom

ballads. Ware was also a harmonist extraordinaire and until recently could be seen blowing his "harp" in the company of the Oak Park Farmers' Market Musicians.

All of his adult life, Ware was active in the various churches to which he and his family belonged, participating as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, bell ringer, usher, youth chaperone on mission study tours, deacon and elder. At the time of his death, Ware was a member of the First United Church of Oak Park, a merged congregation (UCC and Presbyterian) housed in the former First Congregational Church, his boyhood church.

Preceded in death by Elizabeth, his wife of nearly 42 years, Ware is survived by one brother, Ralph C. "Mike" of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Jean W. Hanson of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; two grandsons, Robert and James Hanson; two great-grandchildren, Miles and Andrew; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to any of the following: American Heart Association; American Indian College Fund; Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation; The Nature Conservancy; Sail Chicago; or a charity of your choice.

Pat L. Dulaney: Aug. 27, 1917 - May 3, 2006

Pat (Rollin) L. Dulaney, 88, of Charlevoix, died on Wednesday, May 3 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

He was born Aug. 27, 1917 in Pellston to John and Nellie (Ward) Dulaney.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a past commander of the Grandville American Legion Post.

On Aug. 6, 1971 in Sault Ste. Marie, he married Sharon Boss, and she survives.

Pat worked as a well driller in the Grand Rapids and Charlevoix areas for over 50 years. He was a member of the Michigan Well Drillers Association. He was a founding member and treasurer

of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union #1775 in Grand Rapids. Pat enjoyed gardening, auto racing and antique tractors.

Pat was affiliated with the Bible Baptist Church of Charlevoix.

Also surviving are his children Lynda (Tim) Smith of Belding, James Dulaney of Rockford, Ill., Cory Dulaney of Atwood, Leah (Todd) Olson of Charlevoix, Cailin (Matt) Tacktor of Auburn, and Kelsey Dulaney of Charlevoix; daughter-in-law, Susan Dulaney, and son-in-law, Don Rose Jr. of Wyoming; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one brother, Roy (Wanda) Dulaney of Athens, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Rose; a son, Dale Dulaney; and siblings, Harlan, Carlin, Helen, Annis, Ivan, Esther, Lester and Fritz.

Funeral services took place on Saturday, May 6, at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Pastor James Green officiated. Burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Pat Dulaney Memorial Fund at the Charlevoix State Bank, P.O. Box 217, Charlevoix, 49720, or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

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Area Church Services

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New technology transforms voting in Marion Township

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By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

On May 2, Marion Township election results were transmitted from one of the oldest township halls using some of the latest and greatest technology.

The township hall, located off Marion Center Road, was built in the late 1800s. The fact that a phone line had never been added wasn't a problem until 2005 when the Help America Vote Act was enacted. The legislation required a change in election technology mandating results be transferred to the Charlevoix County Building, where election results are tallied, via phone line.

During the May 2005 Charlevoix Public Schools election, township clerk Tim Matchett and his fellow election officers took the ballot box to a nearby church where they hooked into a phone line to transfer the results.

"It lengthened the result time. We were the last ones to get our results in," Matchett said.

He said candidates were waiting at the county building and the paky process didn't work out.

"We needed a phone line to get the results transferred quickly. But there's no use for a phone line at the hall, except on election day," he said.

Township officials maintain home offices from which they conduct business and accept calls further supporting Matchett's claim that a township hall phone line is uneeded.

Matchett said the monthly service fee is a waste of money.

"The (Marion Township) board (of trustees) talked about it and we all said if there's an alternative we would like to pursue it," Matchett said.

This is where the township board used its resources to solve a problem. In June 2005, the Marion Township Planning Commission granted a special use permit to co-owners of Charlevoix Wireless. Desmond Milligan and Jacob Jensen, to build an antenna on the former Hoskins Manufacturing site off M-66 to provide high-speed wireless Internet service.

Jensen explained that the transmissions through Charlevoix Wireless support Voice Over Internet Protocol or VoIP, which allows customers to utilize functions like Internet telephones, and provided Marion Township election officials the on-site phone line they needed on election day.

"And we were the first in this year," Matchett proudly said.

Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon said this was the first time wireless transmission of election results has been done in Charlevoix

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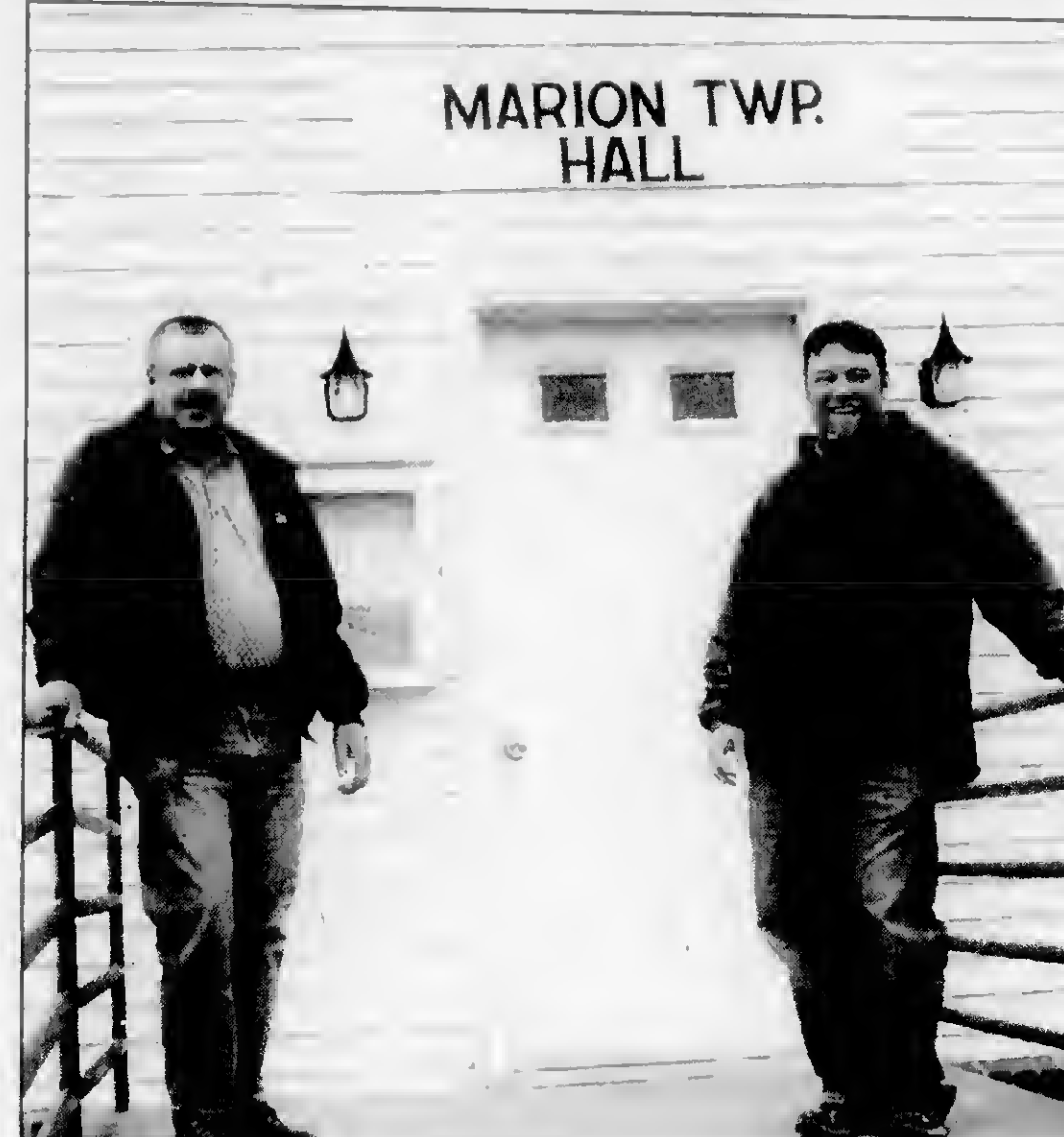


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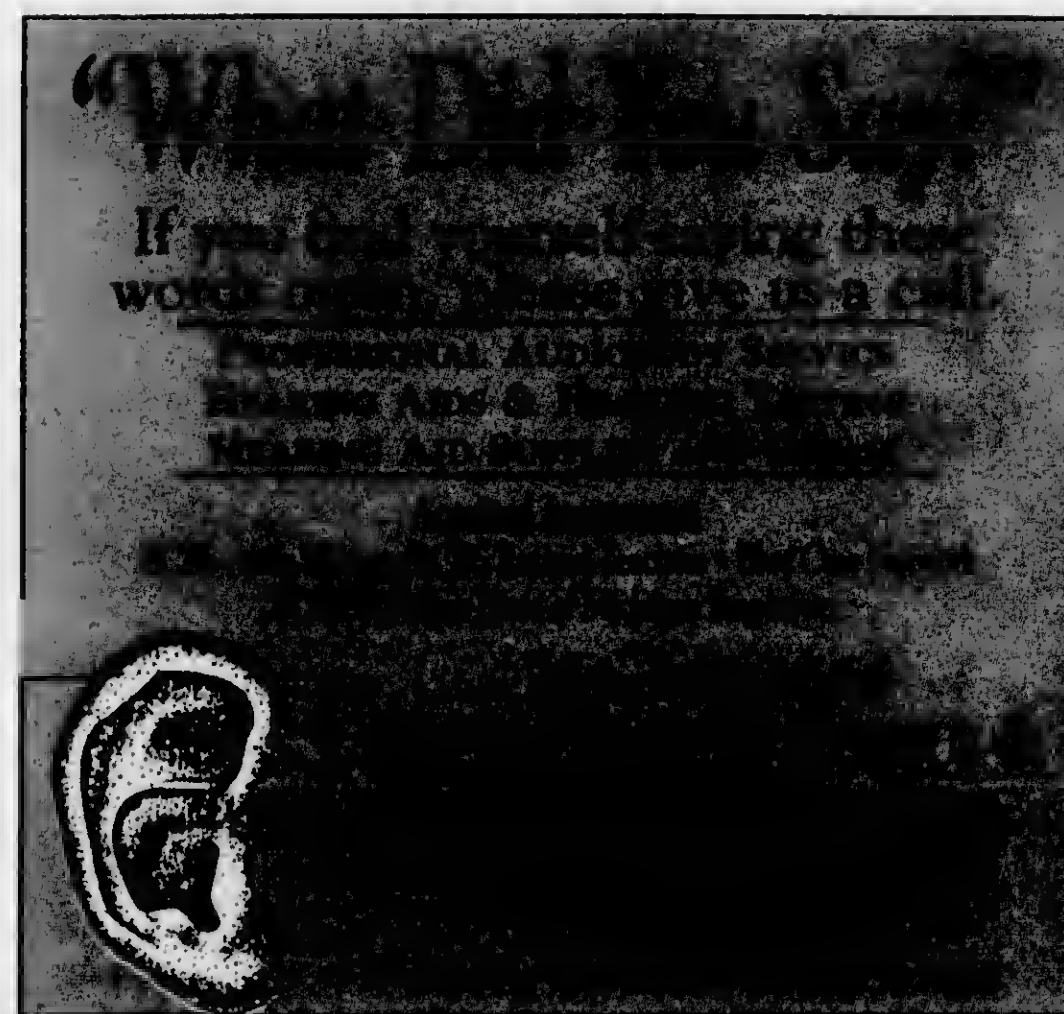
Marion Township clerk and election coordinator, Tim Matchett (left), stands with Jacob Jensen, co-owner of Charlevoix Wireless, outside the Marion Township Hall. Charlevoix Wireless was able to provide the township with a wireless phone line from which to submit election results on May 2.



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One of county's oldest halls integrates newest technology

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County.
"Everyone else uses a phone line," she said.

She said her preference is use of a phone line because there are two problems with wireless transmission.

"One, it's not secure. And two, it's not always dependable. I hope it continues to work excellent for them. I did tell them that if I don't hear from them by 8:10 p.m., by 8:15 p.m. it better be hooked into a phone line," she said.

Matchett has already contracted with Milligan to provide the wireless service for the August primary election and again in November for the general election.

This may also be the direction taken in Norwood Township, where the township hall is also without a phone line. Brannon said members of the Norwood Township Board of Trustees have been advised that a transmission solution must be implemented by the August primary election.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Using this box-shaped antenna, representatives of Charlevoix Wireless were able to assist in the election process in Marion Township. Norwood Township may have to explore this technology as well.

Assistant hired at Charlevoix Public Library

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce that Rebecca Parker has joined the staff as a library assistant.



Rebecca Parker

A Charlevoix native, Parker is a familiar face to many. She worked as volunteer coordinator at Charlevoix Area Hospital for seven years. Prior to that, she attended Michigan State

University where she received a degree in biology and spent a year in the U.S. Air Force. She also spent time in Hawaii where she worked at a hammerhead shark research lab.

Parker started volunteering at the library last November and joined the staff in March of this year. She has a daughter in third-grade and loves to spend time with her mother and daughter traveling and camping. She also raises white rock doves and releases them for events like weddings, funerals, ground breaking ceremonies and ribbon cuttings.

For more information about the library, call (231) 547-2651.



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St. Mary students on stage

Nicholas Snabes of the fourth-grade prepares to be thrown down a well for his beliefs during the annual St. Mary Spring Musical, "Joseph and the Dream Team Extreme," Thursday, April 27 at St. Mary School.

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BUSINESS

Bradford's relocates to Captain's Corner Plaza

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Bradford's Master Dry Cleaning's Charlevoix customers will have to bring apparel wearing a "dry clean only" tag to a new location.

After almost two decades serving the dry cleaning needs of area residents and visitors from their Hurlhut location near the street's intersection with Bridge Street, co-owners of Bradford's Master Dry Cleaners, Jeff and Brian Bradford, have moved the service store.

"We've had a positive response to the move," Brian Bradford said.

The new location, which they opened in April, is the former site of The Mariner Laundry laundromat located off M-66 in the Captain's Corner Plaza.

"The former owner wanted out. It was a win, win situation for her to sell and us to buy," Brian Bradford said.

The move brought with it more space from which to serve customers and an upgrade to the store. They completely remodeled the facility including installing new dryers and adding larger capacity

washing machines, a new soap machine and upgrading to granite countertops at the service desk. They now offer wash and fold service as well.

"The facility was fairly dated. We came in and made improvements to help both our customers and our employees," Brian Bradford said.

The new site currently employs six part-time employees.

While improvements have been made, they came at no cost to existing Bradford's of Charlevoix clients, who continue with the same price table offered at the Hurlhut location.

Bradford's specializes in all dry cleaning including servicing special materials like leather, suede and fur. They also offer alteration services through local tailor, Karen Baker. The brothers recently added a high-speed production flat iron press to its line-up of machines to offer high-volume bed sheet pressing. Brian said this is a perfect fit for area hotels gearing up for a busy tourism season.

The machine has been installed at Bradford's of Petoskey but drop-off service can be done through the



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Joanne Cebulski, a customer service representative for Bradford's Master Dry Cleaning of Charlevoix, assists longtime customer Jack Begrow at the store's new location in the Captain's Corner Plaza.

Charlevoix store.

"We pretty much do it all," Brian Bradford said.

Bradford's of Charlevoix is open

from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (231) 547-6861.

Crown Motors to host Kids Day event

Area residents and visitors are invited to the First Annual Kids Day to take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at Crown Motors of Charlevoix.

Drummond Valley Archery will be on hand to teach the kids to target shoot. A bounce house will be available and Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11 will be bringing their famous Pine Wood Derby track and cars for racing.

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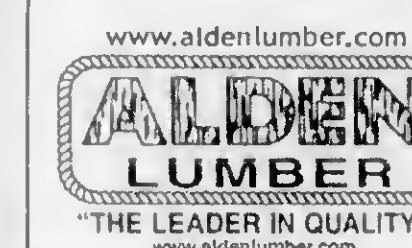
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City street superintedent to retire May 23

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The leader backing the work crew that keeps Charlevoix in tip top shape is leaving the roost.

John Martin, superintendent of the City of Charlevoix Street Department, has announced his May 23 retirement.

"Life's too short. There are other things I want to do yet," he said.

Martin, 63, who started with the city in 1972 as a patrolman under former police chief Jack Mol, has worn many important hats in the city. One was the fire chief's hat — he accepted that position in April 1982 and held it for 10 years. The second is that from which he'll retire this month, after over 14 years of service.

He said the move to the street department from the fire department was a natural step for him. In spite of his dedication to the fire department, Martin said his expertise prior to signing on with the city was as a contractor.

Since coming aboard, Martin has operated the growing street department with fewer staff members. His staff currently includes five equipment operators and a mechanic, only one of which he hired since becoming superintendent. The other five have been there as long, if not longer, than he has.

"We're just doing more of everything," he said. "I schedule the work and make sure it gets done."

Right now, department workers are in the throws of refurbishing benches and picnic tables for city parks and

picnic pavilions, and repainting the city's 50 green garbage bins.

With cool weather quickly warming and sunny days becoming more common, the crew is also busy patching holes in city streets and gearing up for a busy mowing season. During the peak tourist season, Martin's crew grows to include 17 part-time workers who tackle beach cleanup as well as mowing and maintenance at 30 locations stretching from the city's north to south limits.

They also assist in watering the petunia baskets along Bridge Street.

In the winter, Martin's five-man team is in charge of keeping city streets and 10 miles of sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

"You name it, we do it," Martin said.

Martin, who has maintained Charlevoix for over a decade, couldn't pinpoint his greatest accomplishment as superintendent.

Instead, he said he takes great pride in the whole shiny package he's leaving behind.

"Just look around town. Over the years, you do this, you do that. We kind of make Charlevoix what it is," he said.

Martin, is a 1960 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a resident of Marion Township, where he lives with his wife, Sonja.

His plan for retirement? More work of course. Martin plans to join his son, Mike Martin in their paving business, Asphalt Maintenance Service, operated out of a site off Clark Road.

Martin will also continue in his Marion Township Planning

Commissioner's seat which he has held for over five years.

Charlevoix City manager, Mike Wiesner, received 12 applications for the superintendent's job. Charlevoix resident Pat Elliott, landscape director for Site Planning Development Inc., has been named his replacement.

"I think under John's leadership the street department, and I stress the whole department, has raised the maintenance bar in the community. For the size of the crew we have, I'm very pleased with what they're able to get done and the quality of work they perform," he said.

"Not to downplay John, but any organization always look to improve. Whether we can or not remains to be seen, but that's my goal."

A complete profile on Elliott will appear in next week's Courier.



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John Martin (above), superintendent of the City of Charlevoix Street Department, has announced his May 23 retirement. Charlevoix resident, Pat Elliott, has been named as his replacement.

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Bouchard in Charlevoix to discuss Senate platform

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The sheriff of Oakland County stopped into Charlevoix last week to let people know why he should be elected to the U.S. Senate.

Mike Bouchard, 50 of Birmingham, has worked in law enforcement for nearly 20 years with an eight-year stint in the Michigan Senate.

"This is an opportunity to chat with people and find out what's on their minds and let them find out what my background is," he said.

Bouchard, a Republican, hopes to unseat the first Michigan woman elected to the U.S. Senate, Democrat Debbie Stabenow. But, he must first defeat Republican candidates Keith Butler and Jerry Zandstra in the Aug. 8 primary.

The foremost reason Bouchard is running is to help Michigan's ailing economy.

"Michigan is in a unique spot in the nation, by and large. There are only three states in America that have lost jobs two consecutive years, one is Michigan and the other two were hit by hurricanes," he said.

Bouchard said many people in Michigan don't realize how good the economy is in the rest of the country.

"We need that same kind of activity here," he said. "We need some kind of help from Washington and Lansing to help turn Michigan's economy around."

He added, "If kids want to leave the state, that's their choice, if they have to leave the state because there are no jobs, then shame on us."

As a member of the Joint Terrorism Task Force which includes organizations such as the FBI, Bouchard's other major concern is homeland security.

"I know we have some very real problems. I served at ground zero after 9/11 (Sept. 11, 2001) in New York," he said. "So, I know how that all plays out, and I know we've got some huge vulnerabilities that haven't been addressed."

He added, "You look at the response to Katrina — our response system is bureaucratic and overly cumbersome."

The members of the Government Accountability Office recently snuck enough radioactive material across the Michigan-Canadian border to make two dirty bombs.

"It's not a question of if another attack will happen, but when," Bouchard said.

Bouchard said he is right for the Senate seat because he has worked in the real world, unlike some politicians.

"The problem is you have a lot of people in Washington, nice people, but they don't understand a lot of these problems," he said. "Debbie (Stabenow) is a very nice person, I served with her in the state Senate, but she got out of college and immediately went into politics, and

she's been there ever since."

He added, "The important thing in our system is you have farmers and police officers and doctors and teachers — a broad base of people serving in political seats who are practitioners in the real world — so when a problem comes down the pike, it can be dealt with."

As a social and fiscal conservative, Bouchard is disgusted with what he sees occurring at the federal level.

"Even the Republicans are spending too much. They're spending my kids' future away with the deficit and the kind of pork that their pouring down the drain in Washington," he said. "They're like kids in the sandbox."

He added, "We need to figure out a way to get back to work."

Bouchard said common sense is out the window, but if elected, he will work to get things in order.

"I don't just talk about doing things, I get them done," he said. "I want to help Michigan get back to work."

Bouchard has a wife and three children.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Current Oakland County Sheriff, Mike Bouchard, had breakfast, May 5 at the Flap Jack Family Restaurant with some potential voters. Bouchard hopes to best Jerry Zandstra and Keith Butler in the August primary to be named the Republican who will eventually face Democratic incumbent, Debbie Stabenow.

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Government students discuss legislation project

After studying current major issues including a state-wide smoking ban, alternative fuels, and school funding and discussing their findings with state legislators in Lansing, Charlevoix High School government students returned home to share their experience with two local groups.

This past Thursday, May 4, the students met with the Charlevoix County Democratic Party.

Well informed student presenters were Chuck Mason, Shannon Dibble, Kenny Anderson and Isaac Matchett. Each explained their research, described their experiences in Lansing, fielded questions and asked a few themselves.

They also joined in the general questioning of recently announced Democratic candidate for the state house from the 105th District, Tom Bauer.

The government class project, directed by teacher AnneMarie Conway, allowed the students to study issues in-depth and then share the information with state representatives and senators.

Mason and Anderson researched a state-wide smoking ban and the current bill sponsored by Senator Ray Busham. They said their studies revealed that for over a year, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce has been influential in stalling the bill.

Referring to research by the American Medical Association and Harvard Medical School, Mason said, "There is no other way to put it, people will live better if smoking is banned."

The alarming state of public school finances was the focus of a discussion led by Dibble, a senior at Charlevoix High School.

Dibble pointed to the \$900,000 cuts in the school budget in Charlevoix and the expected need to cut \$1 million for the next year. Dibble and the audience exchanged comments on the various changes that have been made to Proposal A.

"Proposal A has been changed about 72 times," agreed Charlevoix County Commissioner Connie Saltonstall. "We have to restore the original funding."

When asked what can be done, teacher Conway added, "We need parents to complain."

Dibble highlighted how standards for graduation now include more core classes and foreign languages even though the budget is being cut.

"This is almost impossible," she said. "The state is not addressing the problem, and we are approaching the cliff's edge."

Alternative energy and the potential for state agriculture fascinated Matchett, who presented state legislators with a detailed analysis of the potentials of "bio-mass energy."

Using charts and statistics, Matchett advocated that ethanol based fuels for cars can be a plus for farmers who can plant more corn for the ethanol industry. Pointing to the profits being seen by Minnesota corn farmers and the boom in ethanol from sugar cane production

in Brazil for alternative fuels, Matchett said, "Biodiesel and ethanol appear more practical, more stable and more renewable than fossil fuels."

Looking at wind and solar alternatives as well, Matchett addressed legislative aides in Lansing using a power point presentation.

"My concern is that we look at all the options and not do anything. That will harm the environment down the road," he said.

At the end of the evening, Saltonstall said, "These students and their teacher are role models for all of us. We all need to be more actively involved."



Courtesy photo

Chuck Mason and Kenny Anderson, students in AnneMarie Conway's government class at Charlevoix High School, spoke to a group of area residents and legislators about one of their class projects on May 7 at the Weathervane Restaurant. The project included in-depth research of current social issues and one-on-one discussions with legislators.

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City of Charlevoix mayoral race may be contested

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson considers candidacy

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The November election in the city of Charlevoix is shaping up to be a political shoot out.

Even though the election is over six months away, planning for it has already started.

There will likely be competition for two of three open council seats and the mayor's seat may be contested as well.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. is finishing his first term as mayor and was a city councilman for four years prior to being elected mayor in 2004. The 39-year-old father of two said in spite of the enormous amount of time and energy he puts into his role as mayor, he plans to run again. According to city clerk Carol Ochs, his petition, officially stating his intention to run, has not yet been filed at city hall.

Last week, current third ward council member Shirley Gibson picked up a petition to run against

mayor Carlson. She said at this time she is unsure whether or not she will file.



Norman Carlson Jr.

If Gibson were to run and lose she would retain her third ward council seat. If she were to win city council would vote on who to appoint to her seat.

In the first ward, councilman Bill Haggard is up for reelection. Haggard has served on and off council for a total of five terms. He was not available by press time to confirm whether or not he will run.

If he does plan to throw his hat in the ring, he will face longtime former city fireman and EMT, Lyle

Gennett, who last week filed his petition to run in the first ward.

Gennett, 54, said he doesn't have a beef with Haggard, he just feels he could serve first ward city residents well as their councilman.

Gennett retired from the city fire department in June 2005 after 25 years of service. He said there are a few issues he would advocate as a councilman including creation of a full-time maintenance position at city hall and moving the Venetian Festival carnival out of downtown Charlevoix to the Castle Farms property located off M-66.

There will definitely be a contested second ward race as both incumbent Gabe Campbell and newcomer Greg Stevens have filed petitions to run.

Campbell, 73, said if elected to serve the two-year term, this will be his last go around on city council.

"If I win I'll be 75 at the end of

my term and I think it will be time to ride into the sunset," he said.

Campbell, who has spent 10 years as a councilman and two as mayor, said he opted to run again because constituents have approached him and asked that he

serve another term.

While competitors in the first and second wards have staked their claim to be in the running for open seats and grumbings of competition for the mayors job have surfaced, third ward competition has yet to be confirmed. As of Tuesday, May 9, no candidates had filed to run for the third ward seat.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain, whose seat is up in this election, has held the slot since 2000. He said if someone else files to run against him who he feels would serve the third ward well, he won't run again.

However, if no one files or someone files to run against him who he feels brings "prejudicial attitudes" to the table, he'll run for another term. To be eligible to run for mayor or first, second and third ward city council seats, nominating petitions have to be returned to city hall by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16. If more than two candidates file for any of the four open seats there will be a primary election on Aug. 8 to narrow the field to two.

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Charlevoix High School volleyball, softball coaching changes

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Two Charlevoix High School athletics department coaching changes were recently announced.

Marie Volovsek stepped down as the ninth grade girls' volleyball coach and Charlevoix High School mathematics teacher, Anne Gorney, was appointed as the new junior varsity softball coach.

According to Charlevoix High School athletic director Jim Kanine, those in the volleyball program will miss Volovsek, and the softball program is better for the addition of

Gorney.

"She's (Gorney) wanted to work in that program for a long time," Kanine said. "She's been very active in the athletic program during the five years I've been here and even before me. So, I'm happy to give her an opportunity to do some coaching."

Kanine said he thinks Volovsek was an outstanding member of the Charlevoix sports organization.

"She done a good job for us. We appreciate her efforts as a part of Liz Grunch's volleyball program and we wish her well," he said.

Volovsek, who teaches physical

education at St. Mary School, yoga at Southside Gym and ballroom dancing at Petoskey Community Education, said she resigned her position to spend more time with her family.

"I'll miss the girls, getting to know them and just helping them grow as athletes," she said. "I will continue to be involved as an observer and a fan."

Gorney teaches geometry and advanced math at Charlevoix High School. She has coached freshman volleyball and worked the scoreboard at girls' basketball, volleyball and baseball games.

Gorney said she looks forward to the rest of the softball season.

"It's a great sport with great kids — a great combination," she said. "I hope to accomplish solid team unity, to extend into Tony Zimmerman's (varsity softball coach) program. Tony's doing great stuff at the varsity level and it's exciting to be working under a coach who's that good."

She added, "He brings a lot of passion to it. I can learn from him and he respects what I have to say. He's an all-around great coach and great guy."

Gorney said she receives plenty

of help from her assistant coach, Waja Dixon and from Toni Felter who does the score books and helps with practice.

As Gorney's team continues to improve, she is confident they will learn much from one another.

"We're coming along and we're hoping to see good things out of them in the season," she said.

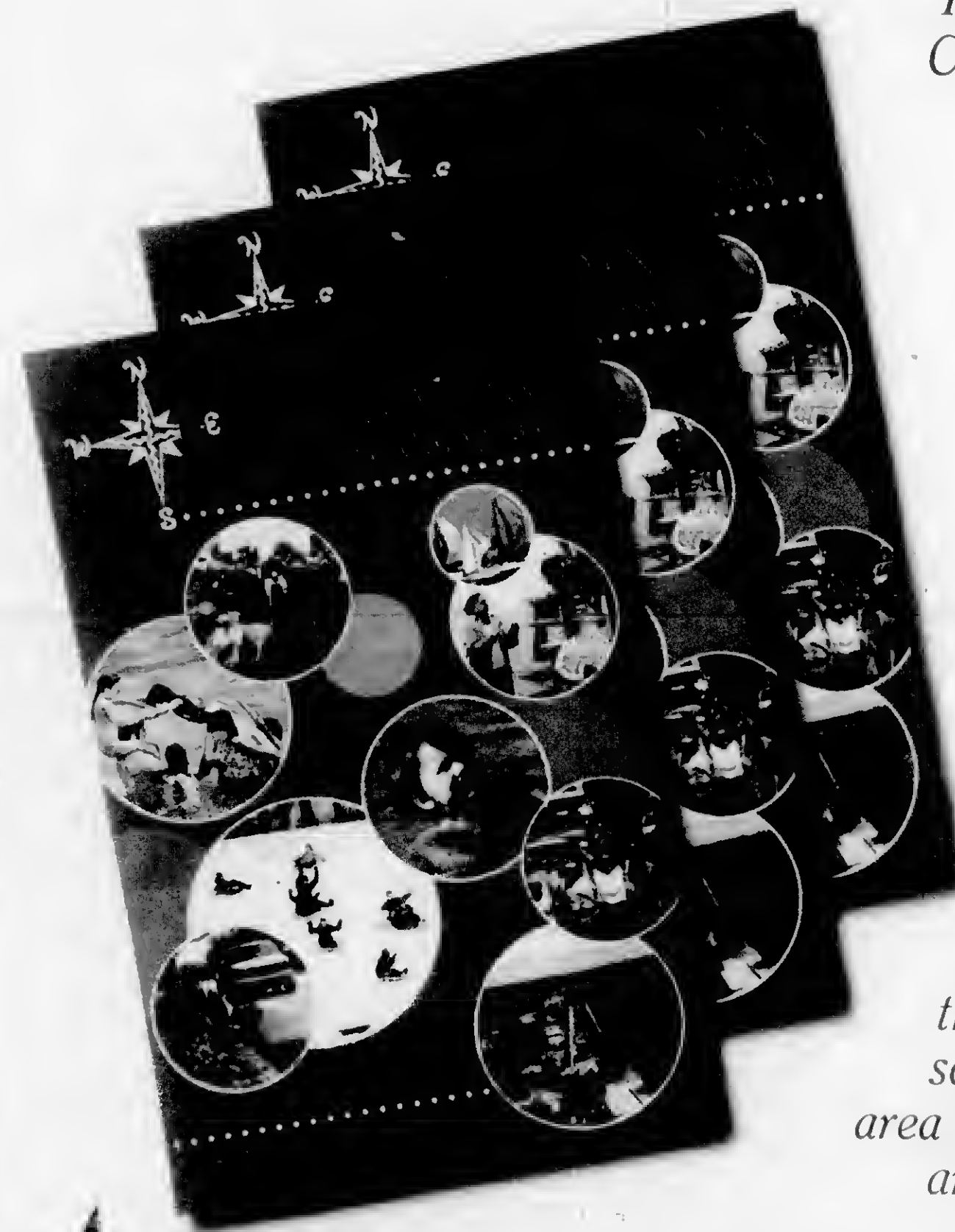
Gorney hopes to teach her girls, not only to enjoy the sport, but to be passionate about it.

"That's what drives you," she said. "And, teamwork is something they're going to need for the rest of their lives."

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The Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will take place on Saturday, May 13.

The walk has raised over \$100,000 for breast cancer research, hospice, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Camp Daggett scholarships.

Initially all money collected and donated during this walk went to the National Cancer Society and the walk was held under their direction. Four years ago it was decided that the money raised by the walk would be dedicated to local efforts and have gone to the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund which operates under the umbrella of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Another option for this money, if so directed, will go into the walk's endowment fund which has an attractive tax deduction.

There are a number of ways to participate in this activity. Individual walkers can collect contributions using the walker registration form available at two locations in downtown Charlevoix — Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 408 Bridge Street or Vacation Properties Network, located at 203 Bridge Street.

Registration for the walk starts at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, and the walk starts at 9 a.m.

Prizes for walkers will be given away following the walk, in East Park.

Those wishing to make a contribution may do so by sending a check to the Charlevoix County Community Fund, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Print the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund in the memo line.

Charlevoix Area Garden Club donates to Festival of Tables

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club recently donated a table and rustic place settings to the annual Festival of Tables event in Traverse City.

The festival, a fund-raising event open to the public, is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

"It's a great time to get together and enjoy these table decorations designed by both professionals and non-professionals," said garden club member, Linda Weston. "And, there is a silent auction."

Weston added, this event is for, "just about anyone who enjoys a good lunch and wants ideas for decorating for spring."

The theme of the table donated by the garden club is, "Three uninvited guests happen upon breakfast in the woods."

The table and setting, valued by the club at \$770 includes four place settings of Lotus Leaf Dinnerware, four place settings of Horn Handles Flatware, custom table linens and chair cushions, three stuffed bears, a bear picture frame, three lighted Christmas trees, a log birdhouse centerpiece and more.

The table and settings can be won in a raffle. A portion of the proceeds go to help the department of Child and Family Services throughout northwestern Michigan.

The club also uses the event as an opportunity to advertise their annual garden walk, which will occur this year on July 13.

For more information on the Festival of Tables, call (231) 946-8975.

For more information on the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, call Weston at (231) 547-6603.



Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Rhea Dow of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club puts the finishing touches on a table and setting which the Charlevoix Area Garden Club donated to the Festival of Tables in Traverse City. (Left) The decorated table donated by the garden club will be on display at the festival to take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.



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Noncompetitive women's triathlon to combat cancer



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(Above) Charlevoix resident and cancer survivor Michelle Rick-Biddick receives flowers from her friend, Gaye Hodge, after completing a solo triathlon in May 2005. This year, others are joining her in Tri*4*Fun Women's Triathlon, a non-competitive sporting fund-raiser to take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19.

Cub Scouts to conduct flag disposal ceremony

Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11 will be conducting a flag disposal ceremony at its May 22 pack meeting.

Flags that are no longer of service to individuals or businesses in the community can be brought to the pack meeting scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. on May 22 at Charlevoix Elementary School, located at 13513 Division Street.

To arrange pick-up of flags, call (231) 547-6862.

Charlevoix resident and cancer survivor Michelle Rick-Biddick is coordinating a women's triathlon to boost cancer awareness, research and education.

Rick-Biddick was diagnosed with breast cancer on Jan. 29, 2004. She said an early mammogram detected her cancer and saved her life. Her hope is to get more people aware of the importance of having mammograms and yearly physicals, which just might save one more life.

In 2005, she chose to run a personal triathlon to raise funds for two cancer support groups she avidly supports: Charlevoix Area Hospital's "Circle of Strength" and the Charlevoix/Emmet County Relay for Life.

This year, she invites survivors and other supporters to join her in Tri*4*Fun Women's Triathlon, a non-competitive sporting event to take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19.

A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 10 a.m. at Shanahan Field at the corner of Waller and Old Orchard roads.

The event will include a scenic 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim. The bike portion starts in Petoskey and winds along

the shore of Lake Michigan and ends at the community pool. The run extends from the pool, along a rural road and loops back to the pool property.

Participants can register to participate in all three events individually or as a team. Registration fees are \$100 for a team of two or three and \$50 per individual.

This year's triathlon is a fund-raiser for two local cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

Registration forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton Street in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

A post-race party for participants

and volunteers will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. the day of the event at Harbor Health and Fitness.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail WATCH@Core.com.

Financial support for Tri*4*Fun can be sent to 7510 Dalton Road, Charlevoix, MI, 49720, attention M. Rick-Biddick. Checks can be made out to Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders or Circle of Strength-CAH Foundation.

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Recovery High students assist local family in reaching goal

The recent story of a terminally ill mother's attempts to raise money to allow her and her children to return to her homeland tugged at the hearts of local teenagers who themselves have experienced hardship.

Charlevoix County Probate and Family Court operates a community based substance abuse program called Recovery High, as well as a court school in Boyne Falls called Great Lakes Academic Center. According to probate Judge Fred Mulhauser, young people involved in both programs wanted to do something to help raise money for the family.

"These kids, on their own initiative, raised almost \$1,500 to help this family achieve their dream," Mulhauser said.

Tin Allen, a Recovery High foster parent and staff member at Great Lakes Academic Center, said the kids played a large role in making the spaghetti dinner benefit a reality.

According to Allen, 35 young people from Great Lakes Academic Center, Recovery High and Boyne City Alternative Education volunteered to set up, prepare and serve food for over 200 people at the event. In addition to the meal, a silent auction was held to raise funds.

"The underpinning of recovery and rehabilitation is to care about others and to realize that what you do affects how other people experience their lives. Every one of the kids who stepped forward with compassion to help this family, took a giant step forward in their own lives as well," Mulhauser said.

Danni Sherwood, program coordinator for the Recovery High program, said the \$1,427 raised was presented to Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders founder, Linda Gardner, to assist Boyne City resident Daniela Emig and her children Sasha and Kevin in their relocation to Germany. The Emigs flew home on Thursday, May 4, to be reunited with their extended family.

Mother's Day Walk for Peace to take place on Saturday

The Women for Peace of Charlevoix County are sponsoring a Mother's Day Walk for Peace at noon on Saturday, May 13, in Charlevoix. Participants are asked to gather at 11:45 a.m. at the bandshell in East Park, to wear a black armband and to bring a flower. Following a short ceremony, refreshments will be served in the meeting room of the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 109 Clinton St.

For details, call JoAnne at (231) 547-4820, Meg at (231) 582-7689 or Charlene at (231) 536-2817.



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Cody Marr and Jonathon Noonan, youth in the Charlevoix County Probate Court rehabilitation program, serve a spaghetti dinner to benefit a Boyne City family with a dream of returning to their roots in Germany.

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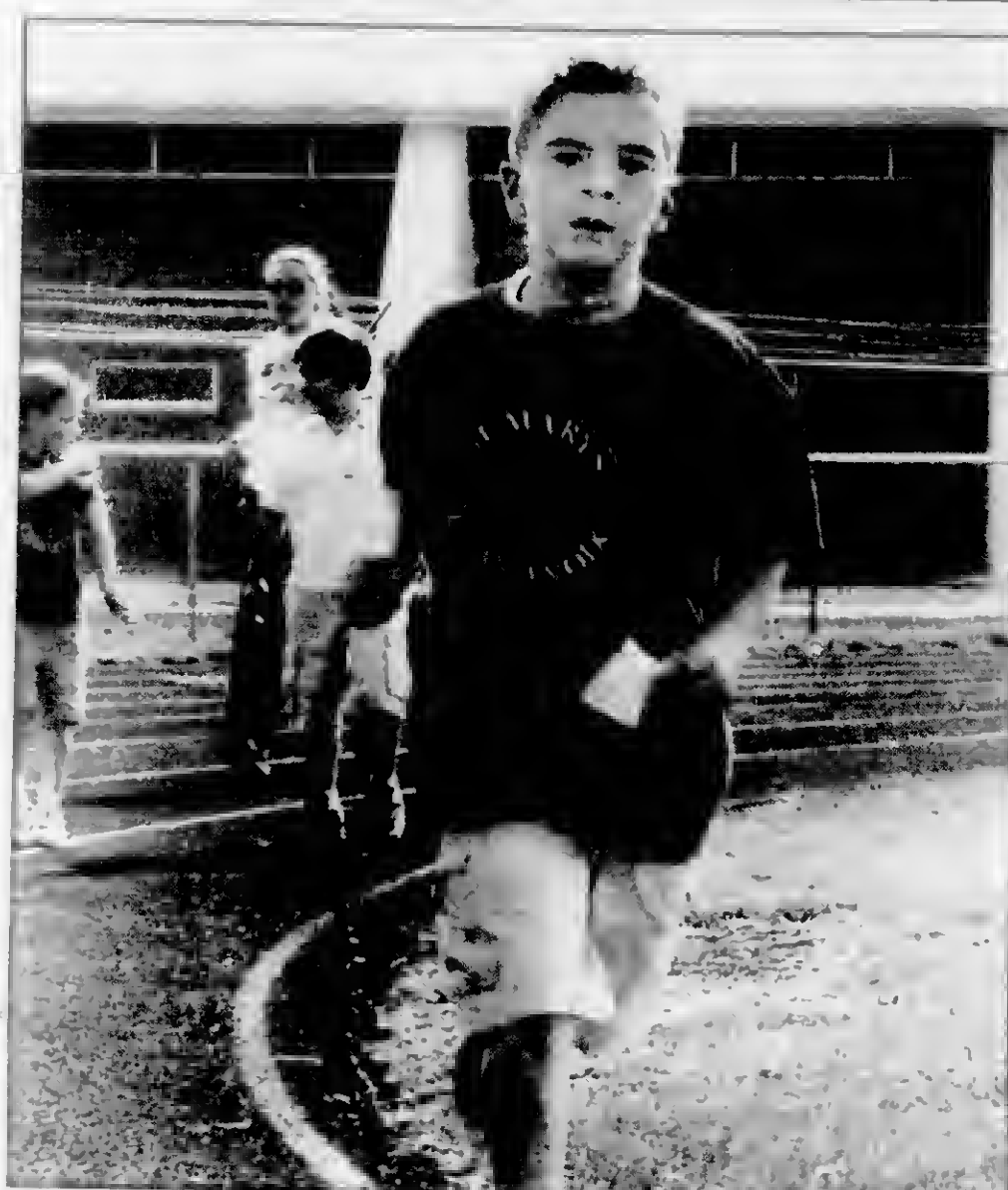


Photo by Julie Witthoef

Can't catch me

Students at St. Mary School participated in the All Children Exercising Simultaneously one-day youth exercise program, May 3, at Charlevoix Middle School. The program is coordinated by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness to highlight the importance of youth fitness. (Above) Austin Putman, 8, races around the track during one of five laps he completed that morning.

Lady Rayder soccer team loses first game this season to Gaylord

The Rayder girls' soccer team, coming off two strong wins, dropped their first match of the season to Division 2 Gaylord on Friday, May 5.

Gaylord scored early in the first half on a breakaway, in the 2-1 Rayder loss. The Blue Devils then scored again early in the second half on a direct kick from the 20-yard marker.

Charlevoix rebounded and began to dominate play. The Ramsey sisters connected to get the Rayders on the board when older sister Madison assisted sophomore Ariel on a goal. The Rayders had several other chances to tie the match but couldn't get it past the keeper on 13 second half shots. Ariel Ramsey was named the Rayder Player of the Game.

"This was a good match for us in preparation for the tournaments. We played well in the second half and didn't panic. We just ran out of time to score," coach Carol Madison said.

This loss was preceded by yet another star studded shutout when the Rayders beat Elk Rapids 1-0 in overtime.

The Rayders prevailed in a physical Lake Michigan Conference match at Elk Rapids on Thursday, May 4.

Charlevoix, playing without goalie, Laura Nitchman, received an outstanding effort in goal from freshman Tammy Potter to outlast the Lady Elks. Potter turned away 14 shots, including three breakaway opportunities to record the Rayder's seventh shutout of the season.

Charlevoix managed 21 shots on the night but was unable to connect during regulation as the Elks packed the defense in. Finally, just a few minutes into overtime, senior sweeper, Stevie Murray, sent a beautiful corner kick opportunity across the goal mouth. Freshman, KC McCary, headed the ball toward the net where it was bobbled by the Elk Rapids keeper. Junior, Lori Zimmerman, put the ball away for the Rayder victory.

Charlevoix received outstanding effort throughout the roster. Potter was named Rayder Player of the Game. The Charlevoix coaches also lauded the play of Lisa Kuebler, Madison and Ariel Ramsey, Zita Anderson, Kaleigh Blanchard and Meredith Rich.

Going into the tough match-up with the Elks, the Rayders tallied a win over Boyne City on May 1.

Coach Madison said, "Boyne City

brought excellent goaltending, giving Charlevoix their toughest test of the season thus far."

Playing into a strong wind, the Rayders took 11 shots in the first half, finally connecting when senior tri-captain Murray sent a corner kick across to Ariel Ramsey for the header into the net.

Boyer tied the match in the second half on a penalty kick taken by their goalkeeper, Lindsey Baic, awarded for a handball in the penalty area. Sophomore midfielder, Becca Madison, third team all-state in 2005, got the Rayders back on top to stay with a rocket shot past Baic on a drop pass from senior Madison Ramsey. The same combination worked again minutes later to put the match on ice.

Charlevoix also received excellent play from Kaleigh Blanchard up front, freshmen Bridget Peters, McCary and Rich and sophomore, Danii Bergmann in the midfield. Nitchman, stopped five shots to earn the Rayders eighth win in goal.

Charlevoix, now 9-1 overall, played East Jordan in a Lake Michigan Conference match on Monday, May 8. Results from this game were not available by press time.

Errors leading to loss damper softball team's winning spirit

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The Rayder girls' varsity softball team fell to a strong team and a series of fundamental errors at Kalkaska, losing 11-1 in the first game and 11-0 in the second.

Despite a recent series of success, coach Tony Zimmerman said the lady Rayders continue to struggle with the issue of confidence in their ability to maintain a winning record.

He believes that the losses were only a minor setback and has faith his team will be able to pick themselves up and return their winning ways.

"We lacked focus, it is still hard for the girls to believe they belong at the top of the heap," he said.

The Rayders continued to grow as a solid team on the mound with Amber Hoffman pitching the first game, but she was unable to shake Kalkaska's strong batting abilities.

Pitching the second game, Desi Faust faced the challenge of the

Blazers' ability to find the ball and hit it to the open spot.

Zimmerman said his coaching staff has continued working to bolster his team's confidence in their playing abilities as well as in themselves.

"The staff knows that they can develop into one of the better teams in the conference, the trick is getting them to believe it too," he said.

According to Zimmerman, the team held a players-only meeting after the match and they now consider themselves better prepared for whatever the rest of the season has in store for them.

"After talking awhile, they came back with the winning attitude the coaching staff has been working to instill in them, they really snapped out of it," he said.

The Rayders' next game will take place at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 at Cheboygan. That game will be followed by a home match to take place at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 against Boyne City.

City of Charlevoix rec softball league openings are available

The Charlevoix Recreation Department has openings in the men's, women's and co-ed slow pitch leagues.

The men's league will play games on Tuesdays and Thursdays, women's on Mondays, and co-ed on Mondays and Wednesdays if

there are more than six teams.

Openings are also available for the girls' fast pitch traveling teams. This is for girls ages 8-18.

For more information please call the recreation department at (231) 547-3253.

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CHS baseball team claims one of two at Birch Run Tourney

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

After falling seven consecutive games, the Rayders boys' varsity baseball team began to recover to claim one of two games at the Birch Run tournament.

On Sunday, May 7 Charlevoix advanced past Suttons Bay 5-3 only to fall to their host Birch Run 6-0 at the Birch Run Big Cat Tournament.

In the first game, Matt Teuscher pitched seven innings for a complete game and Shannon Gillespie and Danny Waldron each had two hits to help the Rayders defeat Suttons Bay.

Gillespie offered two runs and a double to help the Rayders solidify the win.

Cliff Jones, Teuscher and Eddie Waldron provided hits for Charlevoix in the second game of the tournament as the Rayders succumbed to the Panthers of Birch Run in pool play.

Heading into the Birch Run Big Cat Tournament, the Rayders fell to both Clio and Kalkaska.

On Saturday, May 6, in a nine-inning preview to the Birch Run tour-

namment, the Rayders were held at bay by strong pitching and aggressive offense as Clio improved to 17-4 overall with an 11-2 victory.

Cliff Jones, Jon Putnam and Teuscher each had a single and a double to start a late seven-hit rally from the Rayders. Relief pitcher Danny Waldron allowed just one run in three innings against the Mustangs.

On Wednesday, May 3, Charlevoix dropped two games to Kalkaska, losing the first game 11-9 and the second 6-0.

In the opener, Kalkaska pitcher Bobby Deeds held the Rayders back in a closely contested match-up. The Blazers' Jimmy Peters (3-4) scored three runs and Cory Heier (3-4) scored twice. Andrew Farrier and Andrew Vandergriff each added two hits for Kalkaska.

Kyle DeYoung offered a homerun, a single and two RBIs and Teuscher had two hits to keep Charlevoix in the game.

Peters was the winning pitcher for the Blazers in the nightcap, tossing a one-hitter with nine strikeouts.

Deeds went 3-3 from the plate and scored three runs while Vandergriff

and Peters added two hits each for Kalkaska.

Drew Klooster had the Rayders' only hit of the game.

Charlevoix coach Allen Telgenhof was not available for comment before press time.

The Rayders varsity boys' baseball team will play next at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at Cheboygan Area High School and again at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at home against Boyne City.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS
Monday, May 15, 2006 - 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street

The Charlevoix City Council is seeking public input on proposed amendments to the Charlevoix City Charter. The resolutions, if adopted by Council and approved by the Governor of the State of Michigan, will be submitted to the City's electors at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

The proposed changes would:

- Eliminate conflicts between the current Charter wording with the State election laws and procedures.
- Change the meeting times for the board of review to meet State law requirements, and eliminate the mandatory presence of the assessor at the meetings.
- Change the date and time of Council's annual organizational meeting.
- Define the Deputy Mayor voting rights in the Mayor's absence.
- Change the annual due date of the capital budget to match that of the operating budget.
- Add a provision that the City Manager be appointed to a three-year term and may be reappointed based on qualifications.
- Place a three-month limit on employee severance.

Drafts of the complete resolutions, as well as the sections of the Charter that would be affected, will be made available to the public in the Office of the City Clerk as of May 10, 2006.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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Rayder track teams take first at meets

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayder boys' and girls' track and field teams met on May 8 at home against Boyne City, Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis.

More than halfway through the season, the boys finished with another first place win with 114 points. They were followed by Kalkaska, Traverse City St. Francis and Boyne City.

"They're a deep team and they're very healthy," said coach Ken Plude. "That's going to be the big help the rest of the way through the season."

Plude attributes the team's successes this year to hard work and cohesiveness.

Discus 1, Jeff Golovich 136 feet 5 1/2 inches 3, Trevor Cole 109-11.

Long jump 1, Mike DiMartino 20-3 2, Darron Munson 20-1 3, Josh Saur 19-1 1/4.

High jump 2, Matt Kanine 5-6.5, Chase Beatty 5-2.

Shot put 1, Jeff Golovich 42-10.3, Cole 38-8 1/2.

200-meter dash 3, Dan Elliot 25.1 4, Dan Swenor 25.2.

Pole vault 3, Cliff Jones 13-4, Hunter Boss 11.

110-meter hurdle 2, Golovich 15.8 seconds 5, Saur 17.4.

100 2, Swenor 11.92 3, Kanine 11.99 5, Roh Shitler 12.1.

800 1, Charlevoix 1 minute 36.8 seconds.

1600 2, Brandon Stevens 4:32 4, Alex Buday 5:04.

400-meter relay 1, Charlevoix 46.6.

400 5, Stevens 58.4.

300 1, Scott Plude 42.5 5, Brock Yenglin 50.5.

800 1, Nate Sotuyo 2:04 2, Munson 2:06.3 3, Jacob Hunt 2:10.6 5, Billy Roloff 2:14.

3200 4, Isaac Matchett 10:49 5, Nick Wimmer 11:09.

1600 2, Charlevoix 3:42.8.

The lady Rayders also continue to do well this season as they took first place for 85 points.

The lady Rayders were followed by Traverse City St. Francis in second with 58 points, Boyne City in third with 55 points and Kalkaska in fourth with 24 points.

Pole vault 3, Shauna Spenceley 6.

Discus 2, Caitlin Cole 96-9.2.

Long jump 1, Alyssa Smith 15-7.

High jump 1, Smith 4-8.

Shot put 3, Cole 30-11.

3200-meter relay 1, Charlevoix 11:17.

100-meter hurdle 1, Emily Heffling 16.9 3, Tanya Wynkoop 19.8.

800 2, Charlevoix 1:57.3.

1600 1, Edger 5:32.7 2, Alina Dhaseleer 5:51 3, Kristina Alden 6:26.

400 relay 3, Charlevoix 56.1.

400 1, Brittney Lamh 1:04.2 3, Ellise Smolensky 1:07.7 4, Chantel Novotny 1:08.7.

300 1, Heffling 52.9 2, Michelle Bunke 56.6.

800 1, Lamh 2:36.5.

200 3, Shannon Dibble 29.9 4, Novotny 30.4.

1600 1, Charlevoix 4:32.2.

Leading up to this week's action, the boys' took first place at the Clare Invitational.

The Rayders finished first with a total of 120.5 points out of 11 teams in competition on Friday, April 28.

Shot put 3, Jeff Golovich, 44 feet 6.5 inches.

Discus 2, Golovich 141-8.

Pole vault 5, Boss 11-6 8, Kyle Jones 10.

High jump 4, DiMartino 5-7.2 6, Saur 5-7.1.

Long jump 2, DiMartino 18-9.5 8, Saur 17-6.

3200 meter relay 1, Sotuyo, Wimmer, Munson, Stevens eight minutes, 13.2 seconds.

400 7, Jones, Kanine, Golovich, Elliot 47.70.

600 1, Plude, Stevens, Sotuyo, Munson 3:32.

400-meter dash 1, Munson 51.50.

100-meter run 2, Sotuyo 2:00.2.

200 7, Buday 10:37.40.

200 meter dash 6, DiMartino 24.2.

110-meter hurdles 4, Golovich 16.64.

8, Plude 17.59.

Intermediate hurdles 2, Plude 42.10.

800 3, Elliot, DiMartino, Joe Graham, Munson 1:35.90.

1600-meter run 3, Stevens 4:40.20.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

The next Biz Breakfast Friday is Friday May 12th at 7:30am, at the Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant

Stop down and enjoy a great breakfast buffet, and listen to Lyn Jenks from Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation speak about her trip to Kenya.

Blossom Festival at Friske Orchards

Join the springtime celebration of fruit tree blossom time at Friske Orchards on May 20th with a Pancake Breakfast, Pick-A-Blossom Sale at the Country Haus, special guest, Johnny Appleseed, storytelling, balloon art, juggling, magic and more. Take a wagon ride and/or stroll through the blossoms. It's a bushel of fun at Friske's. Call 599-2604 for more information.

Memorial Day Parade

The town of Charlevoix celebrates Memorial Day on May 29th. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at Brookside Cemetery at 9am. The parade begins at 10am from East Garfield ending with a short ceremony in East Park.

ACACIA Decommissioning Ceremony

We are all hoping the U.S.C.G. Cutter ACACIA will have its time extended in Charlevoix where it has been homeported since its arrival on June 15, 1990. The United States Coast Guard has scheduled the Decommissioning Ceremony for the ACACIA on June 7, 2006 at 10:00am. Also at 6:30pm, the U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Band will perform a special concert in honor of the ACACIA and its crew in downtown Charlevoix at the band pavilion. The ACACIA, "Ace of the Lakes" is the last of its kind, the 180-foot seagoing buoy tenders built between 1942 and 1944. ACACIA was commissioned on 01 September 1944 in Duluth, MN and was one of the latter tenders built during the wartime effort. Come out on June 7 to show your appreciation of the ACACIA and its officers and enlisted personnel, who have been such a wonderful and integral part of our community.

2006 Car Raffle

Thanks to the crew at Crown Motors of Charlevoix, and Car Raffle Chairman, Kirby Dipert, the Chamber has acquired a 2006 Pontiac Solstice convertible, which will be raffled off to a lucky winner at a special "After Hours" event on Thursday, September 14 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. The success of this year's event is especially vital as moving time has arrived. Due to the upcoming marina and park renovations, the Chamber must raise the funds necessary to relocate to our new office on Mason Street this fall. Tickets will again be \$100 each. In addition to this fabulous car, there will be three cash winners totaling \$1000. Admission is free to ticket holders, and as always, there will be great food and entertainment. Call 547-2101 for more information. We are your Chamber of Commerce, and we value your support!



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| May 13 | Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk 675-3310 |
| May 19-20 | Little Traverse Conservancy - Garlic Mustard Control Outings 347-0991 |
| May 20 | Get to Know the Susan Creek Nature Preserve 347-0991 |
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Crooked Tree 20th century photo exhibit

The Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey will offer the 20th Century Photographic Masters Exhibition, an exhibit of some of the most significant photographic images taken this past century.

The exhibit was made possible by loans from David and Teresa Crouse, Jay and Laura Crouse, Karen and Ron Miller and Virginia Crouse photography collections. Show doors will open from 5 to 9 p.m. on May 19. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Photographic greats on display range from Ansel Adams to W. Eugene Smith, to Steve McCurry. Other photographers with work represented include Henri Cartier-Bresson, Andre Kertesz, Yousuf Karsh, William Eggleston, Jean Paul Caponigro, Edward Weston, Brett Weston, Milton Greene and Eugene Smith.

David Crouse is a broadcaster and producer with notable career highlights including television interviews with former presidents George Herbert Walker Bush and Richard Nixon. His focus over the past several years has been to purchase iconoclastic photos including original images from Life Magazine, the Associated Press, the New York Times and Time-Warner Communications.

Jay Crouse, of Sarasota, Fla., founded a fine art photography gallery, the Atlanta Gallery of Photography, in 1977 in the Southeast. He has focused his collection primarily on the works of Henri Cartier-Bresson, Andre Kertesz and William Eggleston.

David and Jay Crouse will present a Coffee at Ten gallery talk speaking on the exhibition at 10 a.m. May 23 in the Edith Gilbert Gallery at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Both the 20th Century Photography Masters Exhibition opening from 5 to 7 p.m. on May 19 and the Coffee at Ten at 10 a.m. on May 23 are free and open to the public.

The exhibition will be on display from May 19 through June 19. For more information, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337.

United Way surpasses its \$175,000 goal



Jennifer Archambault, co-chair for the CharEm United Way campaign to provide funding for local health and human service programs, stands by the barometer reflecting the group's success in surpassing its 2005-2006 fund-raising goal.

CharEm United Way recently announced that \$187,318 has been donated and/or pledged toward its 2005-2006 campaign to provide funding for local health and human service programs.

This amount raised is 7 percent over the fund's goal of \$175,000.

"We are pleased with the success of the campaign and grateful for the generosity of the community," said Michael Atchison, campaign co-chair. "The success of the campaign will enable CharEm United Way to distribute a significant amount of funds to local agencies in our upcoming allocation process."

Jennifer Archambault, campaign co-chair added, "The success of the campaign that we have just completed means that we can set an even more ambitious goal for the coming year. We will kick-off the 2006-2007 campaign in September, with the 3rd Annual Day of Caring."

The following agencies received funding from the CharEm United Way Community Care fund in 2005: American Red Cross, BASES,

Bergmann Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boyne City Preschool Camp McSaub, Catholic Human Services, Charlevoix Alano Club, Charlevoix Senior Center, Child and Family Services, Crooked Tree Girl Scout Council, Exceptional Riders, Holy Childhood Daycare, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Living Room Adult Day Care, Lutheran Child and Family Services, Michigan Dyslexia Institute, RSVP, Salvation Army, Scenic Trail Boy Scout Council, Third Level Crisis Intervention and the Women's Resource Center.

The CharEm United Way Community Care fund is comprised of non-designated pledges. Agencies apply for funding by submitting a written application and making a formal presentation in front of local volunteers. The local volunteers then make recommendations to the CharEm United Way board of directors who award the grants to the agencies.

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"While we acknowledge the significance of these signs as they relate to the real estate industry and individuals buying or selling property, we also are keenly aware of the need to keep the right-of-way clear for the safety of Michigan motorists and pedestrians," said Andy Holmes, north region associate engineer for operations.

These signs are required to be more than 30-feet from the edge of the roadway (white line) for highways that do not have barrier curbs. For highways with barrier curbs, the signs must be more than 3-feet from the back of the curb.

Also, signs are not permitted within clear vision areas at intersections or commercial driveways, so that they do not interfere with the sight distance of a driver. Directional signs are prohibited adjacent to state highways. No signs may be placed along freeways or ramps, within the limits of freeway interchanges, or along other roadways with limited or controlled access restrictions.

Improperly placed signs will be removed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. These signs will be held for seven days at the local Michigan Department of Transportation office or maintenance garage, after which time they will be discarded.

These requirements also are formally communicated to local real estate companies each year as a courtesy.

Scenic Michigan to host May 11 sign and lighting workshop

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is sponsoring a workshop hosted by Scenic Michigan on the importance of regulating signs and lighting.

The workshop will take place at 7 p.m. on May 11 in the training room in the basement of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's building.

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CMU purchases the U.S. Coast Guard boathouse on Beaver Island

New and safer adventures await Central Michigan University students, faculty and staff with the purchase of the former U.S. Coast Guard boathouse on Beaver Island.

The boathouse, which was purchased with gifts of more than \$1 million, will enhance teaching and research activities conducted at the Central Michigan University Biological Station on the island. The 2,850-square-foot facility includes storage for boats and equipment.

"The boathouse is a safe base of operation for vessels used for instruction and research on northern Lake Michigan," said James Gillingham, director of the Central Michigan University Biological Station and a professor of biology. "The additional space also will attract more users from other institutions interested in instruction and research."

Central Michigan University students and faculty use boats to visit smaller islands where instruction in botany, fish and wildlife management, and biological research is conducted.

Central Michigan University offers summer classes taken by hundreds of students annually from throughout Michigan. Research by Central Michigan University students and faculty, as well as visiting scholars, is conducted in the spring, summer and early fall. Researchers collaborate with government agencies from the Michigan departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Natural Features Inventory, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Buying and improving the boathouse property cost \$1.25 million. All but \$78,000 has been raised through



Courtesy photo

Central Michigan University recently purchased the U.S. Coast Guard boathouse on Beaver Island to enhance educational opportunities at the university's biological station on the island.

gifts so far. Annual operating expenses, which will be paid for from an endowment funded by gifts, are projected to be about \$5,000 for utilities and maintenance. The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees approved buying the privately owned property last fall if the purchase price could be raised through gifts.

"Alumni and other supporters of CMU met the challenge," said Robert Kohrman, dean of Central Michigan

University's College of Science and Technology. "We were confident we could reach the goal, and our supporters confirmed that with their gifts. The college is grateful for the generosity of donors and their support for the programs and research being conducted at the CMU Biological Station on Beaver Island."

For more information, call Kohrman at (989) 774-1870 or Gail Moore at (989) 774-3773.



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Pictured above are the first place winners for each age group in the Charlevoix United Methodist Church Pioneer Club's annual regatta. (From left) Pathfinder, Janessa Houghton with her boat, Rainbow; trail-blazer, and grand champion, Mariah Zawisza with her boat, Acacia; voyager, Mickenzie Gould with her boat, Ice Breaker; and scooter, Kody Gould with his boat, Sailing the Ice Age. Zawisza was awarded the Golden Sailboat for her accomplishment.

Methodist church Pioneer Club Regatta winners announced

The Pioneer Club, a national Christian scouting program, is presented weekly from October through April at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, for children in Kindergarten through sixth grades.

At the meetings participants are taught Christian values and life skills through hands-on activities, Bible study and games and are awarded activity badges for their lessons. The kids also collect pop cans throughout the season to raise money for an orphanage in Russia.

Recently, the Pioneer Club celebrated the end of its meeting season with a Regatta. At the end of the season event the club members sanded, assembled and decorated their own boat and raced them. Family and church members joined the celebration with a luau potluck dinner.

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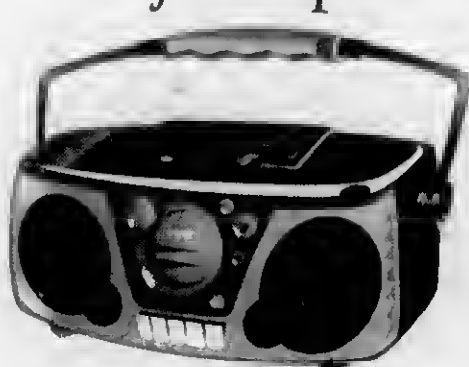
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

May 12 Lincoln Day Dinner

The Charlevoix County Republicans are gathering for their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Friday, May 12, at the Mountain Grand Lodge at Boyne Mountain.

The featured speaker is David Brandon, a member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Brandon, who is chief executive officer of Domino's Pizza Inc., serves on the board of several non-profit organizations, including Detroit Renaissance. He is also heading up Dick DeVos' campaign to become Michigan's next governor.

Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and Republican candidates for U.S. Senate, Michael Bouchard, Keith Butler and Jerry Zandstra, will also be in attendance.

The public is invited to attend the dinner and related events, which will begin with a 6 p.m. cash bar reception followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person. For reservations and entrée selection, call Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Linda Wertz at (231) 547-8980.

May 13 Sailing seminar

A Racing Rules and Sailing Sharp seminar will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 13 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue in Charlevoix.

The seminar is designed around the concept that knowing the racing rules of sailing, makes racing an enjoyable and safe contest while using skill, seamanship, and applying the principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

The conversation will include all elements of a race and the 2005-2008 rules that apply. Seminar handout material will be given to each participant.

The event is open to all sailors, including those racing under one-design and handicap rating systems.

Panelists include U.S. Sailing cer-

tified judges: Allan A. Teske, Robert Sargent, Ted Jones, Beth Hanson, Jerry Thomas, Andrew J. Kiener and Nancy Glover.

The cost of the seminar is \$25. A lunch is included in the cost and will be provided by the yacht club.

Participants are asked to bring a rule book. To register, or for more information, call (231) 547-9170.

May 11, 14 LTCT production

Little Traverse Civic Theatre's 60th anniversary production of "You Can't Take It With You" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 and Sunday, May 14 at the Little Traverse Civic Theatre located at 461 East Mitchell Street in downtown Petoskey. Tickets are \$8 per person. For reservations or more information call (231) 348-1850 or visit www.ltct.org.

May 16 NWA open house

Northwest Academy will host an open house at 7 p.m. on May 16 at the school, located at 115 West Hurbit St. in Charlevoix.

Open enrollment for students in grades Kindergarten through twelfth grades will be offered.

For more information, call (231) 547-9000.

May 16 Retired federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, May 16, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, our speaker will be Rod Slocum, Executive Director of Bay View Association. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call 231-238-4840.

May 16 Boating safety

The Tip of the Mitt Power Squadron will host a boat safety course in May. The "Boat Smart" class will begin, Tuesday, May 16 and will be held at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue, in Charlevoix. This two hour course, starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m., will continue for two additional Tuesday evenings, May 23 and 30.

"Boat Smart" safety courses are developed by the United States Power Squadron and distributed to the general public through the local squadrons. The "Boat Smart" safety courses provide education on boat handling, boat safety, navigation, State of Michigan boating rules, necessary safety equipment, marine radios and instruments and the im-

pact of weather on water craft.

This is for first time boaters, as well as those seeking to update their boating knowledge. This course also fulfills the youth boater's, 12 and older, requirement to obtain a Michigan certificate to operate a motorized watercraft on waters in the State of Michigan.

To register, call George Winn at (231) 526-9391.

May 18 Foot clinic

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a foot clinic at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, the center is located off Norwood Road in Charlevoix.

May 18 Ducks Unlimited banquet

The major fund-raiser for the Charlevoix chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a banquet, will take place on Thursday, May 18 at the Belvedere Club Casino.

Tickets for the banquet are \$50 per person, and there are a variety of special purchase packages available. The

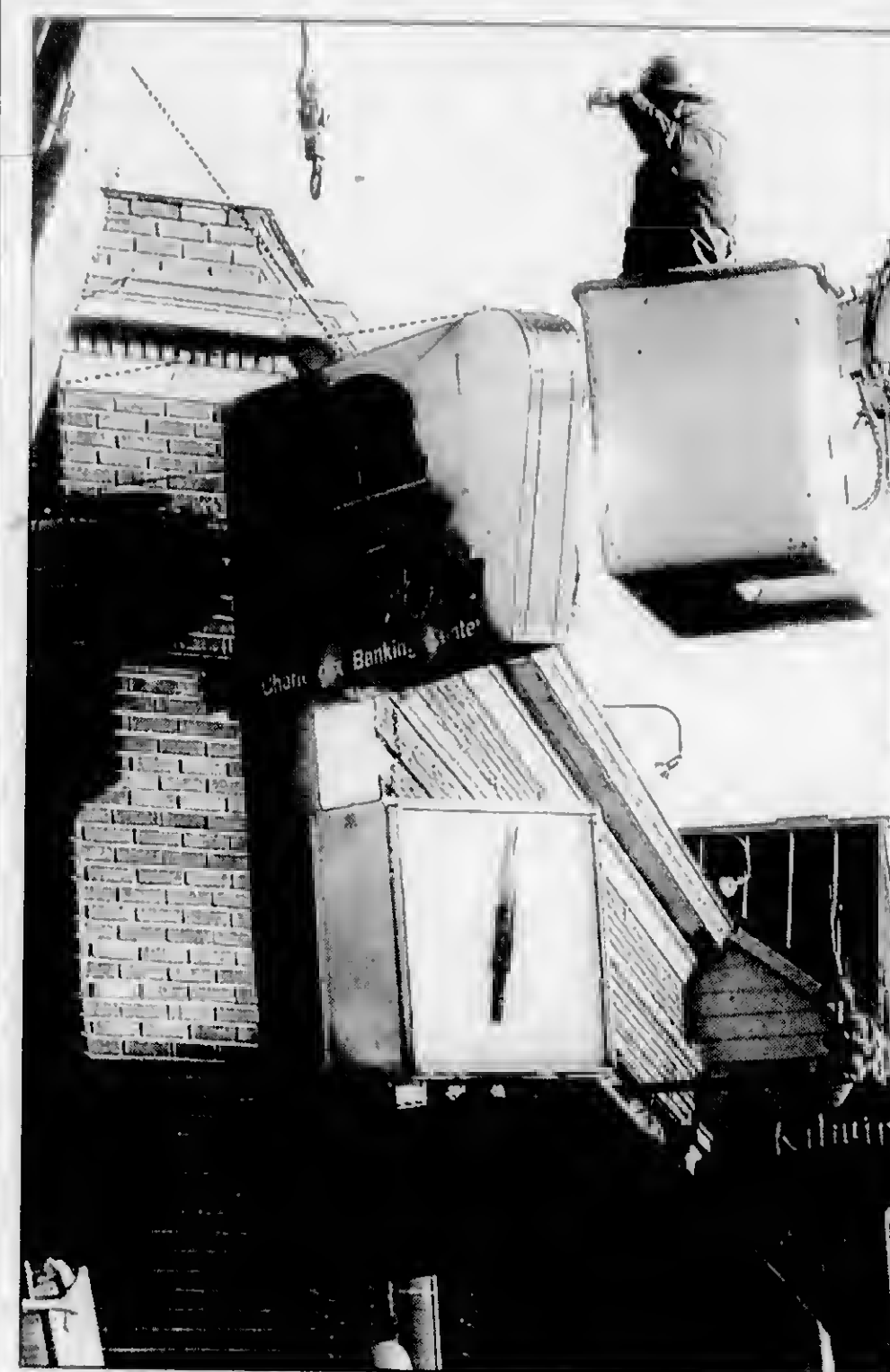
committee is also collecting cash donations to underwrite the auctions as well as raffle items.

From 1985 to 2004, Ducks Unlimited has provided financial support to restore, enhance and protect wetlands and uplands in more than 74 separate counties in Michigan. The organization was recently successful in securing \$1 million in federal funds to conserve habitat in Michigan.

To arrange a donation or for more information on ticket packages, call Ken Kline at (231) 547-4808.

May 18 Blood drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street. To make an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) or drop in. Donors are asked to bring your American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.



Courtesy photo

Time's up

The Charlevoix Electric Department recently removed the revolving clock and thermometer from the building at the northwest corner of Bridge and Clinton streets. The building owner asked that it be removed. The clock may be used in the East Park and marina renovation.

Charlevoix pool run registration underway

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 12th Annual Pool Run on Saturday, June 3 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

A 5K Run and a mile Fun Run/Walk will highlight the activities. Both races will start at 9 a.m. The pre-entry deadline is Saturday, May 27 with a fee of \$12. Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for \$15.

Ages nine and up are eligible to participate.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt. The Fun Run/Walk entry fee is \$7 and does not include a T-shirt. All proceeds from the race will go to fund operations at the pool.

For more information or to obtain a race form, call the pool at (231) 547-0982.

County Board of Commissioners buy over \$3.5 million in delinquent taxes

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution, April 12, which will allow for the purchase of more than \$3.5 million in delinquent taxes from local townships and cities.

According to Charlevoix County treasurer, Marilyn Cousineau, by law the county must purchase delinquent taxes from its surrounding townships, but the state gives the county the option of whether or not to be the one to oversee foreclosures.

"The advantage to opting to be the one in charge of foreclosures is that we can help the people that are in real need. We have more control over, and are better able to help people with hardship cases," she said. "The state doesn't have the time or the manpower to sit down with people and find out why they shouldn't go into foreclosure."

She added, "It's easier for people to see us than to go to the state."

Cousineau said, by allowing the county to purchase the delinquent property taxes from townships, the county can then make sure all local government entities get their money.

"The townships don't pay us back," she said. "We pay the townships, the schools and the libraries so those entities are not out any money and then we collect the money from the taxpayers that haven't paid."

Cousineau said the request for purchase this year is \$3,525,749.32.

"It was up about \$60,000 over last year," she said.

Chairman of the Charlevoix County

Board of Commissioners, Vic Patrick, said the county's purchase of the delinquent taxes doesn't really affect the taxpayer citizen.

"Some counties have to borrow money to do it, but we're fortunate enough not to have to," he said. "We've got money set aside in the budget to do that."

The tentative breakdown for townships with delinquent property taxes from 2005 are as follows: Bay \$119,520.78; Boyne Valley \$313,090.20; Chandler \$29,545.86; Charlevoix \$184,302.43; Evangeline \$109,102.76; Eveline \$274,054.95; Hayes \$245,341.95; Hudson \$76,881.82; Marion \$95,663.82; Melrose \$236,234.27; Norwood \$91,046.74; Peaine \$142,718.60; St. James \$199,114.77; South

Arm \$176,523.94; and Wilson \$189,778.92.

The delinquent taxes of the following cities were also approved for purchase: Boyne \$543,949.14; Charlevoix \$267,111.58; East Jordan \$227,998.20; and the Village of Boyne Falls \$4,318.68.

Property taxes are allowed to go unpaid for up to three years before foreclosure is sought.

"We have brochures here in the office that explain the process," Cousineau said.

The treasurer's office is located at 301 State St. in Charlevoix.

All figures included in the breakdown for townships and cities with delinquent property taxes are posted on the Charlevoix County Web site, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY

North Side — Tuesday, May 22nd
South Side — Wednesday, May 23rd

Charlevoix Township will hold the annual clean up days on May 22nd and 23rd. If the clean up cannot be finished on those two days it will be finished on May 24th. Following is a description of items that will be picked up. Items not on this list and items brought in from outside the township will not be picked up.

Trash must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Trash must be in containers.

If trash is not properly contained in bags, boxes or bundles it will not be picked up.

Wood must be cut shorter than 4 ft lengths.

Will not pick up liquid or hazardous waste, yard waste, (brush or leaves), or appliances without tags stating that the freon has been removed, cans of paint, rocks, chunks of concrete, asphalt, herbicides and insecticides, tires and batteries.

Will not pick up weekly garbage.

Will not pick up from commercial operations.

Will not pick up electronics, computers, old phones and related equipment.

The Charlevoix County Recycle Program conducts two Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop Off Days per year. The first will be held on June 17th and the second will be held on September 9th. Please call 583-6193 or 582-7341 or 547-6169 for more information concerning disposing of household hazardous waste and the drop days or pick up days.

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Art created by students at the Charlevoix Children's House will be included in an exhibit and will be auctioned to raise funds for the school.

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City budget



The City of Charlevoix Citizens Advisory Committee has made preliminary recommendations for tweaking the budget to resolve the coming crisis.

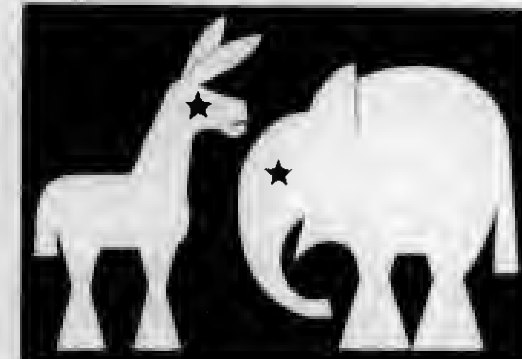
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Voters to consider road millage



ELECTION 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

During the May 10 meeting, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to allow residents to vote on a proposed county-wide road millage on the Aug. 8 ballot.

If levied, the 1 mill would generate approximately \$1.9 million a year —

\$1.4 million would go to the county while the remainder would go back to the respective contributing cities.

Manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission, Pat Harmon, said before the millage goes to a vote, he and his office will put together a plan on how the money would be spent.

"This millage would generate roughly \$7 million over the five-year period for the county primary system," Harmon said. "Are we going to make everybody happy? No. But, I think we can show the constituents and taxpayers of Charlevoix County that if we spread it around and improve some roads in the county in that five year period, there will be a better chance it will be renewed."

It costs roughly \$250,000 to repair or rebuild one mile of the 154 miles of primary roads in the county for a

total of \$38.6 million.

Harmon said the state gas tax is fixed and the road commission only gets a portion of it to cover its operations.

High gas prices hurt Michigan's 83 road commissions in two ways, Harmon said. One, the cost of operating machinery to build and repair roads increases, while the amount of gas consumed by taxpayers decreases. And since the gas tax doesn't rise with gas prices, operating funds generated for road commissions are dwindling.

"Three to four years ago we went to the state level and asked if they would raise the gas tax, and they said, 'Absolutely not,'" Harmon said. "And that was back when gas was only \$1.68 or so."

He added, "No politician is going

to raise taxes on gas, it would be a career suicide."

Harmon knows the last thing people want is another tax increase, but if voters pass the millage, nearly 30 miles of road could be improved.

"I see things crashing around us and they (federal government) are spending \$10 billion a month overseas," he said. "We can't sit around and wait for them to help us. This money is not going to fall from the sky."

Second district commissioner, Randolph Frykberg said, if the board didn't agree to put the issue on the ballot, the county could have gone nearly a year without road funding.

"If we wait even until November, we lose one year of possible funding," he said. "We're not making the deci-

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Planters gear up for May 25 Operation Petunia event

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A Charlevoix institution for nearly a quarter of a century, the phenomenon known as Operation Petunia will soon be at hand.

Planting of the five miles of colorful annuals is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 from city limit to city limit, followed by a picnic for volunteers at 6 p.m. in East Park.

According to Charlevoix resident and business owner, Vince Carrier, sprucing the city with petunias is vital to Charlevoix's image.

"It means a lot. It's an opportunity for the community to pull together," he said. "When I travel to different areas and talk to different people, they say, 'Oh wow, you have all those petunias along the road, that's really nice.' It adds character to the town of Charlevoix."

Carrier has helped plant petunias and till the flower beds throughout the years and the boy scout troop with which he is affiliated helps with trash pickup and planting.

"It's an awesome way to watch the community service groups work together on this project," he said.

The blooms are watered nearly every day following planting for a total of nearly one million gallons of water per season. The constant watering is necessary to prevent the flowers from dehydrating due to the extreme heat at their location alongside busy Bridge Street.

Operation Petunia averages a turnout of 1,000 volunteers planting 1,000 flats of petunias.

Downtown shop owner, Terry Amick, said he enjoys how the flowers color the streets.

"I think a lot of people in town love planting them," he said. "And, I think it's neat to see the petunia truck go through town and water them."

Be sure to get your picnic coupon on planting day from your block captain who will be donning an orange vest. Each coupon is good for a hot dog, chips, cookies and a drink.

Appropriate clothing and hand trowels are recommended.

Anyone wishing to help keep Operation Petunia a reality can send donations to: Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Inc. P.O. Box 1, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information, call (231) 547-2561.

Honoring the fallen

Police officers from around northern Michigan commemorated National Police Week at the Sixth Annual Northwest Michigan Peace Officers' Memorial Service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16 in East Park.

Photo by Julie Witthoef

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Sonya Marie Walden, 33, East Jordan. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Scott Allen Allport, 25, Warren. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Serve five days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Chadwick Jordan Davis, 22, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Korey Lynn Turner, 23, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 12 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Owen Thomas Blanchard, 49, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Michael Francis Crilly, 46, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed-second or subsequent offense. Serve 15 days in jail; \$800 in fines and costs.

Christopher Robert Eaton, 18, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property over \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 25 days in jail; serve one year probation; \$1,550 in fines and costs. Malicious destruction of property over \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 25 days in jail, serve 15 days of

community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; write a letter of apology; \$16,394.19 in fines and costs.

Jacob Peter Hoaglund, 17, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of a building over \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 25 days in jail, 324 days held in abeyance, to serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; write a letter of apology; \$16,394.19 in fines and costs. Malicious destruction of property more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 25 days in jail, 339 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; \$1,945.17 in fines and costs.

Sheila Kaye Ritter, 36, Charlevoix. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 67 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

Michael Scott Stadler, 26, Warren. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

"The Rock Dr.", 4055 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Scott R. Kehrer
Practical Power Sports, 8635 Carson Avenue, Charlevoix, by David M. Beane

Three Men To A Tree, 5022 Korthase Road, Boyne City, by Jeremy and Shena

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A Plus Lawn Maintenance, 2525 Center St., Boyne Falls, by RJ West and Paul Bryon

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Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Toby Vem Prevo, 28 and Lisa Marie Nichols, 26, both of East Jordan

Thomas Charles Turner, 46 and Denise Renee Richey, 45, both of Beaver Island

James Harold Goebel, 59 and Esther Ruth Brock, 60, both of Charlevoix

Darwin Edward Rogers, 46 and Rosemary Jean Braman, 35, both of East Jordan

John Arthur Merrill, 50 and Natalie Sue Couture, 39, both of Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

John Merrill vs. Janet Merrill
Steven Drenth vs. Gail Drenth

Birth

Nathan Wade Marr weighing 7 pounds was born May 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Dustin Marr and Amy Mathers of East Jordan. His sibling is Brian David Angetsinger. His grandparents are Rick Sagarek and Connie Kelsey of Alba and William and Cindy Mathers of Flint. His great-grandparents are Pat and Adaline Marr and Barbara Peterson of East Jordan.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Walk for Peace

More than 40 women and men celebrated Mother's Day with a Walk for Peace on Saturday, May 13 in Charlevoix. Wearing black arm bands and carrying flowers, in honor of soldiers fallen in all wars, they walked silently through downtown Charlevoix to Hoffmann Park.

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Monster morel



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Neil Flower and his wife Eva spotted this behemoth morel mushroom while driving along Mt. McSaubia Road Monday morning, May 15. Morel season peaks approximately six to eight weeks after the ground thaws, depending on the weather. The rains of the past week prompted the growth of these local delicacies.

Commissioners approve inclusion of road millage on Aug. 8 election ballot

MILLAGE

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sion on whether it would be funded. We're just making the decision of whether or not it should be put on the ballot for the public to decide."

No township, city or village within Charlevoix County could exempt themselves from this tax if it passed.

However, Frykberg said, "The cities, if they wanted to compensate because the local people didn't want it, they could roll back their general fund that's now funding their streets."

Frykberg said the reason the county commission hadn't introduced the issue of the millage at an earlier time was because the road commission hadn't asked them to do so.

Charlevoix County resident, Bob Taylor, said "I have a good feeling for more money on roads, but I have concerns on what roads it's going to be spent on. In my township we provide an extra millage on roads."

While he is concerned with where the money will be spread around, Taylor said, "You've won me over as soon as you said everybody gets their chance to vote."

Harmon said money is taken from the gas tax and used to fund other programs at the state level.

"What's left is distributed back to MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) and such," he said. "This millage would not go to Lansing, this millage would stay in Charlevoix County."

Anyone with input should go to their township, city or village officials so those officials can discuss the ideas and concerns with the road commission.

"There are just so many places in this county where we could spend the money," Harmon said.

Elliott named superintendent of the city street department

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor



May 23 retirement of outgoing street department superintendent, John Martin, city manager, Mike Wiesner, selected 34-year-old Charlevoix native, Pat Elliott.

Elliott's first day was Monday, May 15.

"He appears to be a natural leader and we certainly need leadership in that position. He works in a lot of areas now, very similar to what we do.

He seems to be a very hard working individual," Wiesner said.

Elliott, the son of Charlevoix residents Boh and Carol Elliott, currently lives in Marion Township and is a 1990 graduate of Charlevoix High School. He went on to earn his associate's degree in horticulture from Ferris State University and studied landscape architecture at Michigan State University.

Since completing his studies, Elliott has worked for Site Planning Development Inc. and is the past landscape director there.

As a bachelor, he said he has the time to dedicate toward quickly learning the ins and outs of his new position. In working with Martin's experienced crew, he said the transition should be seamless.

City staff will join Martin's friends and family at a farewell gathering to take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on May 23 in city council chambers at city hall. Refreshments will be served.

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OPINIONS

Kudos to Keeper of the Light on bumper sticker fund-raiser

Bumper stickers come in all shapes and sizes with messages ranging from advertisements for politicians and businesses to catchy slogans.

We've seen the good the bad and the downright ugly when it comes to these sticky expressions and want to congratulate the Charlevoix Historical Society's Charlevoix Keeper of the Light Committee on its fantastic sticker design.

You may have seen these snazzy stickers dressing up car bumpers around town. The sticker depicts an image of the town's trademark lighthouse along with the letters CVX, the Federal Aviation Administration's three-letter airport code for the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

The first batch of stickers went on sale for \$5 each in early April and sold out in a matter of weeks. The second order of stickers is now available at the Harsha House Museum store, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix.

The best part about this fund-raiser is that you're not only gussying up your ride, you're helping restore what we feel is one of Charlevoix's greatest assets, the South Pier Light. All proceeds from the sale of these stickers are allocated to the lighthouse restoration project.

The local lighthouse became an orphan when the United States Coast Guard announced it would be included in the release of excess lighthouses to save money. The City of Charlevoix has applied for

EDITORIAL



File photo

All proceeds from the sale of this \$5 bumper sticker will assist in restoring Charlevoix's trademark lighthouse.

ownership of the Charlevoix South Pier Light. Once the transfer of title takes place, in about two years, there will be a partnership between the city, as owners, and the Charlevoix Historical Society, as stewards.

In the meantime, the city, along with the Charlevoix Historical Society, have applied to enter into a historic lease with the Coast Guard which will give them standing to qualify for state and federal grants to help fund the restoration. Funds raised from the sticker sale and an associated candle sale will be used to match the grant money.

The Coast Guard will continue to operate the light as an aide to navigation and the Army Corps of Engineers will maintain the pier.

For more information about the sticker fund-raiser or a complete list of lighthouse restoration giving opportunities, contact David Miles or Steve Goslee at (231) 547-0373.

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on

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An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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Lawn mowing and spraying? You could be missing out



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

It's that time of year when decisions about the lawn have to be made.

I'm generally of the opinion that the lawn should be as little work and trouble as possible, so I search for approaches that suit my previous prejudices. A lawn that need not be mowed would be a real plus, but guests might object to wading through knee-high vegetation.

In my search for justification, I approached the dictionary. It offers several definitions for lawn. "Ground covered by grass and not tilled," is one of those. An archaic use of the word "lawn" for the open space between woods is even more promising. Maybe I could have that sort of ancient lawn and still use the word when I talk to my neighbors.

Part of my reason for not wanting to mow is based on simple sloth, but at

least some of the reason is botanical. Mowing too closely or too early would remove some of the diversity that my lawn already has. Each spring there are two dining table-sized patches of antennaria, commonly called Pussy Toes because the 6-inch high flower stalks have little clusters of furry flowers that feel exactly like the toes of new kittens. I'd hate to miss those. Nearby, the Pussy Toes is a small and growing patch of wild strawberries, and if I mow there we will miss the dozen or so superbly sweet fruits that aren't ripe until June. There are two places where wild mint grows, and if I don't mow there, by July there are just about enough leaves for a couple of genuinely fresh mint juleps. And finally small new plants of yellow primroses are growing and beginning to bloom from seed dropped by a row of older primroses along the walk. I can't imagine cutting those off.

Dandelion flowers are especially obvious this time of year and that has led to suggestions that it would be neighborly to spray the lawn and get rid of those pesky, durable, golden flowers. Spraying would be even more costly to my sort of lawn than excess mowing might be. I have a rapidly spreading patch of English daisies,

looking like short, miniature chrysanthemums. These are common in a lot of older lawns around town. They are so low-growing that they can tolerate mowing, but spraying for broad-leaved plants would do them in. The violets would also be eliminated by spraying, even though mowing seems only to encourage them. Chickweed (an unfortunate name, since the small flowers are quite attractive) grows along the house foundation. There are at least three different kinds of veronica or speedwell, with tiny blue or white flowers, blooming almost everywhere in my lawn. This is also a weed by most definitions, but an attractive one if you can get close enough to see the hundreds of small flowers. And finally, at least two patches of a low-growing cranesbill or wild geranium enrich my lawn's diversity. I'd hate to give up any of those for the solid golf-green-like appearance that spraying would help produce.

Check your lawn before ordering an annual spray job. There may be wonders lurking there.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Council platform

Editor: I am running for First Ward Charlevoix City Council for a number of reasons.

One is the issue of the Venetian Festival carnival. During my years working as a shift commander at the Charlevoix Fire Department, I have watched carnival workers cut limbs from trees in the parking area to make room for the rides to be set up. And I've witnessed used motor oil dumped into the street. Both of these situations were reported. I've returned to the station during the week of Venetian after a structure fire and found carnival semis blocking the fire department entrance.

I have concerns regarding the city hall custodial issue. Since city hall was first built, there hasn't been a good maintenance program. In the past, someone has been paid 12 to 15 hours a week to clean city hall. Presently, a cleaning company is contracted to clean the

building. Due to the lack of a maintenance person in the past, a large sum of money has been spent on the old boiler alone. After finally bringing the building back to a state in which the people of Charlevoix can be proud of, they still do not have an adequate maintenance program. I propose for someone to be hired to maintain this building properly and keep it in the state that the citizens can be proud of for many years to come.

I will also work to help keep property taxes as low as possible.

Lyle Gennett
Charlevoix

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The First Amendment
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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Protest ban has merit

Editor: In response to Benjamin Gohs' column (entitled, "Funeral protest ban questions freedom of speech," which appeared on page 4 of the May 10 edition of the Charlevoix Courier) concerning the freedom of protesters to jeer our fallen heroes, I believe our elected representatives are on the right track. They are by no means prohibiting the exercise of free speech.

The protesters must stay at least 500 feet away and can still spread their hate message. They are only saving an already grieving family from further pain and suffering at the hands of individuals whose only purpose is to taunt distressed loved ones. We already limit where you can exercise these rights. Going by the same philosophy he used, we should also be allowed to yell "fire" in a crowded theater. It's my right correct? No.

I think our founding fathers would be proud of the actions taken by our representatives. I know as a citizen, I am, and if it were put to a vote, I'm sure it would pass in our democracy.

Derrick Carroll
Cedar Springs

Continue PA program

Editor: The reality of the budget cuts the Charlevoix School system is facing is truly sad.

As a parent of two former performing arts students, I would urge the school board and administration to seek all possible creative ways to continue the performing arts program. I absolutely know performing arts made a major difference in my children's lives.

What parents and students of performing arts know and the public might not know as well, is that the program is broadly educational. Drama is but performing arts' public face.

All performing arts students are exposed to debate and those who pursue it, by joining the debate team, learn invaluable research and speaking skills.

All performing arts students participate in speech events, acquiring speaking skills which will serve them well throughout their lives. In the process they are exposed to a broad range of great literature, students from across Michigan and a range of contemporary issues.

Every performing arts student learns how to research and make presentations.

Similarly, during the drama competitions in which all students participate, great works of the theater are presented by other students from around Michigan.

As performing arts parents we have watched shy students find their voice, become intrigued with major issues of the day, discover talents they might not have otherwise found, and been encouraged to work hard in their other academics in order to continue to participate with their teammates.

I sincerely hope the school board and administration will find a way to continue this outstanding program.

Sara Gay Dammann
Charlevoix

Column response

Editor: Benjamin Gohs' column last week regarding the current freedom of speech bill coming up for Gov. Granholm's signature had some merit. He is an excellent writer. However, I tend to disagree with his premise that freedom of speech is endangered for those who protest at soldiers' funerals. I can see this unfortunate trend to protest could eventually grow to include weddings, births, graduations, holidays and any other special occasion on our calendar.

As I see it, it's the time and the place that is at issue, not the topic. That's what the writers of the Constitution believed our old fashioned, Town Square was to be used for — free speech. Let's keep these controversial issues there, where they belong today, in the newspapers, on the Internet or on television, but not at a soldier's family funeral.

Edith Gilbert
Charlevoix

Thanks United Way volunteers

Editor: On behalf of the board of directors of Char-Em United Way, I would like to thank the volunteers and donors who participated in our recent Agency Allocation Hearings.

Twenty-five volunteers met over three days to review funding applications from 23 agencies. Thanks to: Board members Jennifer Archambault, Donna Newton, Mike Atchison, Ken Pallagi, Steve Andrae, Sam Clark and Sabra Hayden. And to our citizen review team members Dee Vincent, Chris Rice, Judy Bunton, Sue Fruchey, Dave Wassenaar, Greg Law, Darsi Sponeely, Christi Struck, Debbie Rohe, Laura Kemp, Jim Rudolph, JoEllen Rudolph, Kathryn Flewelling, Lee Kramer, Shirley Roloff and Michelle Culver.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the businesses that donated our meeting space and our refreshments.

Thanks to our volunteers for helping United Way make a difference in our community.

Martha Lancaster
Executive director
Char-Em United Way
Harbor Springs

Stop illegal immigration

Editor: As times change, so do the ways we express ourselves as demonstrated by the labels used by the mainstream media regarding immigrants such as

"legal, illegal, illegal alien, undocumented, unregulated, temporary or guest worker." They are trying to sway us one way or another, by presenting half-truths, selected or incomplete information, directing us to their viewpoint. But no matter what label is used, it doesn't change the fact that anyone who enters the United States uninvited or illegally has violated our laws, is a criminal and should be treated as our laws direct.

Dozens of illegal aliens will cross America's borders in the time it takes you to read this letter, nearly 2,000 a day and over 500,000 this year alone. Already there are more than

11 million illegal aliens in America and hundreds of thousands are from terrorist nations or nations that sponsor terrorism, possibly planning the next attack on America. There are thousands of criminal aliens walking our streets and hundreds of thousands more who have been ordered by the courts to leave America, but are still here. Our United States has historically welcomed immigrants who are willing to live by our rules, work hard and become truly American.

The United States cannot continue to absorb the huge number of illegal aliens who milk the system for government services, free education and free benefits. The immigration bureaucracy in Washington is unable to adequately monitor incoming legal aliens, never mind the millions of illegal aliens already living in the

United States and the current level of immigration — legal and illegal — is siphoning billions of dollars from the American economy through crime, terrorist acts, abuse of government services and abuse of government benefits.

Congressman Tom Tancredo, the 6th District, Colorado, introduced House Resolution 946, the Mass Immigration Reduction Act. This legislation puts a temporary moratorium on all immigration, legal and illegal, until our United States can integrate all current legal immigrants and removes all illegal immigrants. This action is critically important for the future of our nation.

If you feel as I do that "enough is enough," then write, e-mail, fax, or phone your representatives in Washington D.C. and tell them to support House Resolution 946 before it's too late and another 9/11 (Sept. 11, 2001) occurs. Your voice could be the one that makes the difference.

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COMMUNITY

Wedding anniversary

Louis and Betty McKenzie



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Louis and Betty McKenzie of Charlevoix will commemorate 58 years of marriage by renewing their vows at 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

A reception to celebrate the anni-



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versary is being scheduled for later this summer.

The couple was married on May 22, 1948 in Highland Park.

They have five children, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Annual pool meeting and volunteer reception June 1

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 1 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix.

The meeting will be followed by

the pool's volunteer appreciation dinner at 6 p.m. and entertainment provided by Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are available by calling the pool at (231) 547-0982.

Performing arts squad takes fifth at state finals tourney

The Charlevoix performing arts group placed fifth in the B-C-D division at the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association state finals tournament on May 5 and 6 on the campus of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Overall, at the tournament, there were 91 schools represented with over 600 high school participants.

The Charlevoix squad, with only four entries, placed fifth out of 50 schools. In their division there were 280 entries in the 14 different individual events. Multiple category participants Travis Klooster, Jessica Soto, Julie Neidert, Cody Morrison, Brian Whitley and Jordan McCarthy reached the semi-finals. Travis Tache was a semi-finalist in the open extemp event. Laura Larsen in the 9/10 prose category placed

thirteenth in the state. Sam Kantola placed third in the open prose event with a western tale titled "Necktie Party."

Charlevoix High School performing arts director, Connie Ford, said, "I was very pleased with the results. It's rare that with so few entries that a school can place so high. It speaks well of Charlevoix's program and the caliber of our students. I only hope that Charlevoix continues to be represented throughout the state with a program strongly supported by the community. It's important

that we help these students maintain such a vibrant creative academic experience."

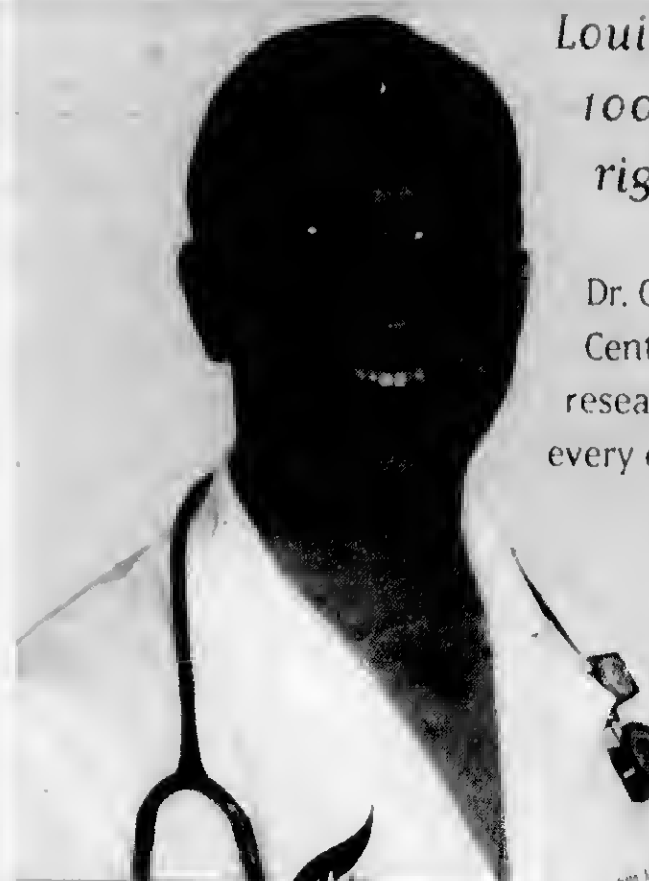
The Charlevoix Performing Arts Ensemble will present "Memories of Broadway" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium. Some of the state finals participants will be featured, along with a variety of musical numbers. Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

For more information, call Ford at (231) 547-3222.

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Wedding

Suzuki — Chase



Yukiko Suzuki and John J. Chase were married in the Hachi Mangu Shrine in Mito, Japan on March 18.

A reception honoring the couple will take place in late May in Madison, Ind. Yukiko is the daughter of Kyoichi Suzuki of Hitachi Oto, Japan. John is the son of Gerald and Kay Chase of Charlevoix.

Yukiko has an associate degree in business administration from Tokiwa University in Mito, Japan. John is a graduate of Northwest Academy and earned a bachelor's or science degree in computer science and Asiatic studies from the University of Michigan, and a masters of arts degree in international science and technology policy from George Washington University.

The couple will reside in Washington, D.C. where John is employed as an analyst with Washington Core, a consulting firm specializing in business relationships between the United States and Japan.



12th Annual Bryan Roloff Memorial Benefit May 21

The 12th Annual Bryan Roloff Memorial Benefit will take place from 2 p.m. to midnight on May 21 at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth.

Roloff, pictured above, was a talented, local guitarist that passed away from a brain tumor in May 1994. He was a very devoted young man who loved his family, friends and music. This benefit is an annual event to celebrate his life and keep his music and spirit alive while helping others with medical needs.

Eight bands will play all day. They

include: The Push, Mojo and the Boogieband, Namus, Modelcitizen, Stunt Coyote, Jellyroll Blues Band, Misconduct and Charlie's Root Fusion.

Attendees must be 21 years of age to enter. The cover charge is \$8 per person and includes food.

Proceeds will be directed to Bryan Roloff Memorial Medical Fund at Charlevoix State Bank.

For more information call Shirley Roloff at (231) 547-6169.

American Legion and VFW prep for upcoming poppy sale

The American Legion, Unit 226 and its Auxiliary will distribute the American Legion poppies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 18, 19 and 20.

Poppies may be picked up at Birdie's Beauty Shop, located at 101 Mason St. in Charlevoix.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Katie Curtis at (231) 547-6943.

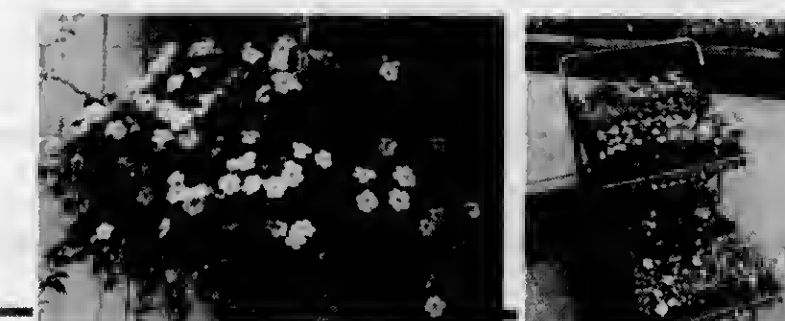
The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #1153 and its Auxiliary will distribute their Buddy Poppies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 25, 26 and 27. Poppies may be picked up at the home of Arlene and Kenneth Staley, located at 401 Antrim St. in Charlevoix. For more information or to volunteer, call Arlene Staley at (231) 547-2985 or Rosalyn Goldstick at (231) 547-2636.

Both organizations distribute the poppies each year to gain funds to assist hospitalized veterans and their families. The poppies are made by disabled, hospitalized veterans, who earn a small amount by making the poppies. The veterans groups

purchase the poppies from those hospitalized veterans and distribute them nationally.

The donations from the public for the poppies are used locally to assist veterans and their families.

Although both groups sell the poppies in May as a memorial to those veterans who have served our country, they are made differently and each group has its own charities to support.



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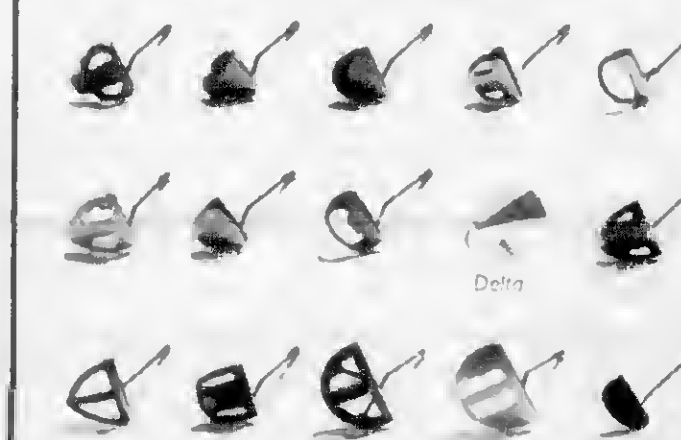
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Obituaries

Roger Smigiel: Died May 4, 2006

Roger S. Smigiel, 54, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and formerly of Rochester Hills and Charlevoix, died on May 4.

A certified public accountant, he graduated from the University of Detroit and received his master's in business administration from Walsh College. A

devout Catholic, he was always active in his parish and served as a Eucharistic Minister.

He was the beloved father of John (Natalie) Smigiel of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and Mary Smigiel of Boca Raton, Fla. And the dear grandfather of Kevin.

Roger was the son of the late Wallace and Lottie Smigiel; brother of Joyce (Robert) Kern, Alan (Catherine) Smigiel and the late Richard Smigiel.

A funeral took place on Monday, May 8 at St. John Fisher University Chapel in Auburn Hills with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

Leona Pierce: April 21, 1919 - May 8, 2006

Leona V. Pierce, 87, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Dearborn, died Monday, May 8, at her home in Charlevoix.

She was born April 21, 1919, in Detroit, the daughter of Leo and Lurah (Barker) Shoemaker. She attended Eastern Michigan Normal School, (now Eastern Michigan University) in Ypsilanti, where she earned a bachelor of arts and a master's degree in education.

On July 1, 1939, Leona married Henry F. Pierce in Wayne, and he preceded her in death on July 13, 2000. Leona taught second-grade, and

was a reading specialist and retired as a learning center director from Wayne-Westland. After 25 years of teaching, she returned to substitute as a learning center director for 10 years, completely retiring in 1993. During her 35-year career Leona touched the lives of many children.

She moved to Charlevoix in 1995 with her husband to the house they had purchased in 1969. As a teacher, she enjoyed living in the second school house in Charlevoix.

She is survived by her children, Charrie Lee Colwell of Wheaton, Ill., Cynthia (Thomas) Urban of

Charlevoix, Gregg (Laura) Pierce of Dearborn and Robert (Patricia) Pierce of Taylor; six grandchildren, Scott and Sean Pierce, Colleen and Stacy Urban, Chris Pierce and Kelly Benninghoff; and a sister, Leota Whalen of Ypsilanti.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health-Hospice (NWMCH), 220 West Garfield St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Mary Margaret McEnhill: Died May 10, 2006

Mary Margaret McEnhill, 81, of Ann Arbor and formerly of Charlevoix died on May 10.

She was the beloved aunt of Mary Camarata of Wyandotte, the former owner of the Nottingham Laboratory and a member of the

Wayne State University Alumni, Bonsai Society and the Audubon Society.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Alfred McEnhill, Jr. and two sisters, Clara Amelotte and Barbara Hines.

Mass of the Resurrection took place May 12 at St. Roch Catholic Church in Flat Rock.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Right To Life Foundation. Burial will be at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit.

Barbara Russell: Oct. 13, 1934 - May 12, 2006



Barbara Russell

Barbara was the loving mother of Michael of Charlevoix, Roxanne (Guy) Watkins of Indian River, and Shirley of Charlevoix. Nonnie was very proud of her grandchildren, Christopher (Kristin) Pair of Greenville, Scott Pair of Mt. Pleasant, and Andrea (fiancé Carl) Pair of Houston, Texas.

Great-grandchildren, Ryan, Rachel, and C.J. were her pride and joy and they always put a smile of Nonnie's face.

Barbara is also survived by brothers, Max Gennett, and Steve (Suzanne) Gennett all of Charlevoix; sisters, Mary (Ed) Stahulak of Illinois, and Genny (Bill) Brodin of Charlevoix.

Brothers Melvin, Henry and Richard preceded her in death.

Barbara worked several jobs during her life. Most recently, she retired from Charlevoix Area Hospital as a diet clerk. Barbara enjoyed traveling with her husband. They traveled extensively throughout the U.S. by car, motorcycle and plane. They also traveled to Europe. Barbara liked to do crossword puzzles and play bingo and slot machines at area casinos. She was a big fan of the Detroit Tigers and Pistons.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 3434 M-119, Suite F, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Sheriff Lasater to speak at preservation society meeting

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will host a membership meeting at 7 p.m. on May 22 at the Boyne District Library, located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

The program will be, "Memorializing World War II Veterans."

Charlevoix County Sheriff

George Lasater will share stories from his new book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," which memorializes the men and women of Charlevoix County who served in World War II or supported the war at home.

After the program, Lasater will have books for sale for \$35 and will do a book signing.

Lasater, who served three years in the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s, will give 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the book to a fund for projects chosen by veterans, their families and the public.

The public is invited to attend the program. For more information, call society president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042.

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Scholarships for Camp McSaubu exceed 2005 count

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix Recreation Department's Camp McSaubu is rebounding from its 2005 season when few scholarship opportunities were available and will offer 90 scholarships for upcoming camp sessions.

"Since we started the camp 31 years ago, our philosophy has been to provide an opportunity for all kids that need the camping experience to come to Camp McSaubu," City of Charlevoix Recreation Director Ike Boss said. "We don't want to turn anyone away that needs to go."

In 2005, scholarship opportunities at Camp McSaubu were reduced when CharEm United Way cut back its funding to the camp from 20 scholarships to five.

At that time, representatives of the local chapter of the United Way said camp cuts were directly related to a 39 percent decrease in donations to the organization. In 2004, they received \$217,000 and in 2005, \$138,000 came in.

The camp started in 1975. Since its inception, the United Way had been the primary source of scholarship funding. Boss said he had seen small changes in the amount of money allocated to the camp, but never a hit like that.

The importance of those scholarships moved Boss in new directions to search for revenue sources.

For the coming season, a \$5,000 grant request was awarded by the Department of Human Services, the Charlevoix Lions Club gave the camp \$480 and Vacations Property Network gave the camp \$1,700 of the money it made at its annual golf outing.

Another grant request through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is pending.

The current funds allow for 90 scholarships this year and if the community foundation grant is awarded, that number will jump to 110 scholarships. The camp serves about 540 campers each year.

Boss said grant requests are steadily

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Ike Boss,
City of Charlevoix Recreation Director

being submitted. "Money is tight for people right now. Requests for scholarships are already up over last year," he said.

The eight-session camp, which is open to kids ages 5-12, starts June 19. Camp sessions are scheduled to take place June 19-23, June 26-30, July 3-7, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28, July 31 to Aug. 4 and Aug. 7-11. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. Thursday to 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Pre and post camp care is offered for \$30 a week.

Each session is open to 70 campers, which equates to a maximum of 12 campers per counselor.

The weekly camper cost is \$80. Camp counselors this year will operate under Sara Parrish, the 24-year-old camp director and special education instructor for Charlevoix elementary and middle schools. Camp counselors

are Amy Dreth, Lauren Silberhorn, Adam Wood, Mitchell Klooster, Amber Klooster and Jessica Pettis.

Parrish said the camp experience, which teaches participants teamwork skills, gun safety and archery is invaluable to campers.

The camp has added new archery equipment and tents this year allowing campers ages 9-12 the opportunity to spend Thursday night camping outdoors on the McSaubu property.

The camp is still in need of platforms for the tents and steps to connect the soccer field and the camp site.

Camp McSaubu is located on Charlevoix's north side off Mt. McSaubu Road.

For information about the scholarship program, to donate, or to register a child for the camp, call Boss at (231) 547-3253.



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The City of Charlevoix Recreation Department is offering 90 scholarships to children ages 5-12 interested in attending Camp McSaubu. Camp sessions start in June and run through Aug. 11.

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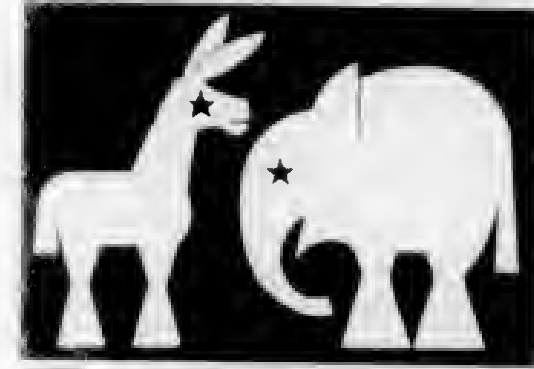
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Charlevoix County Commission race heats up Five seats to be contested at Aug. 8 primary election



ELECTION 2006
By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

All but one of the six Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' seats will be contested at the upcoming Aug. 8 primary election.

By the 4 p.m., May 16 filing deadline, the only commissioner who will receive no competition in the primary is sixth district commissioner, Shirley Roloff.

First District:

Hayes and Bay townships; City of Charlevoix (north of the bridge); Charlevoix Township (north of the bridge)

First district commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, the unaffiliated incumbent whose term runs through Dec. 31, will face the winner of two Republicans, Josh Barnes and Shirlene Tripp, who are vying for her seat at the Nov. 7 regular election.



Connie Saltonstall

Saltonstall, 60, of Charlevoix, plans to continue working on the unfinished portions of the platform upon which she ran in February.

"We've reversed the smoking exemption, but we still have to work on the roads, specifically the Boyne City Road," she said.

Saltonstall said she supports the county-wide road millage, but hopes to secure funding for Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

"Boyne City Road has the highest traffic count and is in the worst condition," she said. "And although the road commission said it is a priority, they have no money in the budget through 2010 for Boyne City Road."

Saltonstall enjoys the work because, she said, "I find the information and the challenges extremely interesting and I think it's a valuable service for the county."

and planning commission member in Hayes Township for a total of nearly 30 years.



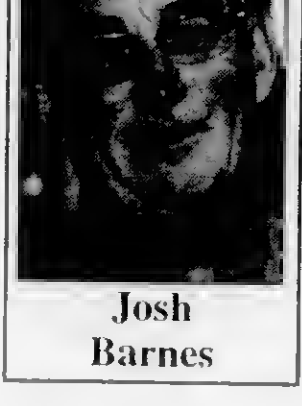
Shirlene Tripp

"One of my big things as I went around with my petitions was to get at least 50 percent of the registered voters out to vote," she said. "I think it's a shame that we have

so few calling the shots. I asked everybody to talk to family and friends about voting, and I don't even care how they vote. Just please go vote."

Tripp said the biggest reason she hopes to be elected is so she can work with people.

"I've always had jobs working with people and there's never a dull moment when you work with people, you just have to learn to laugh a lot," she said.



Josh Barnes

Barnes, 78, acts as director of Summa Industries. He founded Spectrus-Lexa Lite, served as a county commissioner and mayor of Charlevoix and recently filled in as interim commissioner when his daughter, Valerie Snyder, moved to Las Vegas, Nev. in March 2005.

"I hope very much to make the county run smoothly and avoid lawsuits and obey the letter of the law as well as the intent of the law," he said. "I hope to add my engineering skills to certain committees and of course I am relatively skilled in corporate management."

Barnes added, "The overall picture of serving in local government is that you're right in the grassroots."

While he doesn't see any problems with Saltonstall's job as commissioner, he believes he is the right person for the job.

"I supported her last time and I think she has great long-range plans, but I think we need to get things done today."

Second District:

Evangeline Township; and City of Boyne City

If elected, this will be second district incumbent, Randolph Frykberg's third term. Frykberg has 30 years combined experience in local units of government and is currently manager of Boyne City. He has also served on the state's air pollution commission,

the Great Lakes Basin Commission Advisory Board and 40 years on the National Ski Patrol.

At age 59, Frykberg has also served as a municipal operations consultant, zoning administrator and a planner.

"It's the hand of government that's closest to people," he said of the county commission. "You can get some things done and see results quicker than at any other level of government."

Frykberg hopes to move ahead with an analysis of whether the county needs an administrator or executive.

Chris Christensen, a 34-year-old real estate agent in Boyne City, hopes to unseat Frykberg in the Republican primary.

Christensen served in student government during college in Petoskey and currently serves on the Antrim/Charlevoix/Kalkaska Association of Realtors.

"I want to give people a choice," he said. "I feel like government is the responsibility of the people, by the people, for the people, and someone needs to step up and do it."

He added, "And maybe they need some fresh ideas on the board."

Christensen said he was at a meeting where Frykberg spoke about the importance of placing the proposed county-wide road millage on the August ballot.

"He said if the board didn't give the people the choice to vote on it, then the commission would be making the decision for them," he said. "So I went home and stewed over it for awhile and decided that, yes, I needed to make a decision."

Third District:

Boyne Valley, Chandler, Hudson, Melrose and Wilson (south of BC/EJ Road) townships

Incumbent Ronald Reinhardt, 66, hopes to defend his seat against fellow Republican, Alex Greficz, so he may continue representing his constituents and the agricultural sector for a third term.

The third district commissioner served as a trustee and then as supervisor of Wilson Township. He served on the soil conservation board with nearly 20

years on and off the planning commission.

"There's something coming out of the (Charlevoix County) planning commission for open space (preservation). I'm very interested in that," he said. "Hopefully, it may

thing comes before the commissioners to hold down urban sprawl, we can make sure we keep a rural characteristic to the county as much as we can."

He added, "I think this board has worked very well together. We don't always agree, but that's the way it should be so we hear both sides of an issue," he said.

Greficz, a 69-year-old Hudson Township resident, is a retired Otsego County Veteran's Affairs Director. He has volunteered with groups including, the American Legion, VFW, AmVets and the DARE program.

As a husband, father and grandfather, Greficz said he would like to see citizens get some of their benefits back.

"I would like to see our young people, middle-aged and elderly, whether they are veterans or not, get more benefits," he said. "Our government has taken them away from the citizens."

While he doesn't believe in slinging mud, Greficz did say there will be some changes to the commission if he is elected.

"I think we have to really get serious about our road commission," he said. "We have a lot of potholes, though that's not at the top of my list because we have a good road commission and crew."

He added, "They do a great job, but it seems like we need to get more money for them."

Fourth District:
South Arm Township; and City of East Jordan

Fourth district commissioner and chairman of the board, Victor Patrick, hopes to defend his seat against fellow Republican, Joel Evans.

Retired as a Department of Natural Resources officer, diver for the Michigan State Police and deputy sheriff of 10 years in Muskegon, 68-year-old Patrick has enjoyed his 10 years working for the people of Charlevoix.

"I just like to see that things are carried out and to see that everyone gets a fair shake," he said.

Patrick said upcoming commissioners must possess dedication to be effective.

"It takes one hell of a lot of time. It's in no way, shape or form a part-time thing," he said.

Retired from his business, Building and Home Center, Evans, 65, has served as South Arm Township supervisor and on the East Jordan

school board.

"I guess I like the politics of it. I always think I could do a better job than what's being done," he said. "I really enjoy working with the public and there's been a lot of people

encouraging me to run for the commission because they're not happy with the existing commissioners."

He added, "Common sense is not used enough and (it) tells me as a board member not to be influenced or intimidated by any person or political party or personal agenda."

Evans hopes to improve communication between the county commission and the citizens.

"Hopefully we can get some peace between the commission and the (county) departments. There's too much hickering and fighting," he said.

Fifth District:
Eveline, Marion and Wilson (south of BC/EJ Road) townships

Fifth district commissioner and Boyne City Public Works director, Dennis Jason, hopes to garner a third term in the upcoming election. He has served for more

than 30 years on the East Jordan Planning Commission and several different county boards including the Northwest Regional Planning and Development Commission and the transit committee.

Jason said he enjoys, "Answering problems and coming up with solutions."

"I don't think that our decisions are 'We and they,' and I don't think they're party affiliated, even though I'm running as a Republican," he said. "I don't think the issues are drawn on political lines. I think they're drawn on needs and services."

If reelected, Jason hopes to work on the issue of a county executive.

Retired army veteran and current Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs director, Boh Drebenstedt, 61, has a master's degree in hospital and nursing home administration and has served as a trustee, clerk and zoning administrator in Marion Township.

He also volunteered at Charlevoix Area Hospital and works as a me-



Joel Evans

diator with Northern Community Mediation.

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Dennis Jason

Emily Wright and Jarod Kirby show their classmates how to boogie at the Charlevoix High School prom on Saturday, May 13 at Castle Farms.

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Dancing the night away

Emily Wright and Jarod Kirby show their classmates how to boogie at the Charlevoix High School prom on Saturday, May 13 at Castle Farms.

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Multiple candidates file in county commission districts

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ent things that bring tourists in, like good roads."

Drebenstedt hopes to work with the county and small businesses to keep jobs here.

"My phone has always been listed and I've always taken veterans phone calls seven days a week and that won't change as a commissioner," he said.

Sixth district:
City of Charlevoix (south of the bridge); Charlevoix Township (south of the bridge); Norwood, Peaine and St. James townships

Sixth district commissioner, Shirley Roloff, 70, has served on the commission for nine years and previ-

ously on Charlevoix City Council for nearly 12 years.

"It's a way I can give back to my community," she said. "I just believe that we, each one of us, has a duty to do, and I enjoy it."

Roloff and her husband

own Charlevoix Canvas. She will not be on the August primary ballot.

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ent things that bring tourists in, like good roads."

Drebenstedt hopes to work with the county and small businesses to keep jobs here.

"My phone has always been listed and I've always taken veterans phone calls seven days a week and that won't change as a commissioner," he said.

Sixth district:
City of Charlevoix (south of the bridge); Charlevoix Township (south of the bridge); Norwood, Peaine and St. James townships

Sixth district commissioner, Shirley Roloff, 70, has served on the commission for nine years and previ-

ously on Charlevoix City Council for nearly 12 years.

"It's a way I can give back to my community," she said. "I just believe that we, each one of us, has a duty to do, and I enjoy it."

Roloff and her husband

own Charlevoix Canvas. She will not be on the August primary ballot.

Official Notice

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North Side - Monday, May 22nd
South Side - Tuesday, May 23rd

Charlevoix Township will hold the annual clean up days on May 22nd and 23rd. If the clean up cannot be finished on those two days it will be finished on May 24th. Following is a description of items that will be picked up. Items not on this list and items brought in from outside the township will not be picked up.

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Small Hands, Big Art exhibit to benefit local school



Charlevoix Children's House student artists will be featured at Small Hands Big Art, a collaboration between Gallery On Main in Bay Harbor and the Montessori school. This children's art exhibit runs from May 24 to May 30. The exhibit, which is the first such event for the school, will also include a silent auction fund-raiser on May 25.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Whether any of them will be the next Picasso is pure speculation, but you will have the chance to invest in the artwork of some budding creators.

Small Hands Big Art, a collaboration between Gallery On Main in Bay Harbor and the Charlevoix Children's House Montessori school, is a children's art exhibit which runs from May 24 to 30. The exhibit, which is the first such event for the school, will also include a silent auction fund-raiser on May 25.

"This is our first fund-raising event held at the gallery," said gallery manager, Larissa Flynn.

Flynn, who is also a parent of a Charlevoix Children's House student, said she and school director, Barb

Godwin, wanted to expose the students ages 2 to 6 to the artistic process while helping the school with needed funds.

"I have always been a big fan of children's artwork," she said.

Children's house students viewed original works of art which were placed in the Montessori school and from them gained inspiration to create their own works.

"By placing artwork in the school, we were able to expose the kids to many different mediums and let them spring off what they were seeing in the gallery to create their own," Flynn said.

The approximately 15 pieces of children's artwork have been professionally framed and will be sold to the highest bidder at the May 25 silent auction.

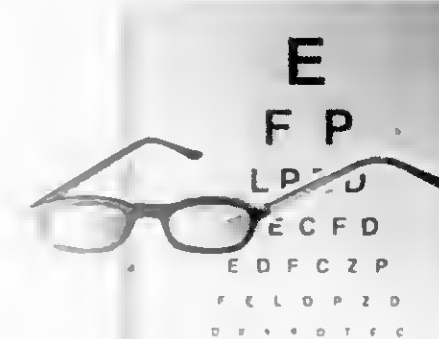
Some of the mediums used include real watercolor and ceramics.

"Instead of just being given crayons and coloring book pages, they've been given the real deal — real oil pastels, clay, glaze and rice paper," Flynn said. "All the materials that fine artists would use, they used and they seem to have enjoyed themselves based on the work that's been produced."

The funds raised will go toward helping the school install new flooring, a new roof and toward the purchase of classroom materials.

"Any little bit (money) helps to move the school forward and maintain the building," Flynn added.

The silent auction will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 at Gallery on Main, located at 4184 Main St. in Bay Harbor. Call (231) 439-2745 for more information.



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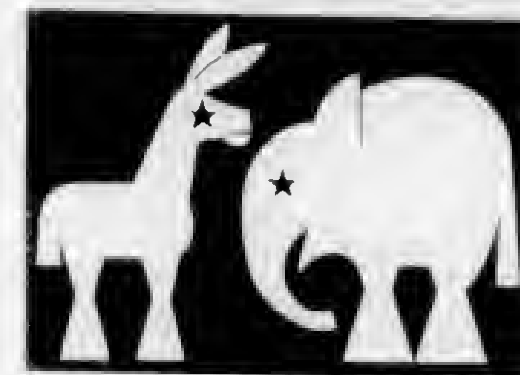
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All three city council ward seats contested



ELECTION 2006

By JULIE WITTHQFT
Editor

Talk of a contested race for the mayor's seat in the City of Charlevoix was quieted last week when Shirley Gibson, rumored mayoral candidate and third ward city council member, announced that she won't be running in this election.

Gibson, 58, said she received the petition signatures needed to nominate her to run but opted against it for political reasons.

"I don't want to lose my vote in the third ward," she said. "I will run for mayor one day. And I hope Boogie (mayor Norman Carlson Jr.) runs against me. I'd like some competition with him," she said. "I will be the first female mayor, just not this time."

Gibson's decision means current mayor, Norman Carlson Jr., will run unopposed at the Nov. 7 general election.



Norman Carlson Jr.

Carlson is finishing his first term as mayor and was a city councilman for four years prior to being elected mayor in 2004. The 39-year-old father of two, who owns and operates the local building company Carlson's Home Improvements, said he spends between 15 and 20 hours a week fulfilling his mayoral duties. His time is spent attending meetings of nine different city committees on which he holds a seat, as well as going to city council meetings.

He said his decision to run again is not based on any one project or issue he wants to participate in. In fact, he said he's hoping for a quieter term.

"I hope we've gotten through all the hard stuff — we've gone through quite a bit in the last year. Issues with (city manager) Mike (Wiesner who was retained in a tie vote proposing to remove him), getting the park and harbor on its way, finishing city hall, hiring a new police chief," Carlson said.

"I think I work well with council and the city manager. I think we're at a good point right now. And I hope we can continue that on through all the city projects that come our way."

Upcoming projects he pointed to include updates to the city code and zoning ordinance, charter amendments,

balancing the city budget, establishing cooperative relationships with surrounding townships and retention of a local Coast Guard cutter.

First Ward

Incumbent Bill Haggard filed his paperwork to run for reelection late last week. Haggard, 69, is a Charlevoix native who with his brother, John Haggard, owns and operates Haggard's Plumbing and Heating. He is married to Laurie Gilbert.

He has served six years on council during this most recent stint and served six years on council in the 1980s.

He said if elected, this will be his last term. In 2004, he said the term to expire in November would be his final term. However, the marina project has kept him on board.

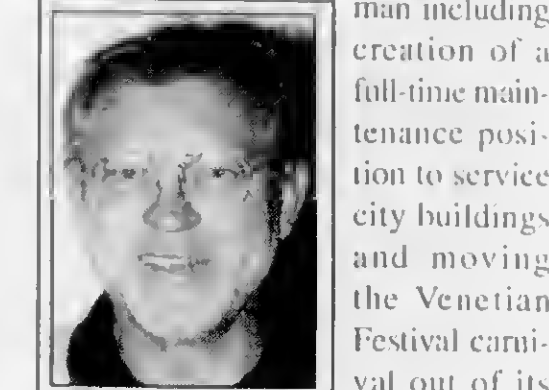
"I would like to make sure the waterfront is finished up right. I want to see that through. Everything else is running pretty smooth right now," he said.

Haggard will face former City of Charlevoix Fire Station shift commander and EMT of 25 years, Lyle Gennett.

Gennett, 54, said he doesn't have an issue with Haggard, he just feels he could serve first ward city residents well as their councilman.

Gennett retired from the city fire department in June 2005 after 25 years

of service. He said there are a few issues he would advocate as a councilman including creation of a full-time maintenance position to service city buildings and moving the Venetian Festival carnival out of its Mason Street location to another unspecified spot in Charlevoix.



Lyle Gennett

Gennett is married to former Charlevoix Elementary School counselor, Gayle Gennett and has two daughters.

Second Ward

Incumbent Gabe Campbell, 73, has filed to run for reelection. If elected to serve the two-year term, this will be his last go around on city council.

Campbell, who has spent 10 years as a councilman and two as mayor, said he opted to run again because constituents have approached him and asked that he serve another term.

"I think we have to keep working to keep a local Coast Guard cutter. And I would like to see some steps taken toward getting a committee to oversee the electric department — deregulation

is coming and we need to keep on top of it," he said.

Campbell is also interested in seeing city government explore its role in improving the downtown business climate.

"It's looking kind of scary downtown right now," he said. "I think a lot of folks think once the park and marina project is done, business will improve. But I think that will just make things look nicer. Boyne City is thriving and we're not. We need diversification of businesses down there. We need year-round businesses," he said.

Campbell's neighbor, Greg Stevens, 49, is running against him this term.

He said he has no beef with Campbell, he's just looking to serve the community.

"I don't have an ax to grind with him at all," Stevens said. "I would just like an opportunity to serve the people here. There's a lot going on right now in the city. And I've always believed you only get out of the community what you put into it."

Stevens, who moved into the City of Charlevoix, from Charlevoix Township, two years ago, has attended most council meetings since then to stay informed.

Like Campbell, he said city council needs to assist in the effort to improve the local economy. As he gathered signatures for his nominating petition, Stevens said this was the number one issue raised by those he spoke with.

"People in Charlevoix really want to keep the town the way it is. But there



Greg Stevens

lived in Charlevoix since he was 13.

He has served on the City of Charlevoix Housing Commission, since being appointed in June 2005. His past political experience also includes five years of service as president of the Northwest Academy Board of Education.

Third Ward

Incumbent Sherm Chamberlain, 55, will run against Charlevoix native Tonia Wells for his third ward seat. In a recent interview Chamberlain said if another candidate, who he supports, were to file, he wouldn't run.

His decision to run again was based on the fact that at the time he filed, no other candidates had filed for the ward and calls he received from constituents urging him to see the marina and East Park renovation project through. According to the city's preliminary project schedule, construction will begin with sea wall replacement preparation on July 23.

"The general consensus was we

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City of Charlevoix: Mayor's seat is the only one unopposed COUNCIL

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need to maintain good, experienced
leadership to get these projects done,"
he said.



Sherm
Chamberlain

Another
concern of
Chamberlain's
is the looming
budget issue
the city is fac-
ing.
"The is-
sue is how to
maintain ser-
vices without
raising taxes. I
think the city needs to lay a founda-
tion of cooperation with surround-
ing communities," he said. "The
future is in cooperating with one
another.

Two such cooperative efforts he
said he supports the city looking
into are establishment of a fire dis-
trict authority and possibly funding
Mt. McSaubia in conjunction with
surrounding townships.

Chamberlain has been a third
ward councilman since 2000. He
was a city planning commission
member from 1996-2000 and
served on the Marion Township
Planning and Zoning Board from
1986-1994.



Tonia
Wells

Wells, 50,
filed to run
for the third
ward seat the
afternoon of
Tuesday, May
16.
"I'm look-
ing for some
changes,"
Wells said.
Changes
she pointed to including city sup-
port of children's activities and
moving the Venetian Festival car-
nival out of downtown Charlevoix
to the Castle Farms property.

Wells held a custodial position
with the city for 10 years, prior to
becoming a juvenile transporter for
Charlevoix County Probate Court.

The deadline to file for the City
of Charlevoix mayor's seat and
three open city council ward seats
expired at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May
16.

These candidates will face off at
the Nov. 7 general election.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Generations remember

(From left) Charlevoix High School students Robin Petzak and Lindi Edger, granddaughter of the late Judy Edger, pin memorial recognition signs to one another prior to the Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, May 13. The walk raised over \$2,500 for the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund.



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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS April 26, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met
at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on April 26, 2006. All
Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the April 12, 2006 meeting
as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #06-026, 2006 Equalization
Report.

Motion approved Resolution #06-027, Rescind Resolution
#05-099, Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation in its
entirety.

Motion approved Resolution #06-028, Approve Public
Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation.

Motion defeated Resolution #06-029, Exempt Charlevoix
County from Regulation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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School board takes steps toward budget cuts

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Public School Board voted 6-1 in favor of directing the administration to remove selected items totaling \$928,300 from the 2006-2007 budget.



Shawn Biddle

The original projected cuts needed to maintain a balanced budget disclosed at their May 8 meeting were \$871,517. Some board members asked that the matter be tabled until Monday, May 15 in order to examine further cuts more closely.

"It's important to note that they did not adopt a budget last night (Monday)," said Charlevoix Public Schools business manager, Shawn Biddle. "They directed us to take these items out for us to prepare the '06-'07 budget. They set some parameters for us."

During the meeting a new proposed budget was unveiled which, it passed, would have resulted in an additional \$435,100 in cuts.

"The majority of the board felt that those additional cuts would take away from the programs that we offer and they decided they want to preserve our core academic program as long as we can," she said.

While the motion to approve \$928,300 in cuts was passed, the motion to approve \$1,363,400 died when the motion wasn't seconded.

Some of the major projected cuts on the failed proposal included eliminating an administrative position for a savings of \$76,000, eliminating an athletic transfer for a savings of \$136,000, eliminating teaching supplies for a savings of \$53,600 and eliminating a clerical position for a savings of \$50,000.

Though there were times where the entire room was silent, three citizens spoke during the meeting concerned with the future of the performing arts, French and certain vocational education programs.

Board president, Dennis Halverson, was the lone nay vote.

"This has done nothing to change my mind. I don't like that there has to be a (near) zero fund balance," he said. "I think it's putting the district in the position where I think isn't financially responsible — I don't want my finger prints on it."

Biddle said all figures on the proposed budget are tentative because there are so many variables in the budget.

"For instance, we won't know what our per pupil foundation allowance amount will be until October, so there are a lot of unknowns going into the '06-'07 budget," she said. "At the June board meeting, I will present the actual '06-'07 budget. I will go into the line items and apply the cuts that were approved and present a budget for them (school board) to approve."

Halverson asked what the cost

of operating block scheduling was compared to the cost of traditional scheduling.

Biddle said, "They gave us a directive to put together what we think the additional cost is to operate block scheduling."

Biddle cautioned that the budget is merely a projection of what the board knows as of June 30.

During the meeting, Biddle gave an overview of why the schools are in fiscal distress.

"We had six years of budget problems in the state and they are the worst budget problems that we've had since World War II," she said. "We've had declining general fund revenues and very slow growth in the school aid fund."

She added, "Causes of the problem with the budget in Michigan are the weak economy, specifically our reliance on the automotive industry, stock market decline which has a direct impact on the

retirement rate which schools are required to pay, tax cuts that have been permanent which were originally part of Proposal A and a structural imbalance between revenues and spending."

Superintendent of Charlevoix Schools, Dr. John Sturock, echoed his previous statement, "State law says you can't run deficit spending. That budget has to be balanced by June 30 — revenue has to meet expenditures."

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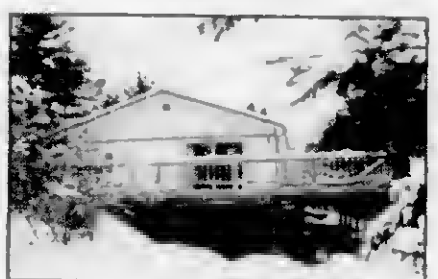
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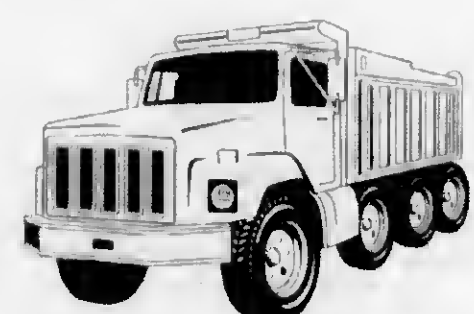
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Citizens committee makes recommendations

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Rate increases were a large part of preliminary recommendation discussion by the City of Charlevoix's Citizens Advisory Committee whose aim is to assist in solving the city's looming budget crisis.

"I want to propose a win, win situation for the people of Charlevoix and for city council and city staff," said Don Voisin, chairman of the citizens advisory committee.

These initial recommendations made by the committee will be polished and included in a complete package of advisements to be given to Charlevoix City Council in June.

City of Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson Jr. first proposed the formation of this advisory committee when he was elected in 2004.

Budget projections show the city will be short about \$50,000 in its general fund by 2008.

Currently, city manager Mike Wiesner said the city is supplementing the general fund with infrastructure dollars to get it to the break even point. Over the past two years, \$220,000 has been turned over to the general fund from the infrastructure millage.

In a previous interview, Carlson said that instead of city administrators making the decision to increase taxes or hike service fees, the advisory committee will make recommendations as to where the city can cut corners to make up the shortfall.

The group has met since November 2005 to review operating procedures and city department budgets to try and find avenues to trim costs.

While members of the committee have questioned whether their work is for naught, committee member Ken Staley offered reassuring words last Wednesday night, May 10.

"Don't think you're sitting here hopelessly, not influencing things, because you are," he said.

On May 10, the group formulated preliminary recommendation motions based on presentations they heard from Nov. 21, 2005 through Feb. 15. These included recommendations for the Charlevoix Municipal Airport, Brookside Cemetery and the City of Charlevoix Fire Station.

Charlevoix Municipal Airport

The first department they discussed last week was the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

"The airport needs to break even, everyone had that same consensus," Voisin said.

Currently, operating the airport requires a \$25,000 transfer out of the city's general fund to break even.

Committee member, Tom Conlan, made a motion and received unanimous support that this transfer be discontinued.

The committee backed up its motion by proposing some possible sources of increased revenue.

Committee member, Curt Thompson,

made a motion and received unanimous support that all fees at the airport, including parking, should increase annually at least at the rate of inflation.

"If you're parking a single engine airplane on the ramp at the airport, it should cost at least as much as it does to park a car downtown on Bridge Street," committee member, Chris Papineau, said.

To park a car in the average lot at the airport, it currently costs \$2 per day, \$3 overnight, \$15 per week, \$45 per month, \$75 for six months and \$150 annually.

City treasurer Rick Brandt said annual fee increases at the airport aren't derived from a set formula, but are based

on a comparison of fees in surrounding communities.

He said increasing fees along with the inflation rate is feasible in some instances and was done in the 2006-2007 budget for all fees with the exception of parking.

"We were waiting on their (the citizen's committee's) recommendation (for parking fees)," Brandt said.

Staffing the airport has also been a hot issue. Discussion Monday night, May 15, of hiring a part-time airport manager who would also handle human resources responsibilities was trumped by Charlevoix City Council.

When this concept first arose in February 2006, the proposed wage for the airport/human resources manager, was \$42,214 with fringe benefits costing \$29,972.

Former airport manager Jim Shull, who worked there for a little over a year, said his job took about 16 hours per week. He resigned in early March and since then, Wiesner has overseen airport operations. Shull also fulfilled other responsibilities for the city.

Shull's predecessor, Karyn Brooks, made \$25,025 for 2004-2005.

Papineau's motion to investigate the possibility of hiring a part-time contrac-

tor to manage the city's interest at the airport or adding the responsibility to the duties of existing department manager was unanimously supported by the committee.

The committee also recommended that the city curb spending at the airport.

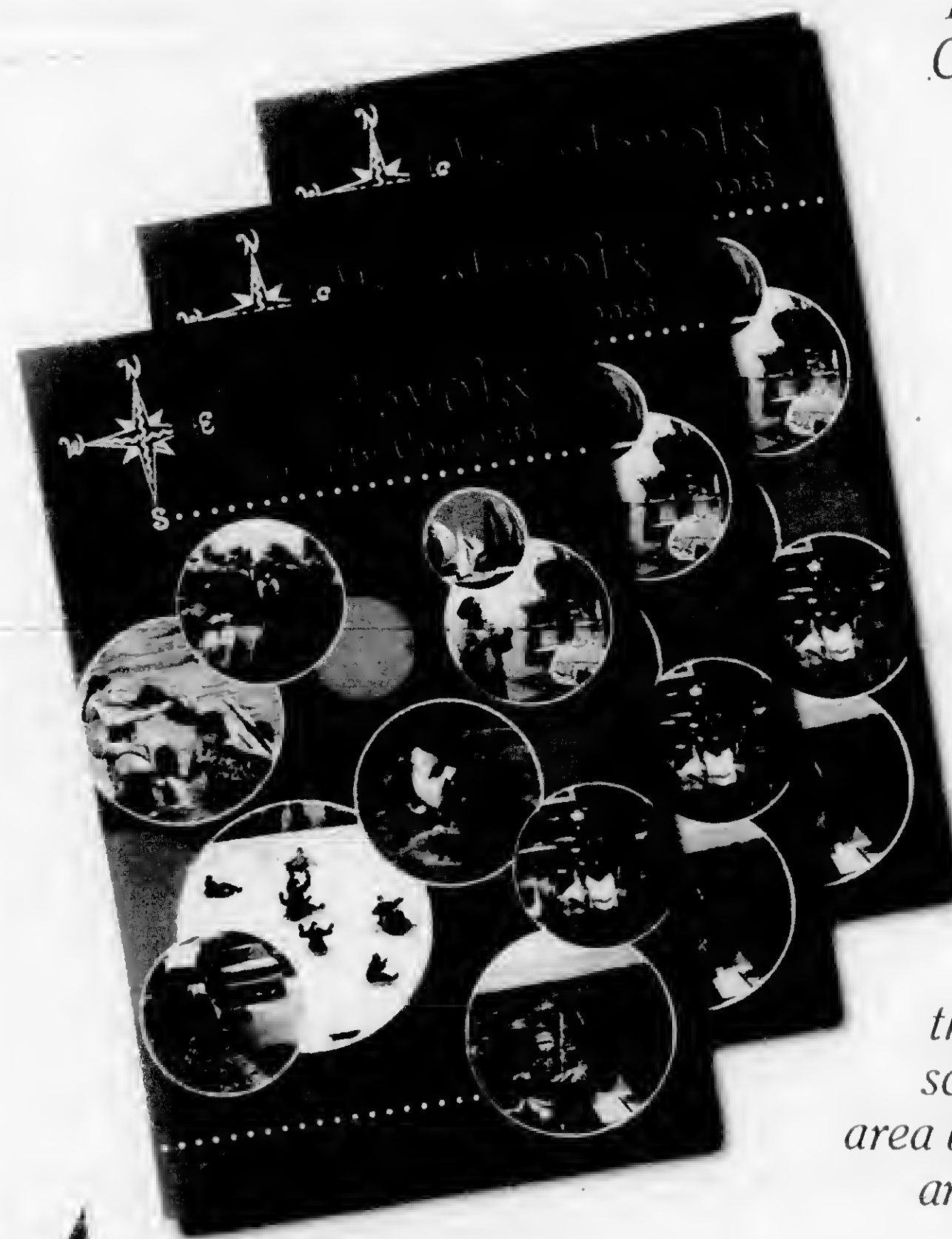
They discussed grants and the city's matching cost. Voisin made the motion that the city make no land purchases, specifically the Louiselle and former Waste Management properties located off Old Norwood Road in Charlevoix Township, until the airport funds hal-

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Committee takes aim at airport, cemetery and rescue

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ance or unless the property purchase is mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

In some instances a grant from the FAA will fund a portion of a project's cost with the balance coming from the city's coffers.

"There's nothing free," committee member, Birdie Whitley, said.

On April 3, Charlevoix City Council approved a professional service agreement to work on a grant application to purchase the properties off Old Norwood Road. This application must be submitted by July 15 and requires city council's final approval.

Brookside Cemetery

Service fee increases and protection of the perpetual care fund topped the list of citizens committee recommendations for Brookside Cemetery.

City council approved repairs to Brookside Chapel, using money from the cemetery's perpetual care fund, came under fire.

Citizens committee member John Elzinga made a motion stating, "No perpetual care funds should be used for repairs at Brookside Chapel. Perpetual care should be used for nothing more than cemetery care and maintenance."

Committee member Ken Staley, who supported the motion, said, "The real crux of the matter is the way the perpetual care fund is intended to be spent. I have no objections to historic buildings or requesting grants to restore them, but I look upon that fund for maintaining the grounds and making minor repairs



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Charlevoix Citizens Advisory Committee member, Curt Thompson, looks over paperwork while committee chairman, Don Voisin, looks on. The group met May 10 and made preliminary recommendations to Charlevoix City Council as to how the city can rectify the looming budget crisis.

when lots are no longer sold and no income in coming in. Council should insist on funding from other sources."

Whitley, who is an ardent supporter of the Brookside Chapel renovation project was the lone dissenting vote.

"We do a lot of frivolous things in this city. That is one of my pet projects. I know the majority of the community doesn't agree with me — I'm representing older Charlevoix on that," she said.

Whitley did support a second motion, made by Voisin, that city council consider all avenues of trying to save Brookside Chapel including apply-

ing for grants, getting loans, discussing a preservation partnership with the Charlevoix Historical Society and private funding.

While the group wants to keep the perpetual care fund in tact, they also want to make sure revenue sources grow to where the cemetery can be self-supporting.

Committee member Tom Conlan made a motion, that received unanimous support for cemetery rates, including the perpetual care fund fee, to be adjusted annually to account for inflation.

"The long-term goal of the perpetual

care fund should be to enable the city to operate the cemetery on a break even basis," he stated in his motion.

Fire and EMS

The final department the group reviewed last Wednesday night was the City of Charlevoix Fire and EMS. The hot topic during this talk was creation of a combined Charlevoix Township and City of Charlevoix fire and rescue authority.

While township fire chief and citizens committee member, Curt Thompson, said wages would make the authority concept impossible to achieve, committee member Pete Phillips still made the motion that the city look into it.

The motion made by Phillips, states, "The city council should consider the cost effectiveness of establishing a working relationship with Charlevoix Township. And look into the possibility of establishing a combined township/city joint fire rescue authority."

A second motion, made by Conlan, which received unanimous support was, "As a term of employment, all perma-

nent fire and rescue personnel have paramedic qualifications. Those currently employed by 2007 and new hires within two years."

The third motion was to increase ambulance run rates according to the rate of inflation to maximize reimbursement and address the city's issue with collection.

The group will meet again at 6:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, May 17 to discuss preliminary recommendations for city attorney costs and the street department. The public is invited to attend.

The committee's membership includes both city residents as well as those with a vested interest in the city, including business owners.

The committee includes: Tim Parker, Kirby Dipert, Bill Bellows, Pete Phillips, Don Voisin, Ken Staley, Curt Thompson, Ed Johnson, Butch Russell, June Cross, Birdie Whitley, Kaye Beatty, Tom Conlan, Chris Papineau, Dan Nuttle, and students Kevin Greyerbiel, Chuck Mason and Caitlin Cole.

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Andrew Marsh

for further education were awarded to members of Charlevoix High School's Class of 2006.

Jared Kirby, son of Jeff and Sherry Kirby of Charlevoix, was awarded the \$1,000 Strive Scholarship to the school of his choice.

The \$750 Strive Scholarship was awarded to Rachel Barta, daughter of Lee and Sue Barta of Charlevoix.



Rachel Barta

Marcellus Green, received a Strive Merit Award.



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The students must attend monthly strive meetings. And each is matched with an adult member from the community and must meet with the mentor regularly.

Rotary also offers scholarship winners a summer work bonus. Every hour a student works at their summer job, up to 400 hours, the student will receive an extra \$1 per hour from Charlevoix Rotary.

Charlevoix High School Class of 2007 members interested in attaining the Strive Scholarship can contact high school principal Gary Grundman. Charlevoix Rotary will also send out letters in August to invite prospective seniors to join the program.

Charlevoix Public Schools' Art Show

Who: Charlevoix Public Schools art departments
What it is: Art Show
When: May 18, 19 and 22
Where: Charlevoix Elementary School



Courtesy photo

Anthony Emery, a second-grade art student at Charlevoix Elementary School works on a project for the district-wide art show to debut on May 18.



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Jessica Paramo, a third-grade art student at Charlevoix Elementary School, prepares artwork for the art show to showcase the talents of students at Charlevoix elementary, middle and high schools.

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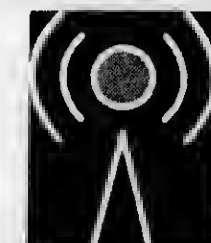
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ACE celebrates expansion at grand reopening



By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

ACE Hardware of Charlevoix will celebrate the grand reopening of its expanded store following a renovation project that dramatically increased its retail space.

"There are still things Charlevoix needs that aren't here. We had to go bigger to accommodate the people here," said Mark Greyerbiehl, who with his wife Vicky, owns the local ACE Hardware.

"There were multiple category holes we felt we could fill to help people get the products and services they need," Vicky added.

In 1997, the Greyerbiehls moved to Charlevoix with their three children, Mike, Kevin and Kelly to enjoy semi-retirement. They bought the local ACE Hardware store, which was located off Bridge Street at that time.

They thought the move to Charlevoix from the Highland area, where they owned an ACE Hardware for over 10 years, would mean a slower pace of life.

Since then, they've found meeting Charlevoix's growing needs is any-

thing but sluggish. Providing rental equipment for construction and event projects, and extended product lines required a larger store. They moved to their current location at 06675 North M-66 in February 2003 and have now added 6,000 square feet of retail space there. This brought the store's total retail space to 15,000 square feet.

Over 15 contractors, the majority of which are from Charlevoix, worked on the addition. Construction started in October 2005 and was completed last week.

Mark said the expansion created an opportunity for small engine service of lawnmowers, snowblowers, weed whips and chain saws. Product offerings were also expanded to include hot tubs, paintball supplies including providing tank fill services, underground pet fencing, increased house wares, Stihl chain saws and weed whips, a new line of mowers and snowblowers and more lawn and leisure outdoor furniture.

The new and expanded product lines and services made way for employment opportunities for at least two full-time workers and a few part-timers as well. Store managers are

Shane Coel and Jason Corwin. Greyerbiehl said he feels the high level of customer service his employees deliver is part of what sets his store apart from its competitors.

"When you come in and see someone in ACE red, we want you to know you can get service immediately and you'll get the right help," Mark said.

The grand reopening party will include free refreshments, a ribbon cutting, Weber grilling demonstrations, giveaways and door prizes. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday, May 20 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

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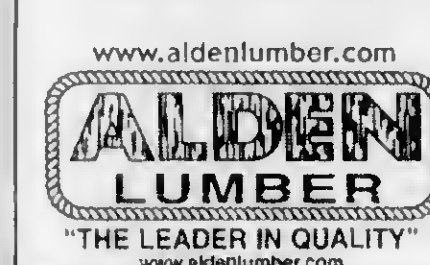
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BUSINESS

Friske Orchards to host Blossom Festival

Northern Michigan fruit trees will present a natural bouquet of blossoms at the Friske Orchards Farm Market Blossom Festival on Saturday, May 20.

The festival will kickoff with a blueberry pancake breakfast served from 8 to 11 a.m.

Throughout the day walks and wagon rides through the orchard will be offered while soaking in tales from storyteller Johnny Appleseed.

Other activities include balloon art, juggling, a magic show and music entertainment.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix, off U.S. 31 in Atwood.

For more information, call (231) 599-2604 or visit Friske's Web site at www.friske.com.

Harbor Industries named one of best and brightest

For the second year in a row, the Michigan Business and Professional Association of West Michigan, has named Harbor Industries Inc., of Grand Haven and Charlevoix, one of the 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For 2006.

This award program was created to recognize the renaissance and economic prosperity of our communities through innovative human resources practices and tools for human resources improvement.

The more than 500 companies nominated, represent the leading edge in human resources practices in industries as diverse as the automotive, insurance, hospitality, communications and non-profit.

Harbor Industries Inc. is a full service manufacturer of point of purchase displays and store fixturing.

Harbor Industries operates a 280,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Charlevoix.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

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Crown Motors' First Annual Safety Day Saturday, May 20

Crown Motors of Charlevoix will host its First Annual Safety Day from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 20.

Representatives of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be on hand to do fingerprinting. The City of Charlevoix Fire Department will be in attendance to offer fire truck tours and a cartoonist will be doing demonstrations.

The Northwest Community Health Agency will hand out free bike helmets to the first 50 kids at the event.

Crown Motors of Charlevoix is located at 6684 U.S. 31 South.

For more information, call (231) 547-9900.

Softball team splits double header May 9 with St. Francis

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer



Tony Zimmerman

Tuesday, May 9, losing the first game 11-7 and winning the second 4-2.

Amber Hoffman started the first game by pitching three strikeouts and two walks.

After quickly falling 11-1, the lady Rayders began to rebound as they scored six runs in the last two innings, but were unable to recover from the deficit.

Desi Faust (2-3), Sally Haselschwardt (2-4), and Caitlyn Mitchell (2-4) each offered their hitting skills as Charlevoix attempted to recover.

Coach Tony Zimmerman said he would have liked to have seen more aggressive play from his team.

"We did not play well defensively and didn't start hitting until the fifth inning," he said. "We had our chances but we just couldn't get the hits that we needed."

In that evening's nightcap, Faust allowed only four hits and offered up three strikeouts and

three walks.

The Rayders continued to improve on their hitting as Hoffman (1-2) and Lauren Mielke (1-2) provided strength from the batter's box.

After giving up two runs in the second inning on errors, the lady Rayders stepped up their defense to shut down Traverse City's hitting machine for the rest of the game.

Charlevoix continued to hold back on offense until late in the game as they quickly rallied to score all four of their runs in the fifth inning.

Zimmerman said he was proud of his team's perseverance and ability to fight back.

"This team never gives up and that is what makes this so fun for us," he said. "We make mistakes but we play hard until the end. I am very proud of them."

The Thursday, May 11 game against Cheboygan was canceled on account of rain and will not be made up.

With 10 games and less than two weeks remaining in the regular season, Zimmerman said he is looking forward to the challenges of the upcoming post-season.

"We're heading into a tough couple of weeks, this will be a good opportunity to get ready for districts," he said.

The Rayder varsity girls' softball team will play next against Suttons Bay at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 at home and then at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at home against Harbor Light.

SPORTS

Tennis team shows improvement headed into championship play

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Heading into the Lake Michigan Conference championship which was rained out on Friday, May 12 in Grayling, and again on Monday, May 15, the Charlevoix Rayder tennis team tied one match and won another.

The team locked horns with Elk Rapids in a 4-4 tie on Wednesday, May 3 and beat Boyne City 7-1 on May 5.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said he's confident that his tennis players will make a strong showing at the conference showdown.

"This is a big week for us. The team's solid. We've made improvements and I'm very optimistic heading into the conference and regional tournaments," he said.

In two previous matches this season, Elk Rapids beat Charlevoix. Lundteigen said his team had numerous opportunities to take the Elks in last week's match but things just weren't going the Rayders' way.

4-H soccer sign-up scheduled to take place on May 25 and 30

Charlevoix 4-H soccer fall sign-up will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on May 25 and May 30 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym.

Registration fees are \$60 per

way.

Individual results in Charlevoix's 4-4 May 3 split with Elk Rapids were:

- First, singles: Matt Novotny lost, 7-5, 6-4.
- Second, singles: Dan Swenor lost, 6-2, 6-4.

- Third, singles: Ty Haske lost, 6-1, 6-2.
- Fourth, singles: Brad Cyr lost, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.

- First, doubles: Dustin Dibble and Mike Greyerbiehl won, 6-0, 6-3.
- Second, doubles: Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster won, 6-2, 6-1.

- Third, doubles: Kris Bartling and Kevin Greyerbiehl won, 6-2, 8-2.
- Sixth, doubles: Collin McDonough and Scott Silberhorn won a pro-set, 8-2.

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SPORTS

Northern Martial Arts students participate in belt testing event

Northern Martial Arts of Charlevoix recently had a belt testing in which several students advanced to higher rankings.

The belt testing was overseen by chief master, Dave Weatherly, an eighth degree black belt and head of World Martial Arts, located in Fenton.

The following students were awarded belt rankings:

Yellow belt — Rob Vanderslik, Micah Athanastadis, Stephen Beck, Ryan Summers, Philip Chanda, Haley Coss and Riley Coss.

Blue belt — James Sutton, Tina Sutton, Claire Ransom, Jackson Robbins, Karol Varhailik and Kyle Whitney.

Red belt — Lizzy Sutton, Logan Nuttall, Jon Boyko and Mickey Hinkle.

Brown belt — Steve Sutton, Gabby Waterman and Spencer Bruce.

Junior black belt — David Young. Northern Martial Arts is located at 05998 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix. For more information, contact Tim Bruce at (231) 675-4414.

Charlevoix Area Pool Run on tap for June 3

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 12th Annual Pool Run on Saturday, June 3 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

A 5K Run and a mile Fun Run/Walk will highlight the activities. Both races will start at 9 a.m. The pre-entry deadline is Saturday, May 27 with a fee of \$12. Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for \$15.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt. The Fun Run/Walk entry fee is \$7 and does not include a T-shirt.

Medals will be given to first, second and third place finishers in each age group. The age groups are 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

All proceeds from the race will go to fund operations at the pool.

For more information or to obtain a race form, call the pool at (231) 547-0982.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are students and instructors from Northern Martial Arts of Charlevoix who recently participated in belt testing to advance to higher rankings.

Women's triathlon to benefit local cancer research and support groups

Charlevoix resident and cancer survivor Michelle Rick-Biddick is coordinating a women's triathlon to boost cancer awareness, research and education.

She invites survivors and other supporters to join her in Tri*4*Fun Women's Triathlon, a non-competitive sporting event to take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19.

A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 10 a.m. at Shanahan Field at the corner of Waller and Old Orchard roads.

The event will include a scenic 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim. The bike portion starts in Petoskey and winds along the shore of Lake Michigan and ends at the community pool. The run extends from the pool, along a rural road and loops back to the pool property.

Participants can register to partake

in all three events individually or as a team. Registration fees are \$100 for a team of two or three and \$50 per individual.

This year's triathlon is a fundraiser for two local cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

Registration forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton Street in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

A post-race party for participants and volunteers will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. the day of the event at Harbor Health and Fitness.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail WATCH@Core.com.

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SPORTS

Soccer team continues winning streak on the road to playoffs

The Rayder girls' soccer team continued its winning tear with three wins and a tie.

On May 8, the team showed its offensive prowess, shutting out the East Jordan Red Devils 10-0.

Charlevoix was able to start and play their reserves in the conference win. Freshmen led the way with goals by Kris Broman (2), Nicole Cyr, KC McCary, Meredith Rich (2) and Katie Withrow. Also scoring were Danni Bergmann, Kaleigh Blanchard and Teresa Potter. Assists went to Bergmann (2), Molly Branicki, Cyr (2) and McCary. Freshman, Tammy Potter, earned the Rayder's eighth shutout of the season in goal.

The Rayders then traveled to Suttons Bay for a tough non-conference match on May 9 where they battled Division 3 Suttons Bay to a 1-1 standoff.

The Rayders managed 21 shots to 9 for the Lady Norsemen but were unable to connect on several good opportunities.

Sophomore, Becca Madison, led the Rayders throughout the night from her center midfield position. Seniors, Stevie Murray and Lisa Kuebler, played strong defense in front of fellow senior, Laura Nitchman, who was in goal.

The match began fast and furious on both ends. After Charlevoix missed a couple scoring opportunities, Suttons Bay was able to beat the defense on the right side and connect on a breakaway goal.

The Rayders finally answered with six minutes left in the half, when the Ramsey sisters connected

again, with sophomore, Ariel Ramsey, sending an assist across to Madison Ramsey for the goal.

Also playing strong games for Charlevoix were midfielders McCary, Zita Anderson and Bergmann. Becca Madison was awarded the Rayder Player of the Game award for her tireless efforts in the midfield.

"This was an excellent test for us as we approach the state tournaments," head coach, Carol Madison, said. "Suttons Bay is a good team and we play them again at home. We were able to control the game but need to get better at finishing."

In a typically hard fought battle between rivals, Charlevoix prevailed in a 2-1 win over Harbor Springs on May 11. Sophomore all-stater, Becca Madison, got the scoring started midway through the first half with a beautiful left footer from 25 yards out into a strong wind. Although Charlevoix outshot the Rams 20-7 on the night, the first half ended at 1-0.

The Rayders continued to apply pressure on the Rams' net to open the second half. In transition, a Charlevoix defensive miscue resulted in an own goal and Harbor tied the score. The Rams, buffeted by the goal, came on strong for several minutes until the Rayders again settled down and began to control the play. Following a trip just outside the Rams' penalty box, Becca Madison again connected on a direct kick to put the Rayders up to stay.

Charlevoix's senior tri captain, all-stater Stevie Murray, played

excellent defense throughout the night and was awarded the Rayder Player of the Game award. The Rayders also received good defensive efforts from senior tri captains Nitchman and Kuebler, and outside back Emily Foster. The mid-field was controlled by the Rayder's Becca Madison, McCary, Anderson, Blanchard and Bergmann. Senior striker Madison Ramsey created several good opportunities with her aggressive play up front.

On Monday, May 15, the Rayders, ranked eighth in Division 4, improved to 10-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference and 12-1-1 overall with a 8-0 home win over Grayling.

Goals were scored by Ariel Ramsey (3), Blanchard, Becca Madison, Rich, Potter and Branicki. Assists went to Blanchard (2), McCary (2) and Bridget Peters.

Nitchman and Potter shared the shutout in the net with Potter making one save on the night.

Potter and Megan Cross, returning from injury, shared Rayder Player of the Game honors.

Charlevoix travels to Traverse City at 10 a.m. on Saturday to play second place Traverse City St. Francis Liberty in a key league match-up.

Rayder baseball takes one loses one at double header

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

On Tuesday, May 9, the Rayder varsity boys' baseball team ended their recent losing streak as they split their double-header against Traverse City St. Francis, losing the first game 3-1 and winning the second 4-0.

In the first game, Matt Teuscher pitched a full game with two strikeouts, no walks and only six hits. Charlevoix was unable to tally the win despite a strong showing at bat — Shannon Gillespie and Eddie Waldron each hit singles, Cliff Jones hit a triple, Jon Putman a double and Danny Waldron a single and an RBI.

The Rayders remained tied until the top of the fifth inning when St. Francis was able to capitalize on a handful of Charlevoix errors.

After the first game, coach Allen Telgenhof said that his players were stymied by a pair of well-matched pitchers and Traverse City's solid fielding abilities.

"We hit the ball well, but we just couldn't seem to find the open spot," he said.

In that evening's nightcap, Eddie Waldron capped a solid game from the mound by pitching a shutout with 10 strikes to lead his team to the win.

The Rayders hitting machine took charge of the game — Jones had two hits and two RBIs, Putman had two hits

and an RBI, Teuscher had two hits and an RBI and Gillespie nailed one in the fourth inning to carry their team to a 4-0 lead.

Telgenhof said his team continues to impress him with their growth and determination.

"Cliff Jones is our most aggressive base runner, he gets the whole team fired up," he added.

Thursday's game against Cheboygan was canceled due to rain and will not be made up.

The Rayder varsity boys' baseball team will play next against Suttons Bay at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 at home and again at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at home against Harbor Light.



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Vessel operators are asked to reduce speed and use extreme caution when navigating in this area while work is in progress.

The Mantowoc may be contacted on VHF-FM channel 16.

Library closed May 24 for server upgrade

The Charlevoix Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, May 24 for a computer server upgrade.

The Charlevoix Public Library is part of the PAC2 library consortium, which is a consortium of libraries that share a database. This database is the collection of all libraries' holdings. The consortium allows citizens access to over 245,000 unique titles compared to 36,000 unique titles that the Charlevoix Public Library owns.

"The consortium server is now four-and-a-half years old and is housing almost triple the number of records," said Valerie Meyerson, library director. "The upgraded server will not only allow for future growth but it will enhance library services as well. If our patrons want a quick reminder that their books are almost due, we will have the ability to send an e-mail."

During the upgrade process the library has no access to the database, thus cannot check anything in or out or look up items in the electronic catalog.

"The library board of trustees decided this would be a good day for a staff in-service session," said board president, Mary Ann Chew.

For more information about the temporary closure or to inquire about library services, call (231) 547-2651.

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Pedals vs. petrol

Mike Carey of C2 Gallery in Charlevoix beats high gas prices the old fashioned way, with a wheel, two pedals and a seat. Carey said it took about two weeks of falling down before he got the hang of the device four years ago.

Birthday open house to honor Lulla Brock



Lulla Brock

Reformed Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

All relatives, friends and former students are invited to attend the cake and ice cream reception.

Brock was born in Eveline Township on May 31, 1916. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1934. She

received a lifelong teaching certificate from Antrim County Normal School, and also earned a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University. Brock taught at Phelps, Walloon Lake, Ironton and Charlevoix schools, retiring in 1977.

She married the late Aaron "Ernie" Brock on September 1, 1941. They settled on the family farm located on Brock Road, just west of Ironton, where they raised turkeys and dairy cattle.

Lulla and Ernie raised four children: Ralph of Daggett, Dagmar Muna of Bryon Center, Peter of Rapid River and Aaron of Charlevoix.

Joining her children in paying tribute to her life will be three daughter-in-laws, 16 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Tip of the Mitt annual meeting May 23 at Bay View Country Club

The Top of Michigan Trails Council will host its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at the Petoskey Bay View Country Club.

A cocktail hour and dinner will precede the meeting, at 6 p.m.

Speakers will include Tom Bailey, Executive Director of The Little Traverse Conservancy, Allen and Jane Damschroder and Emily Meyerson, Trailways Coordinator.

Bailey's presentation will focus on

trails for kids and trails for the future. The Damschroders will present their recent experience of riding the Lewis and Clark bike trail. Meyerson will provide a Top of Michigan Trails Council trail system update.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010886-DE

Estate of Robert Clay Hull, Deceased
Date of birth: July 25, 1962

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert Clay Hull, who lived at 9930 Whitfield, East Jordan, Michigan, died September 11, 2006.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

PLAINTIFF: RENNE OKKONEN v. DEFENDANT: LISA OKKONEN

TO: Lisa Okkonen

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 on or before May 31, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

May 17, 2006



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SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Fifty Two Cents (\$288,979.52) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on June 23, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts

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PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34

North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwestern line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwestern line of said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet); North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet; Northwesterly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation

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DATED: May 17, 2006

Drafted By:

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

May 17, 24 and 31 CPR, First Aid classes

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid classes are available at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, in classroom B.

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, in classroom B.

- Basic First Aid from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, in classroom B.

The enrollment cost is \$25 for each CPR class, which includes a CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30. There is a price reduction for the three-class series.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received.

All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

May 18 Foot clinic

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a foot clinic at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 18. The center is located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

May 18 Ducks Unlimited banquet

The major fund-raiser for the Charlevoix chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a banquet, will take place on Thursday, May 18 at the Belvedere Club Casino.

Tickets for the banquet are \$50 per person, and there are a variety of special purchase packages available. The committee is also collecting cash donations to underwrite the auctions as well as raffle items.

From 1985 to 2004, Ducks Unlimited has provided financial support to restore, enhance and protect wetlands and uplands in more than 74 separate counties in Michigan. The organization was recently successful in securing \$1 million in federal funds to conserve habitat in Michigan.

To arrange a donation or for more information on ticket packages, call Ken Kline at (231) 547-4808.

May 18 Blood drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street. To make an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) or drop in. Donors are asked to bring your American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.

May 19 Luncheon

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women are holding its annual Spring Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at the church, located at 104 State St., in downtown Charlevoix.

The cost is \$7 per adult. A variety of meat dishes, salads, vegetables and pies will be served. Bazaar items and baked goods will be offered for sale as well.

May 20 Singles for Christ

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, invites all singles age 40 and over, from all area churches to its monthly dinner to take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Lester's BBQ, located at 151 Ray St. in Boyne City. To register, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

May 20 Peace workshop

"The Cost of War, the Price of Peace," an afternoon of workshops and discussions dealing with the Iraq War, will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Charlevoix City Hall. For more information, call (231) 547-2626.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX AREA COMMUNITY POOL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE June 1, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, June 1st beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be followed by the pool's volunteer appreciation dinner at 6:00 p.m. and entertainment by Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are available for purchase by calling the pool at 547-0982.

May 23 City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

April 25-May 23 Grief Support program

Loss of any kind is the focus of a series presented by Hospice of Northwest Michigan and designed to help people cope.

A series of five, weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 25 through May 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 207 Nichols Street in East Jordan.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency.

The program is designed to help those grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work. Facilitators for this program are Rev. Nancy Rhode, a hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, Hospice of Northwest Michigan bereavement coordinator.

Anyone who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others may participate.

To register, call Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231) 536-2842. There is no charge for this program.

June 3 Self defense workshop

A one day, two-hour, hands on workshop on the techniques of self defense of the Kubotan will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Northern Martial Arts, located at 05998 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix.

The workshop is open to those ages 12 years and up. The cost is \$25 per participant.

For more information, call Northern Martial Arts at (231) 675-4414.

June 22 Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

June 27 Tai Chi for Arthritis

A six-week session of Tai Chi for Arthritis classes begins June 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. To register, or for more information, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

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Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

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Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Looking back at a Charlevoix High School all-star



Marilyn Boss
'Days gone by'

I received a request at the Courier from Cal Maison of Traverse City's Blair Township, to write a story about former Charlevoix athletic all-star, Bob Carey.

Cal said he considers Bob to be, "The best athlete to come out of Charlevoix."

Bob and his twin brother, Bill Carey, attended Charlevoix High School at the same time that I did. They graduated in 1948, and I graduated in 1950. I remember them as great basketball players, as I was an avid basketball fan.

I am going to tell some of what I remember of them, before I write about the information Cal sent. Some of this information was taken from their class yearbook, "The Rayder, 1947-1948." In the senior annual, Bob was listed as participating in these extracurricular activities: Football, basketball, track, the Christmas Ball, Junior Play, class officer, the yearbook, Junior Hop, band and operetta. Bill's extra activities were: Football, basketball, track, Christmas Ball, Junior play, band, operetta, class officer, the yearbook, and the "Crimson Flash" school newspaper. Bob was vice-president of his class, and Bill was treasurer. Their class motto was "Seizing Ever, Ceasing Never."

In the class prophecy in the 1947-48 annual yearbook, Bob's prophecy was, "Watching the kids, while Dona (Sternberg) does the coaching." Dona was his girlfriend at the time. Bill's prophecy was, "Coaching at the University of Michigan."

In his class will, Bob left his basketball ability to Jerry Gibbons, also a ball player, and a classmate of mine. Bill left speech class to the speakers.

Bob was voted most sophisticated boy, and Bill, the best dressed. They both were voted "most athletic boys." Bob's nickname was "Big Bob." Bill's was "Hump." Bob's ambition for 1968 was to be the owner and manager of his own athletic club. Bill's ambition was, "To be a member of the 'Downtown Coaches Club.'" Bob's suppressed desire was to play professional baseball, and Bill listed

his desire as a vocation. Bob's most cherished possession was his pricey suit (\$67.50) and overcoat (\$53). Bill's cherished possession was his memories of school days.

The two boys excelled in basketball, and in the 1947-48 season, the team went to the semi-finals of the State Championship, and were beaten by Milan in triple overtime. Milan was then defeated in the finals by St. Peter and Paul of Saginaw. I went to the game with my grandfather. It was sad to see them get so close to the championship, and then lose in the last minute.

Four Rayders topped the 100-point mark in the 22 games completed that season. Bob led teammates with 364 points. Bill had 167, Ross Case, 158 and Pat Martin, 124. These four Rayders were all-conference first team choices. Cliff Lagerman was a defensive artist, and scored 91 points; in spite of a

delayed starting assignment.

The 1947-48 Charlevoix basketball team included: Bill Carey, Dave Smith, Dick Donaldson, Cliff Lagerman, Pat Martin, Don Burke, Warren Shadko, Don Coney, Bob Carey, Bob Shanahan, Dave Hardy and Ross Case.

Cal sent me a page from a Michigan State College book, and also sent some facts on Bob. Bob's picture is in the book, and he's listed as Athlete of the Year for 1949-50. I am going to quote from this book, as they listed his accomplishments.

"A rarity of modern times, Bob



Bob Carey

Carey (football 1949-1951, basketball 1950-1952, track 1950-1952), not only lettered in three sports but was a standout in all three. He excelled as a 1951 consensus all-American end in football, three-year starter at center in basketball, and top-ranked shot put in track and field (1952 Big Ten champion and NCAA third place finisher). Tied with two other past Spartans, his name still tops all other Michigan State receivers with eight touchdown receptions in one season. Even though his football responsibilities meant he would report late for basketball, he ranked third in team scoring as a junior and second in team scoring as a senior. Entering the professional ranks upon graduation, Carey played six seasons in the National Football League, four with the Los Angeles Rams and two with the Chicago

Bears. His twin brother Bill also lettered in football (1949-1951) and basketball (1951-1952), while older brother Chuck Carey lettered as a member of the 1940 football team. The Carey's were from Charlevoix, Mich., where their high school coach was Ray Kipke, a star of the 1923-1924 MAC football teams."

I want to thank Cal for the information he sent. I enjoyed writing about Bob, bringing back many memories of those days at Charlevoix High School. Bob passed away, but Bill is still living in Charlevoix.

"God bless you, Bob, wherever you are," Cal wrote at the end of his letter.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Black bear caught in city limits

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A 150 pound black bear stretching 6 feet in length, believed to be looking for its breakfast, stumbled into downtown Charlevoix early Monday morning, May 22.

A cooperative effort between representatives of the City of Charlevoix Police Department, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the Roscommon and Gaylord offices of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, brought a peaceful end to the six-hour standoff.

"It was a success — safe for the bear and safe for the public," said Mark Sargent, management unit supervisor for the Gaylord office of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

According to city police chief, Gerard Doan, first word of the bear roaming the city came via a 911 call made around 6:30 a.m. from a resident reporting the bear wandering through their backyard in the 300 block of Antrim Street.

"The bear was most likely looking for food. It had also been spotted going through a garbage can," he said.

From that time on, law enforcement officials cordoned off several city streets to reduce the chances of human-bear interaction.

Representatives of the aforementioned groups were able to locate the bear, which after being spotted proceeded to climb a tree near an Antrim Street residence.

At around 9:30 a.m. the bear showed signs of fatigue, climbed out of the tree and proceeded to run from its Antrim Street location, through residential areas and into another tree located in a group of homes near the intersection of Park Avenue and Sherman Street.

According to Sargent, Brian Mastenbrook, also with the Gaylord office of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Mark Boersen, of the Roscommon office, teamed up to remove the bear.

Boersen is trained and certified to

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

This 150 pound black bear stretching 6 feet in length, caused quite a ruckus Monday morning, May 22, when it wandered into the City of Charlevoix. Here it is seen around 10 a.m. in a tree near the corner of Park Avenue and Sherman Street.

Rivulet developers pull site plan review request

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Residents opposed to a hotel/resort condominium project are holding their breath after tallying a win in their fight against a proposed development.

"I'm not as overjoyed as you might think I should be. I think they are going to reload and bring forward another proposal. I'm hoping that might be more suitable. But it might not be. But the first act ended well," said Steve Hansen, a property owner whose parcel abuts the Pine River Lane Rivulet Pointe development site.

On May 16, Jack Turner, the attorney representing Rivulet Pointe landowners Peter Carey, Julie Bandfield and Randy Carey, sent an e-mail to attorney for the City of Charlevoix, Jim Young, withdrawing his clients' site plan review request.

Turner declined to comment as to why the Carey-Bandfield request

was withdrawn. Calls made to Randy Carey and the property real estate agent, Nancy Carey, weren't returned by press time.

Over the past four months, the development in question, Rivulet Pointe Hotel Resort, has been met with both support and opposition.

The development plan shows a 12-unit resort hotel to be built at 115 Pine River Lane, overlooking the Pine River Channel.

The proposed \$10 to \$12 million resort hotel, to be developed by Carr Acquisitions of Gaylord, would span over 30,000 square feet and would have 24 underground parking spaces. The lot is 7 tenths-of-an-acre of land and is zoned commercial. The city's zoning ordinance allows for hotels/motels in the commercial district.

On Feb. 13, the city's planning commission determined that the proposed project is an allowable use by right in

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Artistic flair

Matthew Mailloux, a 16-year-old Charlevoix High School student gives a demonstration on how to make glass beads during the annual school-wide art show at Charlevoix Elementary School on May 18. For more pictures, see page 27.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Robert Charles Harecrow, 27, Boyne City. Licenses suspended/revoked/denied — second or subsequent offense. Serve 40 days in jail with credit for six days, to serve 34 days in jail; \$800 in fines and costs.

Devon Thomas Turner, 23, Temperance. Attempted resisting and obstructing. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for 18 days, to serve 72 days in jail; \$900 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Arlene Sue Davis, 46, East Jordan. Embezzlement-agent or trust more than \$1,000, but less than \$20,000. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve five years probation; \$33,770 in fines and costs.

Joshua Allen Procknow, 17, East Jordan. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; \$80 in fines and costs.

Virginia Kay Murphy, 40, East Jordan. Probation violation-uttering and publishing. Continue probation; \$100 in fines and costs paid in addition to \$150 per month starting in June.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Northern Michigan Electric, 04447 Miles Road, East Jordan, by Lee Erickson

Seasons, 221 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Cindy Pierson

Herzog Electric LLC, 8542 Mt. McSaubia Road, Charlevoix, by Matt Herzog

Pleasant Valley PC, Lounsbury Inspection Services, Lounsbury Enterprises, 02700 Pleasant Valley

Road, Boyne City, by Kevin Jerome Lounsbury

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Steven Roger Papaik, 43 and Renee Lynn Seals, 53, both of Lakeland, Fla.

Mark Daniel Brewer, 37 and Ann Marie Miller, 35, both of East Jordan

Beau Daniel Detcher, 21 and Susanna Lynn Weller, 20, both of Boyne City

Matthew David Angetsinger, 28 and Jessica Irene Johnson, 30, both of East Jordan

William Ervin Barrett, 21 and Tiffany Ann Potter, 20, both of Charlevoix

Fredric James Wheeler, 61 and Sherry E. Vincent, 59, both of Lima, Ohio

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Bradley Warner vs. Benita Warner

Carol Lynn Mack vs. David Jon Mutz

Traci Stradling vs. James W. Stradling III

Angela Lynn Rostar vs. Michael John Rostar

Births

Nevah Skye Roznowski weighing 7 pounds was born May 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Shana Roznowski.

Grandparents are Melissa Adkins of Alba, Andy Shepard of Alba, Roger McQueen and Chris Call of Bellaire and Mary-Ann Estes of Bellaire.

Great-grandparents are Art and Phillis McQueen of Bellaire.

Jaqueline Rose Gibson weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces was born May 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Steven and Stephanie Gibson of Gainesville, Ga.

Her grandparents are Barry and Anna Simonson of Central Lake and Peggy Gibson of Gainesville, Ga. Her great-grandmother is Gertrude L. Brookins

of Central Lake.

Noah James Gibbert weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces was born May 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Justin and Aimee Gibbert of East Jordan. His grandparents are Romain and Cheryl LaLonde of Ellsworth and Cheryl Gibbert of DesPlaines, Ill.

Madelynn Jean Zipp weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born May 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Don Zipp and Carolyn Blanchard of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Tanner and Gunner. Her grandparents are Scott and Deb Blanchard and Dave and Sharon Zipp of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Clayton and Reva Sarasin of East Jordan, Burr Blanchard of Charlevoix and Donald Bissonette of Levering.

Evangeline Lauren Hesselgrave weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces was born May 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jersine Tricarico and Robert Hesselgrave of Alanson. Her grandparents are Melissa Henderson of Nappanee, Ind., Cary Tricarico of Alanson, Mary Loper of Central Lake and Bob Hesselgrave of Leesburg, Fla.

Addison Elaine Boop weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces was born May 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Jennifer Boop of Norwood. Her sibling is Aidan Matthew. Her grandparents are Ken and Janet Armstrong of Grösse Ile, and Karen Boop Darby of Parma, Ohio. Her great-grandparents are Dorothy York and Ralph Vansickle of Flint and Grosse Ile and Marian Sachs of Parma, Ohio.

Correction

Due to reporter's error, information about Josh Barnes included in the article entitled "Charlevoix County Commission race heats up," which appeared on page 10 of the May 17 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, was incorrectly stated. Barnes wasn't a commissioner before taking over for his daughter. He founded LexaLite, not Spectrus and is retired from Summa Industries.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Beautiful blossoms

Weeks of rain followed by days of sunshine helped coax these baby blossoms from their slumber this spring.

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DNR tranquilizes and relocates black bear roaming the City of Charlevoix

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use a tranquilizer gun and successfully subdued the bear with a dart.

Doan said the bear did not fall from the tree, but about 20 minutes after being hit with the dart, slid down as the serum began to work its magic.

He added that bear sightings have also been made in the Norwood area and this could be the same bear.

"There's a good chance this is the same bear. But we really don't know," he said.

Regardless of where the bear came from, it now has a new home. The bear was tattooed for future tracking, caged and released in the Pigeon River State Forest, located northeast of Gaylord.

The bear scare, which drew dozens of onlookers, was over at around 12:30 p.m.

This is the second black bear that has ventured into the City of Charlevoix in the past six years. The first came through at around 1 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, 2000. Department of Natural Resources representatives were unable to tranquilize this bear and shot and killed it.

"I'd rather have a happy ending like this than to have something tragic happen," Doan said.

He added that residents who see bears in residential areas should call 911 and observe the bear to give the dispatcher an approximate location. "But don't approach it," he said.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

At around 9:30 a.m. a black bear that made its way into the City of Charlevoix briefly descended from a nearby tree at this residence, located at 209 Antrim St., only to return to another tree minutes later. The bear was captured at around 12:30 p.m. and released in the Pigeon River State Forest.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
May 14	57	46	.06
May 15	59	44	.02
May 16	61	44	.10
May 17	63	44	tr
May 18	54	43	.55
May 19	44	43	.46
May 20	63	40	—

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A tribute to spring

Charlevoix Middle School band students performed their spring concert on May 16. Students performed solos, duets and full band pieces by Mozart, Holst, John Williams, Henri Mancini and others. Pictured above is sixth-grade student, Maria Lopez, playing the flute.

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Click it or Ticket infringes on personal choice



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

The "Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket" safety belt enforcement mobilization runs, May 22 to June 4 with 800 zones conducted by 234 agencies.

I won't argue whether seat belts do more good than harm, there is enough junk science on both sides of the issue to reassure the already convinced.

I don't blame police for costs incurred in extra man-hours or for the \$65 tickets they dole — cops

merely enforce the intrusive legislation.

The state's so-called concern is saving some of the 1,100 lives lost, and resultant costs incurred, on Michigan roads each year — 40 percent of which are alcohol related. Meanwhile, 450,000 smokers, 370,000 grease eaters and 100,000 hoozers die annually, and cost us exponentially more.

Committed in excess by the uninsured, these choices can burden society, but outlawing them is arbitrary and insulting — was our government really created to protect us from ourselves? If we're not privy to basic freedoms, what hope do we have for the rest?

If Big Brother wants to save innocent lives, then stop letting drunk drivers keep their licenses and stop merely slapping child molesters on the wrists.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA), integral in implementing our seat belt law, admits there was, "Not a sufficiently wide base of sponsors to convince legislators that there was political safety in supporting the bill."

Lobbyists paid for by special interest groups from the auto and insurance industries "Coordinated grassroots effort(s) to build political comfort for legislators," a National Highway Traffic Safety Association press release states.

The Michigan Petroleum Association (MPA/MACS) was also instrumental in promoting the "Click It or Ticket" campaign — It's not like they expected the state to play stupid while fuel distributors gouged Michiganders at the pump.

"Their (MPA/MACS) basic self-

interest is dead customers won't buy any more gasoline," states the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. And of Melody Farms Dairy they said, "Who drinks their product? Mainly, kids drink their product. Seat belts and safety seats save kids, and saving kids is good for business."

After all, "Click it or Ticket," is a much better slogan than "Please don't die. Corporations want your money."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association advises lobbyists in other states to, "Quit pushing the message that the law will help the state qualify for federal funds."

Oh, didn't I mention the federal government is offering \$500 million to be divided among states with seat belt laws?

Legislation on personal behavior

increases by the day. Yet, when concerns are voiced, we're told that it's necessary to ensure our safety.

Eighteenth Century colonial sympathizer, William Pitt, said, "Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom: It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

Officials say the tickets will promote compliance, not punish. Sounds like nothing more than a \$65 tax on personal choice. And since I can't afford \$455 a week to exercise my God-given right to liberty, I'll continue to huckle up.

Anyone tired of being treated like a child can contact their legislators by visiting: www.michigan.gov.

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Writer's inside look at local group of cancer survivors



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

I recently saw first hand the positive things that can come from cancer — courage, comfort, compassion and camaraderie.

I had the heartfelt opportunity this past week to volunteer at the TRI 4 FUN Women's Triathlon. The event's main purpose was to create a positive atmosphere of support and raise money for two cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties: Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

Forty registered participants took part in the triathlon which covered territory from Bay Harbor through the back roads of Charlevoix. It was a community-wide effort spearheaded by its creator, Charlevoix resident Michelle

Rick-Biddick.

Michelle had always wanted to participate in a triathlon before reaching the ripe old age of 29. The years flew by and with each new birthday the thought would return. "This outdoor enthusiast, who relished life and followed a healthy lifestyle, was about to enter unfamiliar territory at the age of 48 when diagnosed with breast cancer. The time had come to reflect on her life and take charge of her future.

With no family history of cancer, her family and friends learned that cancer isn't choosy when it decides who it will strike next. Her inspiration to fight for her life came from her family and her good friend and mentor, Donna Moll. Donna had befriended Michelle when she first moved to Charlevoix. Little did she know that Donna's own survival of cancer would become her beacon of hope in the midst of her own diagnosis.

At 79, Donna Moll is a cancer survivor whose optimism and energy belies her age. Donna biked across the United States this past summer participating in a cancer fund-raising event and garnered the honor of being the oldest participant in this recent triathlon.

The event also welcomed the "Survivor Team" made up of Kim Stevens, Gay Pung and Diane Gorkiewicz, three courageous women who have supported each other in recovery with their tenacity.

Diane needed to pull out at the last minute due to a non-cancer related illness. I spoke with Diane and listened as she echoed Michelle's sentiments. She said the triathlon is a united effort to bring fun to a cause and celebrate survivorship. Her own diagnosis of breast cancer in November 2000 encouraged her to help others. Her best advice is, "Go with your feelings. Be your own advocate for your own health. If you discover a lump follow it up with a mammogram." Unlike the other women I had met, Diane did have cancer in her family history so she became diligent regarding her health care.

The triathlon held a special importance to Kim as it was the six-year anniversary of her diagnosis. It was May 18, 2000, when Kim, who like Michelle had no prior cancer confirmed in her family, was given the surrealistic news. Tears filled Kim's eyes as she relived the moment when after a routine mammogram, doctors in-

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Photo by Gayle Gennett

One of the teams participating in the May 19 TRI 4 FUN Women's Triathlon to raise money for two cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties: Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength, was comprised of three local cancer survivors and friends. The "Survivor Team" made up of Kim Stevens (above left), Gay Pung (above right) and Diane Gorkiewicz (not pictured), discussed their personal battles with breast cancer, with Courier columnist Gayle Gennett.

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Writer inspired by survivors' stories of tragedy and triumph

TRIATHLON

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formed her tumors had been discovered. Biopsies later confirmed that the tumors were benign. At 39 years of age, Kim underwent a modified radical mastectomy and reconstructive surgery.

At the May 19 TRI 4 FUN event, Kim's family was very supportive of her first 5K triathlon run. Her husband, Rod, who is a runner, acted as her personal trainer, while her mom was present as a volunteer at the event. Kim shared that women diagnosed with cancer may question, "Why me, but after the anger and hopeless feelings, the best route to take is action. Discussion, education and support are the keys to facing this horrific disease." Kim said if there's one thing she would like my column readers to remember it is, "Don't take life for granted."

Kim's ongoing friendship with Diane inspired Diane to establish the Circle of Strength program at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Encouragement and finances made available from the hospital's foundation provided educational materials and financial help for women needing mammograms, wigs, warm caps, breast pillows and further emotional support.

Best of all, the friendships that are forged by meeting others whose lives have been touched by cancer become permanent.

What I saw again and again at this triathlon was the importance of family support. There were daughters, sons, husbands and close friends whose lives had all been touched in some way by someone with some form of cancer.

Gay, also a member of the "Survivor Team," was diagnosed with breast cancer 14 years ago, at age 48. She too had no prior family history of the disease. Gay's first support besides her family was the Reach to Recovery Program for Breast Cancer Survivors. She has now joined



Photo by Gayle Gennett

Michelle Rick-Biddick, a cancer survivor and organizer of TRI 4 Fun Women's Triathlon tackles the bike portion of the event on May 19.

Diane and Kim with Circle of Strength whose focus supports all types of cancer. Her advice to others is, "There is hope after cancer. Early diagnosis is the key, self breast exams are extremely important. You can't let cancer control your life." Ironically, she is now providing support in return for her husband who is a pancreatic cancer survivor.

I continued my mission to find support for cancer survivors while at the triathlon. Dan Gardner, president of the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, attended to offer his support.

The May 19 triathlon brought in \$8,700 to assist individuals in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. From this event, 100 percent of the funds raised will stay in the community. Both Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength assist in financing mammograms, research, awareness and medications. They also provide gas money and hotel rooms if needed.

It's people like Michelle and Dan who

see the need and put words into action. As Michelle put it so aptly, "One step, one pedal and one stroke at a time, for a cure." It was my pleasure to be a volunteer at this fund-raiser and to know that if this disease should strike there's hope and support for me, my family and yours.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Peace Officers Memorial

Editor:
If you did not attend the Police Officers Memorial on Tuesday, May 16, in East Park, you missed a very inspiring and impressive program.

This was a ceremony honoring the six Michigan officers who died in the line of duty this past year as well as retired and active duty police officers along with all active members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Services.

Guest speaker, Capt. Tim Rod, from the Michigan State Police, 7th District, delivered a most profound speech honoring all law officers and service people.

This was an opportunity for all the community to say "thanks" to all these brave people, past and present. It's too bad there was only a handful of people attending this ceremony. To the ones that didn't attend — shame on you.

Rita Orlovski
Charlevoix

Alfairs Office proudly joins all Americans in thanking you for your dedication and service as a member of our armed forces.

Robert T. Drebenstedt
Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Director

Share the harvest

Editor:
Let's all grow a row for our neighbors.

Well, it appears that spring has finally come to northern Michigan and with it the thoughts of many people turn to gardening. Are you one of those people who love to do the gardening but can't possibly use all the produce that results from your hard work? Are you overrun with rhubarb this spring and need to find it a home? Have you considered planting an extra row or two in your garden and donating the results of your labor to a local pantry?

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'Thank you' veterans

Editor:
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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Lake Superior State University dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2006 semester: Kyle Leese, a senior majoring in history; and Natasha Kleiber, a junior majoring in elementary education.

FEMA training

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently completed training for Charlevoix resident and lieutenant Michael Tilley of the Michigan State Police in Lansing at its National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md.

Spring Semester Honors Recital

Jerusha Londgren, the daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, participated in the April 30 Spring Semester Honors Recital at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn.

Sports edition of Who's Who

Charlevoix High School students Zita Anderson and Josh Saur are featured in the 4th Annual Sports Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Hope College graduate

Taryn Drost, a senior majoring in psychology was awarded a bachelor of arts degree May 7 from Hope College, located in Holland. Taryn is the daughter of Chris and Danya Drost of Charlevoix.

4-H Council Scholarship recipient

Charlevoix High School senior, Michael Sayward, was selected to receive the 2006 Charlevoix County 4-H Council Scholarship.

Michael will attend Michigan State University in the fall. The Charlevoix County 4-H Council sponsors the scholarship every spring and the applicants need to be actively enrolled in a Charlevoix County 4-H program during the first semester of their senior year, and for at least one year prior. The scholarship is based on academic performance, 4-H involvement, community involvement, leadership, a written essay and an oral interview.

Sayward has been a member of the Charlevoix County Criter Club, and active in the Emmet-Charlevoix County 4-H Market Livestock Program, Horse Developmental Council and Animal Husbandry.

Petunia truck takes home Mayor's Trophy at Holland Tulip Festival

For the first time in 17 years, Dale Boss was able to enter the Charlevoix petunia watering truck, pulling the 37-foot nautical Charlevoix parade float, in the Holland Tulip Festival parade on May 13.

In 1988 and 1989 Boss entered the float, but they made a regulation not to allow trucks in the parade after that. Through the efforts of Chris and Barney Way, the parents of Miss Charlevoix, Kari Way, the float was accepted this year.

The Holland Tulip Festival is the largest parade in the State of Michigan, excluding the Detroit parade at Thanksgiving. Holland had 181 entries, with thousands of people in attendance along the two-and-a-half miles of tulip lined streets.

Kari Way, Miss Charlevoix and Brittany Niswander, the first runner-up, were on the float. To Boss' surprise, about five minutes before the parade began, he was awarded the Mayor's Trophy for the best unit there, in the non-commercial category. There were around 100 units in that category.

"It is quite an honor to have a little town win the top award with all the competition that was there," Boss said.

Two tall Dutch girls, dressed in costumes, walked ahead of the Charlevoix unit, with a large banner stating that the Charlevoix entry had won the Mayor's Trophy.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Charlevoix resident, Dale Boss, "Mr. Petunia" holding the Mayor's Trophy he received May 13 at the Holland Tulip Festival for the petunia truck parade entry. He stands with Miss Charlevoix 2005, Kari Way, and first runner-up, Brittany Niswander.

Boss said the bubbles flying in the air from the two bubble machines, and ragtime piano music were a hit with the huge crowd.

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Engagement

Bernhardt — McLean



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Bob and Judy Bernhardt of Trout Lake have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie A. Bernhardt of Charlevoix to John E. McLean Jr., also of Charlevoix.

The bride elect is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is currently employed as a teacher with Charlevoix Public Schools.

The groom to be is the son of William and Eva Horner of Grosse Pointe and is currently serving in the U.S. Coast

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Zonta Club to host 'Touch of Class' garage sale fund-raiser

The Zonta Club of Charlevoix will host a "Touch of Class" garage sale fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10 at Northwest Academy, located at 115 West Hurlhut St. in Charlevoix.

Many attic and closet treasures will be reasonably priced.

Proceeds will go toward advancing the status of women projects and scholarships.

Donations will be accepted on June 7 and 8.

To make arrangements for drop off or for more information, call Joan Balch at (231) 547-9013 or Sandy Stebe at (231) 547-4639.



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Area Garden Club plant sale to take place May 27

From 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 27, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host its annual plant sale at 807 E. Dixon Avenue in Charlevoix.

Last year the club sold more than 1,000 plants from local, private gardens. Proceeds from the sale, as well as the Charlevoix Area Garden Club Garden Walk which will take place on July 12, are used to maintain and improve the 11 civic gardens around Charlevoix.

If you have potted or bareroot plants to donate, contact Margaret Heath at (231) 547-1978.

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Obituaries

Howard Elzinga: May 26, 1915 - May 19, 2006

Howard Frank (Slim) Elzinga, of Bay City, died Friday, May 19 at Brian's House Hospice. Howard was born May 26, 1915 in Atwood, to the late Henry and Mary Lou (Anderson) Elzinga.

Howard graduated from Central State Teachers College (now Central Michigan University) in 1939. Howard was a versatile four-sport athlete who earned 13 varsity letters. He was inducted into the Central Michigan University Sports Hall of Fame in 1987 as well as listed in 1969 All-time Great Central football team as a "tight-end".

Howard was a veteran of World War II, serving as a U.S. Navy pilot from 1942 to 1945. During that time, he was awarded a Purple Heart, two Air Medals and a Distinguished Flying Cross.

On Sept. 16, 1943, he married the former Jeanne Jeannotte in Brunswick, Maine. Jeanne preceded Howard in death on Oct. 27, 2004 after 61 years of marriage. Howard was a teacher

and coach in Mio, Pigeon, Grant and Zeeland, before accepting a teaching/coaching job at Bay City Handy High School. There, he served as a teacher, coach, athletic director and guidance counselor. He retired from Bay City Public Schools in 1977. At that time, Howard and Jeanne moved to a home on Antrim Dells Golf Course in Atwood, residing there until Jeanne's death in 2004.

Howard enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and playing poker as well as trips to the casino. He was a lifetime member of the Elks.

Howard is survived by five sons: Kent, Chris (Kathy), Russ (Gayle), Mark (Cindy Thompson) and Beau (Cindy); eight grandchildren; Jason, Jared, Joshua, Brandon, Nicole, Ashley, Alexandra and Ian Elzinga; two sisters-in-law, Mil Elzinga and Betty Jeannotte; nephews and nieces, Greg and Chip Elzinga, Beth Boudreaux and Jim and Jeanne Jeannotte.

Howard was also preceded in death

by his sister, Betty Elzinga; brother-in-law, Russell Jeannotte; and most recently by his brother, Ed Elzinga, who died on May 8.

At Howard's request, cremation has taken place.

A memorial service honoring Howard's life will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 at Cephart Funeral Chapel, located at 1200 Garfield Avenue in Bay City. Rev. William T. Hennessy will officiate and military honors will be conducted by the Bay County Veterans Council.

Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of the service on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorial contributions be made to Cure Autism Now, Brian's House, or a charity of the donor's choice.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Colomades Assisted Living Facility for the kindness and caring shown to Howard during his 18-month stay.

Friends may meet the family from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. An Order of the Eastern Star memorial service will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home under the auspices of Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #72, Charlevoix.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. The Rev. Todd Thompson will officiate. Interment will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health-Hospice, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, 49720; ALS TDE, 215 First St., Cambridge, MA 02142; Charlevoix United Methodist Church; or Charlevoix Area Hospital.



Wanda Hill

Wanda G. Hill, 85, of Charlevoix, passed away peacefully Saturday, May 20, at Charlevoix Area Hospital after succumbing to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

She was born May 29, 1920, in Boyne City, the daughter of Hylon J. and Mildred (Dornburg) Heaton, Sr. Wanda graduated from Boyne City High School in 1938, and Cleary College in Ypsilanti in 1939.

On May 25, 1940, she married Hal Hill in Boyne City where they lived until 1955, when they moved to Charlevoix. Wanda graduated from

the Petoskey Beauty Academy in 1965 as a licensed beautician. Since 1980, Wanda and Hal have wintered in Gulf Shores, Ala., until Hal's death on March 21, 2003.

She was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #72, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Wanda's love of bridge was only surpassed by her love of family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Hal Hill, Jr. and his wife Karen of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughter, Julie Scheels and her husband Rolly of Jackson; grandsons, Todd Holtzman and Chad Hill of Phoenix, Ariz.; granddaughter, Tobie Curtis and her husband Russell of Charlevoix; great-granddaughter, Lily Curtis; brother, Hylon Heaton, Jr. and his wife Vivian of Boyne City.

Death notices

Thomas Urban: Died May 21, 2006

Thomas P. Urban, 57, of Charlevoix, died May 21 at home. Arrangements are incomplete and are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix.

Edward Hanes: Died May 22, 2006

Edward G. Hanes, 83, of Charlevoix, died May 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete and are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix.

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Memorial Day activities planned in Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Monday, May 29 is Memorial Day, a day designated to remember all who have died while serving the United States of America.

At 9 a.m. at Brookside Cemetery there will be a wreath laying ceremony at the flagpole, the Genesburg address will be read aloud, taps will be played and there will be a gun salute to honor those who have fallen while in service to their country.

At 9:30 a.m., various marching units including the Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, Coast Guard March Unit, Veteran's Color Guard, Rayder Marching Band and more will assemble on East Garfield Street for the parade which begins at 10 a.m.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library Canine Marching Platoon will also be in attendance.

According to a Canine Marching Platoon press release, more than a dozen dogs of all sizes and breeds will march with their owners in the parade.

"If you do not have a dog, you are still welcome to march with the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and their dogs," the release states. "The library has established a tradition of carrying signs of the names of Charlevoix

Memorial Day activities on Monday, May 29
Wreath laying: 9 a.m. at Brookside Cemetery.
Parade: 10 a.m. in downtown Charlevoix
Ceremony: Immediately following parade, East Park

citizens who have lost their lives in the service of their country."

Vice-president of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, Mary Snider, will read those names during ceremonies in East Park following the parade.

For more information on the Canine Marching Platoon, Call Val Meyerson at (231) 547-2651.

While Memorial Day services tend to focus on those who have fallen in the line of duty, there were many women like Isabelle Seidel, an army nurse, who helped keep those soldiers alive.

Seidel, who began nursing training in 1939, graduated in 1941 and went into the army in the fall of 1942.

"With the situation as it was, I wanted to see if I could help in any way," she said. "It was the beginning of the war and they were opening hospitals here in the states and in Great Britain."

Through her nearly six years of service to her country, Seidel served in Wales, England, Scotland, France and Germany.

"At the time I wasn't seeing much

of Europe because I was busy working and helping with opening the hospitals and serving soldiers," she said.

Seidel first served during World War II and later came back to work for Uncle Sam when the Korean conflict arose.

"My husband was already serving in Europe and I asked to be transferred there," she said.

Seidel, who didn't retire until she was 62-years-old, said she wouldn't want to go back to work for the country at her age, but she wouldn't trade the history she's experienced for the world.

"It was a great experience. I worked at and got to see most of the United States and parts of Europe that I would not have otherwise seen," she said. "I happened to be on duty in the hospital when General Patton died."

General George S. Patton was in an automobile accident in Germany and died on December 21, 1945.

The retired nurse feels it is impera-



Courtesy photo

Isabelle Seidel, pictured above with her husband, Joe Seidel Sr., is a Charlevoix resident and U.S. Army veteran who plans to march in the Memorial Day parade to take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29, in downtown Charlevoix.

tive that Memorial Day be observed.

"They (soldiers) need all the support they can get, and the people working with them need all the support they can

get," she said. "I hope they will soon be able to come home."

Seidel hopes to attend the parade and ceremonies in honor of the dead.

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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The customers utilizing the pantries are thrilled when they can get fresh fruits and vegetables for their families. If you like to garden but are unable to harvest all you produce, contact your local pantry and see if they might be able to assist you.

When you think about the circle of hands helping other hands that could be created, and the lives that can be enriched through this simple program, it makes you ask, "Why Not?"

For more information or help finding a pantry, call the Manna Food Project at (231) 347-8852. Let's do all we can to make sure all the food grown in the local gardens this year makes it to someone's dinner table.

Kathy Hart
Manna Food Project
Executive director

Nuclear weapons policy

Editor:
Why was Israel permitted to develop a large arsenal of nuclear weapons without opposition or publicity? Arab nations are prohibited from possessing any nuclear weapons with much publicity. The population of Israel is far less than the population of New York City.

Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

Editor:
The 12th Annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive for the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry took place on Saturday, May 13, this year. The Charlevoix community was most generous in giving food for the food pantry.

Under the direction of Kelly Morris, the National Association of Letter Carriers picked up food for the food pantry. Our shelves are full and it looks great.

We certainly appreciate the efforts of the letter carriers and the people who helped us fill our shelves. A great way to "Stamp Out Hunger" in our community.

Mary Helen Riggle
Charlevoix Community Food Pantry
Coordinator

Editor's note: The following letters were submitted by sixth-grade students at Charlevoix Middle School in conjunction with a class project.

Discontinue use of CFCs

Editor:
Did you know that ultraviolet radiation is invisible rays from the sun? Well, these extremely dangerous rays can damage our skin and can cause skin cancer. Only one object

that isn't man-made stops ultraviolet rays — the ozone layer. Just think we're destroying that. I believe that we should discontinue using chlorofluorocarbons because they are destroying the ozone layer.

Without a doubt, the ozone layer is one-third thinner than it used to be. Also, there is now a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica. This hole is dangerous to people, plants and animals.

The chlorofluorocarbons from factories and other pollutants are to blame for this loss of ozone. For example, many factories that make electronic objects use chlorofluorocarbons in some of their machinery. Then, with other chemicals, and smoke the chlorofluorocarbons are released into the air through smoke stacks.

Some factories have stopped using chlorofluorocarbons. These factories use other chemicals and machines to make or clean their products. Why can't all the factories stop using chlorofluorocarbons?

If we could all stop use of chlorofluorocarbons we could start to save the ozone layer. I believe we should ban chlorofluorocarbons and start saving the ozone layer.

Alena Purvis
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Start school later

Editor:
Are your children too exhausted in class? This might change if we can convince the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education to begin Charlevoix Middle School at the same time the Charlevoix Elementary School students start classes so that we get more sleep.

One of my reasons is that children don't have enough time for breakfast. When we wake up, we usually miss breakfast because we are rushed to school. Even our teachers lecture us about how breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Also, we don't get enough sleep because we are up late doing homework. A conflict that many people have is that they think children should go to bed earlier, and then they wouldn't have waking problems. But what they don't know is that we come home with lots of homework. Studies show that it's harder to relax and get sleep when your mind is stuck in deep thinking mode.

Another reason is that we will be more alert in class if we get more sleep. We could receive better grades if we get more sleep.

Having more sleep will help the middle school students. So, I hope you will help support me in my suggestion on starting school later.

Andrea Rizzo
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Charlevoix needs hockey rink

Editor:
Are you a kid sitting at home bored out of your mind? Are you a parent who is worried about your child getting into trouble? Well, having an indoor ice rink in Charlevoix can fight your boredom and stop your worries.

First of all, a hockey rink and team would keep kids out of trouble. For example, it would give young people something to do instead of getting into drugs and gangs. If a kid does get in trouble, he or she may be kicked off the team. Although hockey may be a little expensive, it's less expensive than paying bail money or for counseling.

Also, a hockey team would motivate kids to keep their grades up. An example of this is that the coach wouldn't let you play if you got a C- or below. You can only play again if you get your grade up to a C or above. There was a kid on my team that had his grades drop, but because he wanted to play again, he worked extra hard to get them back up.

Finally, hockey can teach life skills. For example, shaking hands at the end of the game will teach sportsmanship. In addition, losing in hockey would teach you that you don't always win, and that's OK.

In conclusion, having an ice rink and hockey team would keep kids out of trouble, help keep their grades up and teach life skills. Please help in my effort to get an indoor ice rink and hockey team in Charlevoix.

Max Schwein
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Build outdoor ice rink

Editor:
Are you tired of driving to Petoskey for a little bit of recreational ice skating? The cost of gas is towering now. And skating is a great way to release your feelings. That's why I think Charlevoix should have a beautiful outdoor ice rink.

First, one can assume most people aren't crazy about driving somewhere far for some recreational activity. Not all students or adults have cars. So, if there was an ice rink in Charlevoix, citizens could walk. This rink could also save people money on gas.

Also, we could have a separate hockey rink. Did you know most Olympic hockey players had a local rink for practice in their younger days? In addition, the city could start a recreational league for hockey.

Next, have you ever realized skating is a great way to express your feelings? The fresh, soothing air of Charlevoix will also help relieve stress. Plus, the feeling of joy on skates will help boost a family outing.

In conclusion, having an ice rink could start a fresh, new building block for making Charlevoix more

beautiful. So help me in this stand for Charlevoix's charm.

Lauren Barling
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

School funding needed

Editor:
I strongly believe the government must give more money to our schools. There are many things schools require that they need money for.

First of all, public schools should have more money for greater variety and higher quality in their cafeteria lunches. For example, the side items are consistently the same at lunch. If the side items were changed every other day, it would certainly make lunch more interesting.

Furthermore, schools deserve a greater inventory of supplies and also higher quality working materials. Many times, like when working on a shop project, we need to share materials like saws. Schools need sturdy, durable rulers and protractors so they don't break or wear down as easily. There should also be calculators with more functions. Students surely should have these things.

Finally, schools require more staff members for recess and the library. Our library is open sometimes only two or three times in one month. This is because of insufficient amounts of staff members. At lunch recess, all of the students are forced to go to the gymnasium. If we had more supervisors, students could benefit with a choice between inside or out.

In conclusion, I strongly believe the government needs to give more money to schools. Schools must acquire this money from the government for lunches, the library, recess, materials and for whatever else they lack.

Mathew Brown
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Move recess out of gym

Editor:
A lot of kids in the middle school don't like lunch recess in the gym. It's very hot in there and kids could get sick.

Many kids in one place isn't healthy, especially in the winter. When fewer kids are sick, it means better grades overall.

Recess in the gym is also defeating the whole purpose of recess. Recess is supposed to get the energy out of kids so that they can listen better in class. In the gym the only thing you can do is talk unless you have one of the few basketballs they have there.

Finally, the last reason is many kids don't like recess in the gym. It's very hot and crowded in there. We just got this new playground equipment and we can't use it.

You may think I'm just a kid but please take this into consideration.
Nicholas Currier
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Charlevoix needs arcade

Editor:
Parents, are you tired of hearing, "I'm bored?" Does the thought of your child getting in trouble scare you? Well, I believe we should have an arcade close enough to walk to in Charlevoix because it would be safe entertainment for everyone.

I feel that it's unfair to the families that don't have enough money to get to the arcade in Petoskey. Also, my family has friends that don't own a car, and cannot walk to Petoskey to get to the arcade. Some people even say that it's too far to get to Petoskey.

Kids need more to do so that they don't get in trouble. I see kids hanging around on streets because they're bored. More kids are in the newspaper everyday for minor in possession. An arcade would be a great place for kids to be because it would keep them busy.

Furthermore, the Jungle, the arcade in Petoskey, is too crowded because everyone from Charlevoix and Emmet counties are there.

In conclusion, an arcade would be a welcome addition to our community. Please consider putting an arcade in Charlevoix.

Marc Durkee
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

Parents decide hunting age

Editor:
I believe parents should make the decision at what age their kids hunt, not the government.

More than eight states have lower ages than 12 to be able to hunt with an adult and a bow and rifle. Young children hunting with an adult help carry on an important tradition. Also, they're taught safety, patience and responsibility at young ages.

It will give kids an opportunity to spend quality time with their families. Kids who hunt, stay more physically fit and more active. This helps them to stay away from drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

If they can hunt at young ages they would spend less time watching TV and playing video games.

Last, kids who spend time outdoors grow to appreciate fresh air, clean water and learn to help preserve our natural resources. They will learn how to keep the outdoors cleaner.

Overall, I believe that parents should make the decision on what age their kids can hunt.

Jordan Farmer
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

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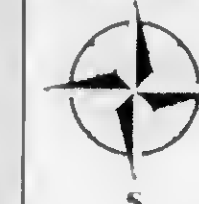
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Doug Kosch buys Village Inn Pizza

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

One of Charlevoix's pizza hot spots was recently purchased by a Traverse City restaurant owner.

On April 14, Doug Kosch, a 39-year-old Traverse City resident, purchased Village Inn Pizza, located at 227 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

He bought the business from longtime owner Pat Heinke who also owned a Village Inn Pizza in Elk Rapids, which she previously sold.

Kosch moved to Traverse City from Detroit in 2002. While in the Detroit area, he owned and operated Duke Humphrey's Pub which specialized in Irish and Scottish fare.

In 2003, he started The Boathouse, a fine dining establishment located along the water on Traverse City's Old Mission Peninsula. He also owns J & S Hamburg in downtown Traverse City.

He said his recent purchase was a natural extension of his restaurant holdings.

"The opportunity came up and it seemed like a good fit for me. I have fine dining. I have a hamburger place so I thought, a pizza place, that's what's next," Kosch said.

Thus far he said his decision has been a good one.

"I love Charlevoix," he said.

No major changes are planned. Cosmetic changes Kosch has already implemented include new carpeting and a redesign of the restaurant's logo. He plans to make menu additions including pork ribs and huffalo wings.

"Those items are just a natural fit for a pizza place," Kosch said. "I kind of look at it as this place was successfully ran for 16 years. There wasn't a whole lot new to do, just a few minor tweaks here and there."

One thing he will carry over that he credits for the restaurant's success is its use of fresh ingredients.

"Every day the pizza dough and sauce are made fresh, the cheese is shredded, the lunch meats are sliced and the salad bar items are chopped. We will definitely continue that tradition. It just makes for a good pizza," Kosch said.

Staff manager, Barb Grossbauer, was maintained. Staff levels are currently at five full-time workers and eight part-timers. Additional positions are open for the summer season.

Village Inn Pizza is open from 11:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday and from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

For more information or to place an order for pickup or delivery, call (231) 547-4405.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Doug Kosch (pictured above), a Traverse City restaurant owner, recently purchased Village Inn Pizza, located at 227 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Dry Harbour names Ani Bouchard new sales assistant

Dry Harbour Marine of Charlevoix recently hired a new sales assistant.



Ani Bouchard

In an effort to improve customer service the company has hired sales assistant, Ani Bouchard, a Western Michigan University marketing major and Petoskey resident, will focus her attention on marketing of Dry Harbour Marine's Chris Craft, Formula and Scout boats as well as Arctic Cat ATVs.

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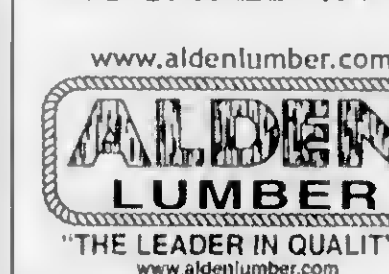
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Wojan Windows saves the day in Katrina relief effort

Wojan donates windows to elderly Hurricane Katrina victims

Local businessman Denny Wojan, owner of Wojan Windows, made a much needed contribution of windows for a home that was being built for hurricane victims in Bayou La Batre, Ala.

WeCareBaldwin, a non-profit organization based in Baldwin County Alabama, was ready to begin construction on their third home when the group's chairman announced

a possible delay because the windows they were counting on were still in the state of Washington due to shipping problems.

Pam Smith, a Charlevoix snowbird and a WeCare volunteer, offered the group a possible solution to the dilemma. She called Wojan and explained WeCare's aim and the situation the organization faced. Wojan didn't hesitate to offer help. After a quick check of the manufacturing and delivery schedules, he called back to say that he would have the windows delivered to Alabama in one week. As promised, seven days later, the windows arrived.

The entire build was completed in seven days. The home was built for an elderly couple that lost their

home, didn't have insurance, and lacked the ability to go back to work to get back on their feet.

Pam and Don Smith were working with the crew when the windows were installed. They said they felt a great deal of pride to see the windows installed with the Wojan window sticker stating that they had been made in Charlevoix.

Aside from building homes, WeCare has also delivered food, water and Christmas gifts to Katrina victims.

All three homes were built with volunteer labor and donated materials. WeCare has a goal to build 10 homes before the end of 2006.

For more information, call Pam and Don Smith at (231) 547-2125.



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A worker with WeCareBaldwin, from Alabama, installs windows donated by Wojan Windows of Charlevoix at a home built for Hurricane Katrina victims in Bayou La Batre, Ala.



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Muellers given Governor's Award for Castle project

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Once a modern marvel turned ruins, the newly restored Castle Farms complex in Charlevoix was selected as one of the great historical preservation sites in the nation.

William Anderson, director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries presented Castle Farms owners, Linda and Richard Mueller, with a historic preservation award on Thursday, May 18 in Lansing.

The Muellers were unavailable for comment, however, director of marketing and shows at Castle Farms, Stephenie Sayre, said the two are pleased with news of the honor.

"I think that it's a great way to recognize Linda for all the time, effort and passion that she has put into restoring this place to its original grandeur," Sayre said. "She (Linda) fell in love with the castle from the very beginning as a teenager when she used to come up and visit. So, I think it's appropriate she's honored after all this time."

She added, "I think maybe this award makes all the hard work and huge capital investment worth it."

The Mueller's have invested over \$10 million and five years of work into rehabilitating the Castle Farms complex.

Construction on Castle Farms began during World War I and passed through several owners before it was purchased by the Muellers in 2001.

The castle property has been used for farm exhibitions, rock concerts, a 4-H camp and foundry for an artist before its current use as an event and convention center.

The Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation which the Muellers received, began in 2003 as a way to honor significant historical site preservations. It is given to a few individuals, developers, corporate entities or other government and non government entities which have important historical structures or items.

"Historic rehabilitation efforts transform our downtown areas and neighborhoods every day, creating culturally interesting places for people to live and work and providing a catalyst for economic growth," Gov. Jennifer Granholm stated in a May 4 press release. "This year's award winners all serve as exemplary models of collaboration and commitment to excellence for the historic preservation community."

Charlevoix's Castle Farms is among five other sites named for an award this year which include Traverse City's City Opera House,



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On May 18, owners of Charlevoix Castle Farms, Linda and Richard Mueller, were given the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation for the over \$10 million restoration project they tackled at the Castle property (pictured above), located off M-66.

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The lecture will talk about some of the claims made by the book's author, Dan Brown. There will be opportunity for questions and discussions following the lecture.

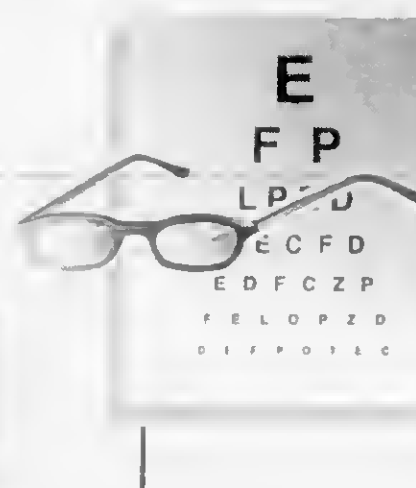
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Londgren is the pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan and also of Trinity Evangelical

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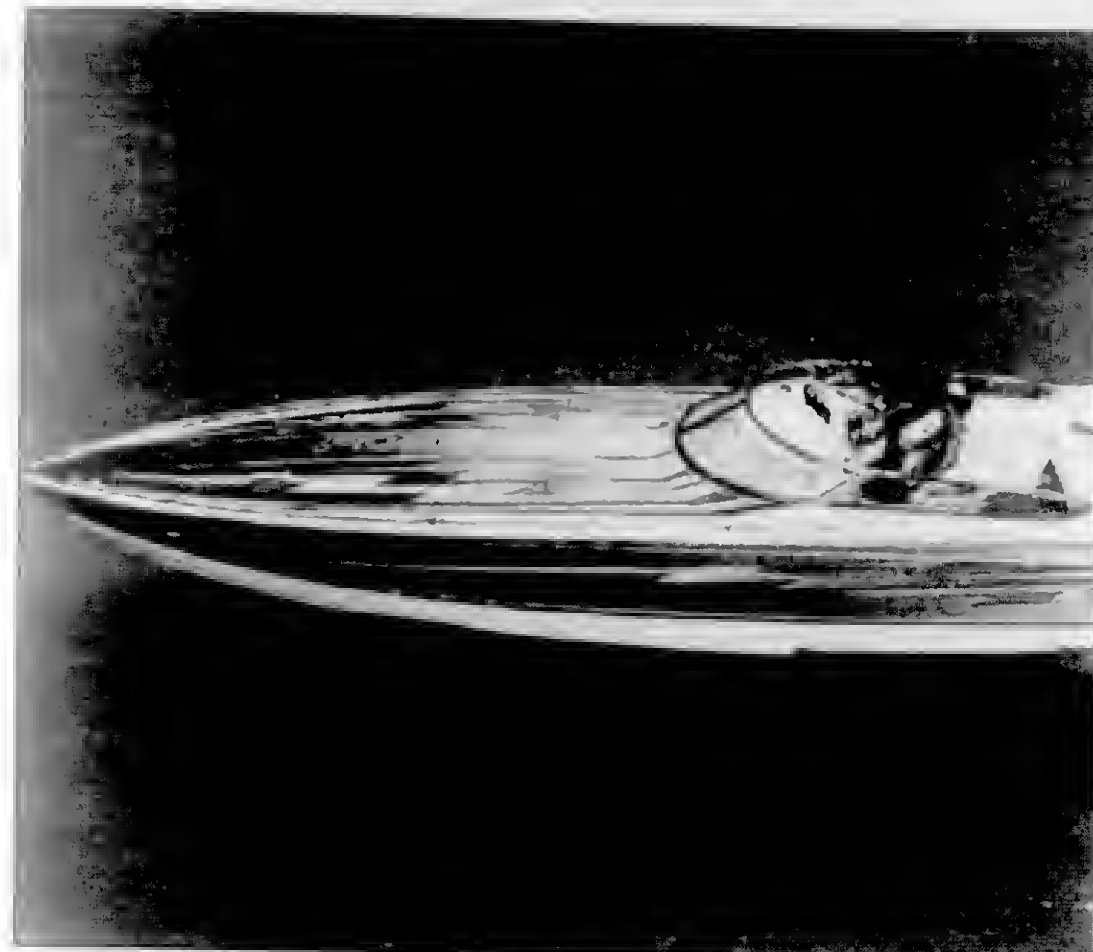
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Hospice of Northwest Michigan will host "An Evening in Camelot with Hospice of Northwest Michigan," auction fund-raiser on Friday, June 2 at Castle Farms. Live auction times include a ride on an offshore boat, like the one pictured above, during the Boyne Thunder Poker Run.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan to host auction fund-raiser on June 2

Hospice of Northwest Michigan will host "An Evening in Camelot with Hospice of Northwest Michigan," auction fund-raiser on Friday, June 2 at Castle Farms.

The event program, begins at 5:30 p.m. when the silent auction will open. Bidding will close at 7 p.m.

Live auction items will be presented by returning auctioneers Jim White and Jeff Macfarlane.

Auction elements include items donated by local artists, craftsmen and merchants. One such item is a ride on an offshore boat during the weekend of the Boyne Thunder Poker Run.

The ticket price of \$40 includes a complimentary beverage and hors d'oeuvres. Ticket holders will also be eligible to win a \$200 and a \$300

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Tickets are available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City; The Clothing Company in Charlevoix; Busy Bridge Antiques in East Jordan; Orchard Hills LTD in Bellaire; the Hospice of Northwest Michigan office in East Jordan; and at the door.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan, working in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, provides a complete hospice program for those facing a life limiting illness in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Osego counties.

For more information about this upcoming event, call the Hospice of Northwest Michigan office at (231) 536-2842.

Sheriff Lasater seeks assistance in replacing drug detection dog

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater is requesting donations to replace "Jake," the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office drug detection dog, who recently passed away.

The current cost for a trained K-9 drug detection dog, along with training for a handler, is approximately \$12,000. The community/county financial support for the replacement dog is being coordinated through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Donations can be made directly to the Charlevoix County Community

Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727 or to Lasater at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, 1000 Grant St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The drug detection dog is not only used by the sheriff's office, it is available along with the sheriff's office trainer for the following agencies who have requested the use of the dog: Michigan State Police, Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement, Boyne City Police Department, Beaver Island School and Charlevoix City Police Department.

Beaver Island resident inducted into state's Transportation Hall of Fame

Robert A. Welke, of Beaver Island, is among six transportation leaders who were inducted Tuesday, May 16 into the Michigan Transportation Hall of Honor.

The event, which took place at the Country Club of Lansing highlighted the annual observance of National Transportation Week in Michigan, May 14-20.

State transportation director, Kirk T. Sieudle, was the featured speaker.

The Hall of Honor, a permanent display in the Van Wagoner Transportation Building in Lansing, was established in 1971 to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to transportation in Michigan.

Members are elected by a committee representing a wide range of transportation industry organizations. There now are a total of 77 people who have been inducted into the Hall of Honor.

Welke was state transportation



Robert Welke

use of recycled materials in highway construction, made numerous contributions to Michigan's transportation system during his 40-year career. Under his leadership, the current decentralized structure was established, which included the cre-

ation of the Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Service Centers. He also introduced the Adopt-A-Highway program to Michigan, which enlisted volunteer groups to help clean the state's roadsides.

The other five honorees are Mary Rawlinson Creason of Grand Haven, Patrick E. Hackett of Brighton, Earl F. Rogers of East Lansing, Cora V. Taylor of Owosso and Allan M. Williams of East Lansing.

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People come together at city hall to talk peace



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Peace activist, Kate Bassett, introduces herself before giving her talk on, "Poverty, patriotism and peace: Exploring the U.N. millennium development goals and their relationship to the peace process," at the May 20 workshops on the war between the United States and Iraq presented by Northern Michigan People for Peace.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

About 25 people attended "The cost of war, the price of peace," a series of six workshops on the war between the United States and Iraq on May 20 at Charlevoix City Hall.

The event was hosted by Northern Michigan People for Peace.

Local peace activist, Ellis Boal, presented the workshop, "The politics of the resistance in Iraq and the peace movement in the United States."

"We're going up against a country in the stone age and they're beating us. How could that happen?" Boal said.

Boal noted the conflict in Iraq is not a conventional war in the respect that the U.S. faces guerilla warfare — sometimes incorrectly referred to as terrorism.

"I don't think it's terrorism to strike at a military target," he said. "Is there some military advantage to using terror? It demoralizes the opposition. When the U.S. dropped a bomb on Hiroshima, that was a nonmilitary target. And what was the purpose of that? Terrorism. It demoralized the Japanese people."

Boal gave a brief talk on the his-

tory of Iraq to the present day before the attendees asked him questions and discussed the current situation of the war.

"The purpose of these workshops is to educate people, to try and acquaint

them with the political facts on the ground," he said. "Knowledge is power, and by people acquainting themselves with the truth of the matter, we feel

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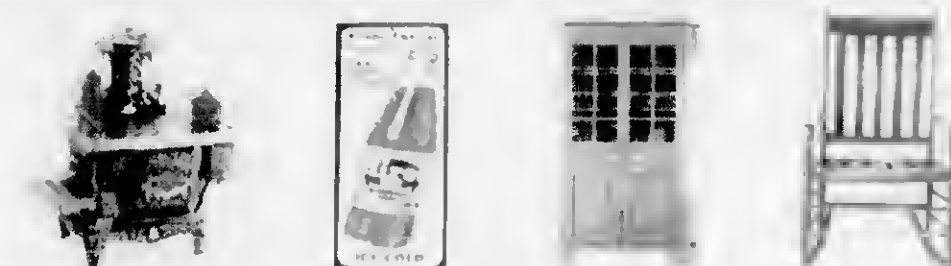
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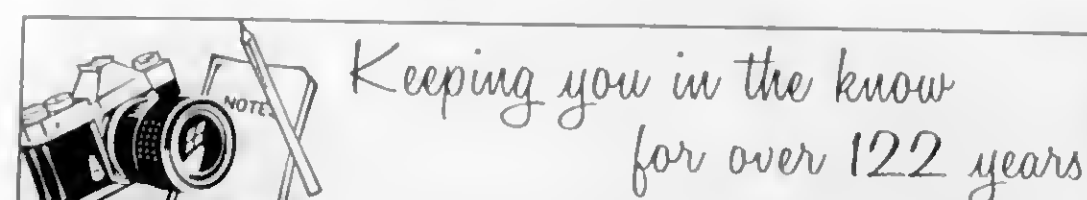
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People for Peace host workshop series on Iraq war



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Charlevoix's own Ellis Boal presented a workshop during the Northern Michigan People for Peace day of workshops held on Saturday, May 20 at Charlevoix City Hall.

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that eventually will force the United States home."

Boal finds the shift in demonstration locations between the Vietnam War and the current conflict interesting.

"Now you find events like this in little towns all over the country. We're doing it in Charlevoix, last month we did it in Petoskey, they've even had events in Traverse (City)," he said. "Whereas when we used to march in the (19)60s, you would only go to Washington (D.C.) or do it in New York or San Francisco. So there's been a democratization of that, and it's much more comfortable — you don't have to get on a bus and go somewhere else to make it happen."

While Boal was never ashamed to speak his mind when it comes to his beliefs, he said there has been a notable shift in the attitudes toward demonstrators.

"You did feel a certain sense of intimidation back then," he said. "There was a lot more hostility against the antiwar people than there is now."

He added, "If someone is against the war, you can have a civil conversation with someone who's for the war, whereas back then you couldn't, or it was difficult."

Boal said the first thing people should do if they're interested in furthering the peace process is to discuss the subject.

"Call your elected officials, bring it up in your church, in the union halls, in your social clubs, your Zontas, your Lions," he said.

Marching is still one of the best ways to get the attention of those in power, Boal said.

"It has a couple beneficial outcomes. For one, it accomplishes the main goal of getting the U.S. out of Iraq, and number two, it gives a sense of empowerment to people that they can take something in their hands (see) there is a solution," he said. "Bringing people into this engages them in the political process. It benefits the community."

Boal said it's important for people to take the time to focus on things that benefit the community.

"Children and jobs are very important. I don't mean to denigrate that for a second, but there is some insularity,"

he said. "You also need to try to think of things that benefit society."

He added, "I think actions like what we're seeing here today help to bring that as a possibility."

Some of the other workshops were presented by Mark Mantel, whose talk was entitled, "Still shocked and awed—a discussion of the 'Leave my child alone' campaign to inform parents and students about military recruiting in our high schools," and a talk by Tom Beukema entitled, "The urgent need for a United States Department of Peace."

John Rohe spoke about strategies to slow the drive for war, and David Wassenaar's talk was entitled, "The emotional and social costs of war paid by soldiers and their families."

For more information about Northern Michigan People for Peace, contact Ellis Boal at (231) 547-2626.

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CHANDLER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chandler Township Planning Commission has set the following dates for the 2006 meetings:

June 5, July 3, August 7, September 5, and October 2.

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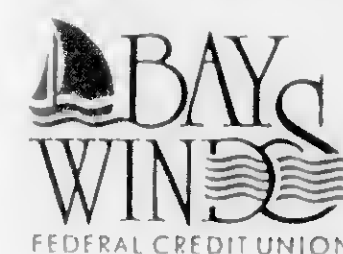
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Charlevoix High School senior athletes honored

Many students in the Charlevoix High School Class of 2006 were honored at the May 21 Senior Athletic Banquet.

"The purpose of this evening is to honor our senior athletes for their accomplishments. Among their accomplishments we appreciate the many thrills and victories that they have given us. But the real reason we assemble here this evening is to celebrate their participation. We appreciate and applaud their efforts and are proud of these seniors," Charlevoix High School athletic director, Jim Kanine, said.

Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Award nominees for Charlevoix High School are: Shannon Dibble, girls' basketball and track; Kara

Fitzgerald, cheerleading and softball; Isaac Matchett, cross country and track; Stephen Parker, golf; Nathaniel Sotnyo, track.

The K. Dale Burge Award is named after a longtime, former Charlevoix High School athletic director, Madison Ramsey was named the 2006 Burge award recipient for her hard work and dedication.

The Donald Carey Award is named after a longtime, former teacher and football, basketball and track coach at Charlevoix High School. Michael DiMartino was named the 2006 Carey award recipient for his athletic and academic achievements.

The Del Terrill Award is named after a long time coach and teacher

at Charlevoix High School. Shannon Gillespie was named the 2006 Terrill award recipient for his enthusiasm and spirit for his team and teammates.

Scholarship awards were also announced. These include the Arnie Loper Award, the Ray Kipke Athletic Award and the Stewart "Irish" Coleman Award.

The Arnie Loper Award is dedicated to the fond memory of a former Charlevoix High School athlete and devoted sports booster. Laura Nichman, an athlete who made outstanding contributions to her team, was named the 2006 Loper award recipient.

The Ray Kipke Athletic Award is named after a longtime coach and teacher at Charlevoix High

School. The school's football field bears his name. Jeff Golovich was named the 2006 Kipke award recipient. Golovich was deemed the most outstanding senior football player planning to attend college in fall 2006.

The Stewart "Irish" Coleman Award was established in recognition of Stewart Coleman for his devoted service as a coach

and instructor at Charlevoix High School. Coleman was an assistant football coach and head basketball coach. This award presented by the Charlevoix Lions Club, is given to a male and female athlete who win six letters in their junior and senior years and have the top grade point average. This year's winners are Sally Haselschwardt and Matt Novotny.

See-North to host edible plant excursion

SEE-North will host "Fun Forge for Wild Foods," a community education event at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 3.

Three knowledgeable SEE-North staff members will guide the exploration aimed at teaching participants to identify many of northern Michigan's common wild edible plants, how to prepare and enjoy them and the ethics of wild food harvesting.

Participants will meet at the SEE-North office at 220 Park Avenue in downtown Petoskey and will caravan by car to several trails in the Petoskey area to visit different habitats and encounter a variety of wild edible plants.

At 6 p.m. the group will arrive at Real Foods/Blackbird Gardens on Blackbird Road in Resort Township for a tour of the gardens, a presentation about sustainable foods, and a sit-down dinner prepared by owner Mike Everts to sample some of what we identify.

The cost is \$25 per person for SEE-North members, and \$35

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Mary Faculak.
Landowner who sold development rights to conservancy

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

As she stands near the century-old building used by her grandfather as a workshop so many decades ago, Mary Faculak contemplates the weight of what she's done.

The large gray structure anchored in the soil of the 232-acre farm lists in several directions, but has somehow lasted through rain, snow and wind.

"It's a continuous process," Faculak said of tending to her Lakeview Ranch, the property which has been in her family for generations.

There is no coincidence that Faculak chose her now passed grandfather's birthday to host the celebration of preserving her family farm.

"Basically I'm just a messenger of three generations who want to be able to preserve all this and keep it intact," she said. "What you see will always be like this for the wildlife and future generations of this area."

In the last four years the Little Traverse Conservancy has purchased the development rights to 1,728 acres of land in its five county area.

A grant from the Federal Farmland and Ranchland Protection Program in the amount of \$200,000 was matched with other funds for a total of \$400,000 which the conservancy used to purchase the development rights from Faculak.

The sale was completed in February, said land protection staff member for the Little Traverse Conservancy, Ty Ratliff.

"We'd been working with Mary for a year-and-a-half," Ratliff said.

"The federal grant we had applied for several years ago and received had to be used to buy property of high quality soils and active farmland. We couldn't buy 80 acres of Cedar swamp."

He added, "The land is still 100 percent private, but we have a perpetual conservation easement that will help preserve a farming culture that we're losing at a rapid rate."

While the taxpayers who contributed to purchasing the development rights on Lakeview Ranch won't be allowed on the land, the deer, waterfowl, raccoons, woodpeckers and rabbits of the area will continue to retain their natural habitat.

"Most of us enjoy driving along U.S. 31 past the cattle or the cherry orchards," Ratliff said. "Once you grow houses on it, you can never

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Little Traverse Conservancy purchases development rights to 232 acre farm

FACULAK

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bring back the farming culture and the crops that it provides."

Ratliff said the conservancy doesn't want to purchase every parcel of land for protection.

"It's a balance. We're not trying to protect it all, just a little part of it," he said.

Also called a conservation easement, those with land desirable to conservancies can enter into a contract to give up their rights to ever develop, split or ask for a rezoning of the property in return for money.

Generally the number of homes and other structures to be built on the land are limited under the contract.

At one time, Faculak's parents raised dairy and beef cattle on the property. Now, she keeps horses and grows fruits and vegetables on the land.

According to a press release from Northern Michigan Farmland Protection, between 1992 and 2002, approximately 494,500 acres of agricultural land was developed into non-agricultural uses in Michigan.

Some, including the Public Sector Consultants, estimate a loss of nearly 2 million acres of Michigan farmland by 2040.

That's a loss of 25 percent of fruit growing areas, a 13 percent decrease of vegetable growing areas and a 36 percent drop in dry bean areas.

Ratliff said, the farmland and open space act being considered in Charlevoix County would be helpful to organizations like the conservancy.

"It takes money to protect land," he said. "Before you get the money, there needs to be awareness in order to generate the support needed to secure the funding."

The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program in Michigan uses five methods to help ensure preservation of open land. These



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Mary Faculak speaks with Aaron Lauster, area conservationist with the United States Department of Agriculture, shortly before the tour of her Lakeview Ranch on Wednesday, May 22.

include the Farmland Development Rights Agreement, which temporarily restricts use of the land in exchange for beneficial tax assessments; the Purchase of Development Rights, similar to Faculak's deal; the Agricultural Preservation Easement, which was created to assist local government in purchasing development rights; Local Open Space Easement, another temporary restriction on the land, between owner and local government which allows beneficial tax assessments; and the Designated Open Space Easement, which is similar to the local space easement, but which is a contract between the owner and the state.

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Charlevoix County Democrats host strategic planning sessions

With two back-to-back election planning and strategy meetings set for next week, Charlevoix County Democrats are unleashing their energies to campaign for Democratic candidates this summer and fall.

Mark Brewer, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, will discuss campaign strategies at the first meeting scheduled to take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, in the former senior center room at city hall in Boyne City.

Then, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, Charlevoix County Democrats will gather again, with state and local campaign workers, in the former senior center room at city hall in Boyne City, to discuss the nitty-gritty of successful elections, and

begin specific planning for a county election headquarters, campaign committees and election jobs.

"We are going full steam to gather support for Governor Granholm, Senator Debbie Stabenow, and all our regional and local candidates," said Bill Lovett, chairman of the Charlevoix County Democrats.

"Tom Hay Bauer, the candidate for the 105th District to the State House, is outstanding and we are excited about giving him all the help we can. Locally, we support a number of candidates, including Connie Saltonstall for Charlevoix County Commissioner," Lovett added.

For more information, call Lovett at (231) 547-3592.

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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DNR officials discuss cormorant control

By FRANK SOLLE
Special to the Courier

The State House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Natural Resources met to discuss increasing local concern over the presence of the double-crested cormorant and its impact on sports fishing, on Friday, May 18 at the Peaine Township Hall on Beaver Island.

Chaired by Rep. Howard Walker (R-Traverse City), the subcommittee included Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R-Bellaire), Rep. Darwin Booher (R-Cadillac), vice-chairman, and Rep. Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba).

Other than Elsenheimer, who represents Beaver Island as part of the 105th District, it was the first trip to the Island for the subcommittee members. Rep. Walker echoed comments of all members when he told the crowd of 40, "I can tell that there is a real sense of community here and that you folks are all looking after each other."

It was that sense of community that brought about this unusual gathering as the Beaver Archipelago has suffered over the past 20-25 years from the depletion of a once world-renowned small mouth bass fishery, along with an equal degradation of a once-strong yellow perch fishery.

Providing the subcommittee and those gathered with background information on that fishery and the presence of the cormorant was Pete Butchko from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Service (USDA-WIS), the federal agency responsible for overseeing cormorant control.

Using a power point presentation, Butchko highlighted the exponential growth of nesting pairs of cormorants since their inclusion to the federally-protected species list in 1972. A 1,000-fold increase has led to a nesting population of over one million birds.

According to Butchko, it is the Public Resources Depredation Order (PRDO), which went into effect in November 2003, that outlines procedures to be used in controlling cormorant populations. The order gives authority to state fish and wildlife agencies, similar tribal agencies, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Service to battle the growing problem.

The Public Resources Depredation Order also describes the methods allowed in attempting to control the cormorant. These include egg oiling, nest destruction, cervical dislocation, carbon dioxide asphyxiation and firearm use. Regardless of the methods used, the order also mandates the protection of other wildlife and endangered species in the process.

Unless the program is extended, the Public Resources Depredation Order is set to expire in April 2009.

Butchko highlighted what is now

looking like the beginning of a successful program of egg oiling and firearm use in battling the cormorants in the Les Cheneaux Islands area of the eastern Upper Peninsula. Relying on data collected by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Butchko pointed out that after two years of working to decrease the number of nesting birds through egg oiling and both lethal and non-lethal firearm use, the study shows a decrease in the number of foraging birds. The study also demonstrated a proportional increase in the harvest of yellow perch over the same time period.

"This shows we are headed in the right direction," he added.

Yet, Butchko pointed out two important facts. The first being cormorants are native to Michigan and the second that the birds are here to stay. Butchko also stated the cormorants are not solely to blame for all fish declines, but they are linked to some declines and some natural resource damage.

That statement was backed up by Michigan Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist, Tom Rozich of Cadillac. Speaking of the Beaver Island small mouth bass fishery, Rozich said over harvest by anglers before the increase of the cormorants played a large role. He also pointed to the fragility of the environment and the damage to a population of successive cold springs may have. Rozich did lay the blame of poor fish numbers recovery on the cormorant.

"Decreasing the number of cormorants will speed up recovery of the fisheries," he said. "Decreasing the number of cormorants equals better stocking survival and a better fishery."

One problem Rozich touched on indirectly is that cormorant control comes under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' wildlife department which

does not really want to deal with the problem. So in essence you have a fisheries problem that cannot effectively be dealt with by the fisheries department.

"We do what we can piecemeal," Rozich stated. "But funding and staffing is a problem."

The accusation of over fishing was denied by two members of the audience who claimed to be longtime area fishermen. When asked if he had studies or numbers to back his statement, Rozich replied he did not, saying, "All we have is anecdotal evidence from talking with fishermen over the years."

One of the fishermen, Island resident Bud Rouch, claimed cormorant predation on shellfish depletes food supplies for game fish and therefore plays a large role as direct eating of game fish by the bird.

"There's no way this area was fished out by anglers," Rouch said.

Dr. Nancy Seefelt, Ph.D. of Central Michigan University backed up Rouch's claim by saying there is an indirect impact on the food web by the cormorants, not only on game fish. Seefelt, who has done a number of studies on the local fishery, said much more such work is needed.

Beaver Island Game Club president, Jeff Powers, read a prepared statement to the subcommittee detailing the "disastrous effects" the cormorants have had throughout the Great Lakes.

According to Powers, there currently are 11,000 nesting pairs of cormorants that make the archipelago their summer home. With an average of over three fledglings per nest, by midsummer there may be over 60,000 cormorants in the waters around Beaver Island. Given that each fish consumes 1-1.5 pounds of fish per day, that leads to a consumption of 30 tons of fish daily.

Powers also pointed out numerous

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Photo by Frank Solle

Pictured above are representatives of the State House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Natural Resources and state legislators, who met to discuss increasing local concern over the presence of the double-crested cormorant and its impact on sports fishing, on Friday, May 18 at the Peaine Township Hall on Beaver Island.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Mayor declared June 7, 2006 as Coast Guard Cutter ACACIA Day.
- A public hearing was held on an ordinance creating a Historic District Commission.
- A public hearing was held on proposed Charter amendments for the November 7, 2006 ballot.
- Motion passed accepting the minor development plan request from Whitney's of Charlevoix (307 Bridge St.) to replace the existing awning with a metal roof.
- Received a presentation from the Shade Tree Commission of the Tree City, USA certification.
- Motion passed waiving Council's option of setting a public hearing regarding a liquor license application for 4 Rider, Inc., 109-111 Bridge St., (Scoville's).
- Motion passed directing the City Manager to start the process of City operation of the Skatopark.
- Motion passed granting the Bible Baptist Church a temporary permit to hold a tent meeting on the grounds of the Charlevoix Middle School, June 24-July 1, 2006.
- Motion passed confirming the Mayor's reappointment of Jeff Porter and appointment of Kirby Dipert to the DDA.
- Motion passed confirming the Mayor's reappointment of Lillian Left to the Housing Commission.
- Motion passed confirming the Mayor's reappointment of Dennis Kusina, Richard Hodgson and Diana Gully and the appointment of Greg Stevens to the Planning Commission.
- Motion passed suspending rule 13(k) of Council's Rules and Procedures, in order to reconsider a decided question more than once.
- Motion passed to reconsider the Human Resource/Airport Manager position. Council generally agreed to look into having an independent consultant look into whether a Human Resource position is needed.
- Resolution 2006-05-02 passed, recommending the liquor license application for 4 Rider, Inc., (Scoville's) to the State Liquor Control Commission for approval.
- Resolution 2006-05-03 passed, Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds, contingent upon verification from Baird and the City Treasurer regarding the numbers (DDA funding for the East Park/Marina project).
- Ordinance 711-2006 passed, creating a Historic District Commission.

Council adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Legislators discuss cormorants' role in island fishery reduction

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small islands that have been denuded due to the nesting cormorants.

Another reason a local control program is needed is the concern of the local game club that the control efforts in other locations may frighten or chase more birds to the Beaver Island area.

A final, but equally important, concern for the Island game club is the newly established and flourishing walleye fishery on the Island's Lake Geneserath. "This fishery has been a wonderful addition to the recreational opportunities for Islanders and visitors

alike," Powers said.

Also present at the meeting was Dick Mole, president of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers, who stressed the need to control the cormorants given the damage and impact the cormorants have had on lighthouses, especially the isolated, offshore lights.

"It's a restoration problem," Mole said.

Chairman Walker thanked all those who attended and participated in the meeting. In closing he pointed out that as chairman of the House Department of Natural Resources Budget Committee he has helped earmark \$150,000 of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' budget to help augment the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife

Service program.

"Our hope is this will help move Beaver Island up in line of control programs," Chairman Walker said.

"We have a good northern Michigan coalition focused on this," Walker said. "It is our hope that we can double the efforts in northern Michigan in cormorant control. We want to keep up the good fight to preserve these fisheries."

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to host June 8 educational program

The northern Michigan office of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is hosting a "Meet The Expert" educational program on Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL) at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

This program will provide patients and health care providers with basic information on ter-

minology, risk factors, diagnosis, staging and classification. New insights, treatments and future directions for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma will also be discussed.

For more information or to register, call the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at (231) 929-2951.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDINANCE NO. 711 OF 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS, WHICH NEW SECTIONS SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 1.350, 1.351, 1.352, AND 1.353 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE I OF SAID CODE, CREATING A HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1.331 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Creation of Historic District Commission.

Section 1.350 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.350. The City Council hereby creates a Historic District Commission.

SECTION 2. Appointments & Membership.

Section 1.351 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.351. Each member of the Commission shall reside within the City limits. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. The Mayor may recommend members, but members shall be appointed by motion of the City Council. A majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, except the initial appointments of three (3) members for a term of two (2) years and two (2) members for a term of one year. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of a vacancy on the Commission, interim appointments shall be made by the City Council within sixty (60) calendar days to complete the unexpired term of such position. Two (2) members shall be appointed from a list submitted by duly organized local historic preservation organizations. If such a person is available for appointment, one member shall be an architect who has two years of architectural experience or who is duly registered in the State of Michigan.

SECTION 3. Powers and Duties.

Section 1.352 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.352. The Commission shall have those powers and duties prescribed in the Ordinance known as the "Historic District Governing Ordinance of the City of Charlevoix," currently being Sections 1.325-1.347 of Chapter 1, Title I of the City Code. The Commission may have such additional powers and duties as the City Council may prescribe by ordinance.

SECTION 4. Compatibility with the Historic District Governing Ordinance

Section 1.353 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.353. This Ordinance is intended to supplement and not conflict with the ordinance known as the "Historic District Governing Ordinance of the City of Charlevoix," being Sections 1.325-1.347 of Chapter 1, Title I of the City Code.

SECTION 5. Severability

Should any section or part of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, null or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not have any effect on the validity of the remaining sections or parts thereof of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2006

Motion by: Councilmember Gabe Campbell

Seconded by: Councilmember Gene Beer

Ordinance No. 711-2006 was adopted on the 15th day of May, 2006, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Beer, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman Carlson, Jr. Mayor

National Garden Clubs' poster winners honored at May 16 tea

Each year the National Garden Clubs, along with the National Park Service sponsor a poster contest for students in Kindergarten through sixth grades.

The Youth Education Committee of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club works with art teachers, Beth McGraw at Charlevoix Elementary School and Lori Bolt at St. Mary's School to instruct the students.

This year's themes were "Create a Beautiful Tapestry," "Smoky the Bear" and "Help Us Stay the Invaders."

In November, the committee judged all the posters and on May 16, the winners and their parents were invited to attend a tea at which the winners were presented with certificates and a live tree.

This year's kindergarten student winners in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. "Create a Beautiful Tapestry" category are Raymond Cunningham, Camden Musilek and Lauren House. First grade winners are Grace Sutherland, Kelli Wakulat and Cameron Clark. Second grade winners are Jonathon Pischner, Quinsy Greene and Emily Zabawa. Third grade winners are Kourtney Putman, Ali Schwein and Zoie Mohlo. Fourth grade winners are Pauline Sheets, Erin Stebe and Karli Johnson. Fifth grade winners are Janaye Baier, Jamael Kelly and Jacob Doskoch. Sixth grade winners are Molly Jeakle, Trent Bradley and Nicole Pischner. The grand champion in this category is third grader Kourtney Putman of St. Mary's School.

This year's first grade student winners in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. "Smoky the Bear" and "Help Us Stay the Invaders" category are Maggie Potter,



Photo by Benjamin Gots

Kourtney Putman, a third-grade student at St. Mary's School, is the grand champion in the "Create a Beautiful Tapestry" category of the National Garden Clubs poster contest.

Julia Doskoch and Malcolm Williams. Second grade winners are Spencer Tibbits, Hunter Isaac and Arianna Houghton. Third grade winners are Brody Robarge, Nick Plude and Hannah Fraley. Fourth grade winners are Mallory Murray, Jacob Novotny and Jonathon Lindfors. The grand champion in this category is third grader Brody Robarge who attends Charlevoix Elementary School.

The grand champions in each category will go on to be judged at the national level. Charlevoix students have taken honors every year.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Champion tree

St. Marys Cement Inc. was the first participant in the City of Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission's Champion Tree Project. On May 19, Shade Tree Commission member Peggy Brennan addressed a group of students who attended the event to plant trees, as well as public officials and community members. This event marked the planting of the first 10 champion trees at St. Marys Cement. The project reintroduces trees that have exemplified superior qualities by duplicating the genetics of old growth forests to rebuild ecosystems for future generations.

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Charlevoix skatepark opening postponed

City Council approves city handling of park operations

On May 15 Charlevoix City Council agreed to have the city handle operations at the Charlevoix Community Skatepark which is scheduled to open in early June.

City council voted to go forward with 2006 operations and directed city staff to work with the fund-raising group, Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. in hiring a supervisor to insure a smooth transition and on-time opening of the park.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. will donate the funds needed to cover the cost of the first season's operations to the city.

The park will be staffed by city employees and a supervisor's position will be created. Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. board members will assist the city as approved volunteers during special fund-raising events, clinics and competitions at the park.

In making the determination to operate the park, city council members reviewed a 59 page packet submitted by representatives of Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc.

There was some confusion as to how



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Scott Stebe, owner and operator of D. S. Stebe Construction Inc., works on the deck of the new skate park on Tuesday, May 23. Due to recent inclement weather, the skate park's official opening has been pushed back by a week or so.

the park would be run and how the operation of the park would be paid for. The primary concern was insuring that funds were available to open a fully staffed park and to make sure that the skatepark did not operate at a loss,

costing the taxpayers money. The city-owned park cannot operate at a profit, but any extra funds available at the end of the season will be set aside for long-term maintenance costs.

According to Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. board member, Laura Stebe, the skatepark also has the backing of some generous local residents who have offered their continued support of the park to make certain

it doesn't become a financial burden to the city.

City council also approved a five-year maintenance plan to be funded by a private donor.

Future funding options were also explored.

The need to establish a recreation authority was addressed by Charlevoix resident, Maurcen LaBlance, Mayor Norman Carlson Jr., said this is being discussed and will be forthcoming.

With park staffing questions having been answered, a early June opening is planned at the park, located off Carpenter Avenue, across from the ball fields. This opening date is dependent on weather.

Stebe said construction is running according to schedule and an official "Grand Opening" party is being planned for early summer.

Rates for park passes will be \$3 per day, \$10 for a seven-day pass and \$75 for a season pass. Scholarships are available.

The park season will run from April through mid-October, as weather permits. Helmets are required and will be available to rent for a \$1.

All proceeds will go towards funding the park, employees and maintenance.

Anyone wishing to see a copy of the park's business plan or for more information on the park, call Laura Stebe at (231) 547-4505.

Budding student artists



Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Anna Farrell, a junior at Charlevoix High School created this oil pastel of two people dancing for the annual Charlevoix Public Schools K-12 Art Show which concluded May 22. (Below) Sophomore, Nikki Bryant, made this lady in gray with charcoal on toned paper for the show.



Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS
May 10, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:10 p.m. in Charlevoix on May 10, 2006. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the April 26, 2006 meeting as presented.

Alexis Kaczynski, Community Mental Health Director presented their 2005 Annual Report.

Countywide road millage discussion took place. Motion approved a Roads and Highways Maintenance and Repair Millage Proposal language being placed on the August 8th Primary ballot.

Motion approved Resolution #06-030, Amended Bank Depositories for 2006.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

MDOT suspends roadwork to facilitate holiday traffic flow

With an estimated 1.1 million Michigan residents traveling over the Memorial Day weekend, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will suspend construction on state roads and bridges whenever possible to make driving easier.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 26, and continuing until 6 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, the Michigan Department of Transportation will open lanes and suspend work on 119 of 172 currently active projects.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is responsible for nearly 10,000 miles of state highways which carry approximately 80 percent of all motor vehicle travel. For the 2006 construction season, the department has posted a 60 mph speed limit in all construction zones that are marked with barrels and cones.

"Safety first, this holiday weekend," said state transportation director, Kirk T. Steudle. "Even though work will be suspended and workers will not be present on numerous projects over the Memorial Day weekend, motorists still need to drive with caution through construction work zones, obey speed limits, buckle up and pay attention."

Steudle noted that work zones are often modified from the normal roadway with lane-width reductions, lane closures, traffic shifts, or other modifications, all of which necessitate lower speed limits and motorist

caution.

This year, a new sign, "Where Workers Present 45," means that motorists must reduce their speed to 45 mph where workers are present in highway work zones. The new speed limit change is expected to improve traffic flow and enhance safety in work zones. Specifically, when approaching "Road Work Ahead" signs, motorists should maintain the posted speed limit, look for workers, locate workers, and lower their speed to 45 where workers are present.

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SPORTS

Baseball team posts losses headed into final game of regular season

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The Rayder boys' varsity baseball team fell two games to Harbor Light Christian on Friday, May 19, losing the first game 7-6 and the second 9-7.

The losses marked the end of the Rayders' three-game winning streak, but may have been all the encouragement coach Allen Telgenhof's team needed heading into the post-season.

"We made some mental mistakes that we haven't made for some time, they saw that their lack of enthusiasm really cost us," Telgenhof said.

In the first game, Cliff Jones (2-3) offered a single and a double and Brady Way batted a double and two RBIs to keep Harbor Light within reach.

In the second game, Charlevoix con-

tinued to showcase their hitting power as Zach Scharenbroch (2-3) hit a single and a double, Eddie Waldron (2-3) hit a single, a double and walked, Ty Telgenhof hit a two-run single, Kyle Jones hit a double and Travis Jakeway hit a two-run single.

On Tuesday, May 16 the Rayders swept Boyne City, winning the first game 10-3 and the second 7-4.

In the first game, Teuscher pitched his fifth win of the season with two strikeouts, no walks and only six hits.

Eddie Waldron (3-3) batted a double and an RBI and Danny Waldron (2-3) offered a single, a double and three RBIs to help the Rayders to the win.

In that evening's nightcap, Eddie Waldron pitched seven strikeouts and one walk with seven hits.

The Rayders once again displayed their ability to hit the ball well and secure a victory. Jones (2-3) hit a single and a double and knocked in two RBIs, Danny Waldron (2-3) hit a single, a double and batted in two RBIs, Putman (2-2) hit a single, a double, took a walk and brought in one RBI and Logan Niswander brought in one RBI.

Telgenhof credited his team's first conference sweep of the year to continued growth on the mound and overall determination.

"Matt Teuscher and Eddie Waldron were once again our key players. I was really pleased to see how hard everyone played," he said.

The Rayder varsity boys' baseball team will play their final regular season game at home against Bellaire at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26.

Kubotan self defense technique workshop

A one day, two-hour, hands-on workshop on the techniques of self defense of the Kubotan will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Northern Martial Arts, located at 05998 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix.

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This course will be professionally conducted by chief master Dave Weatherly, an eighth degree black belt. Weatherly is a 45-year career martial arts veteran of the Korean Martial Art of Hapkido Sun Moo Kwan.

The workshop is open to those ages 12 years and up. The cost is \$25 per participant.

For more information, call Northern Martial Arts at (231) 675-4414.

Rain marks yacht club's spring sailing season opener May 17

The first race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club's spring series on May 17, was sailed in light to moderate winds and rain.

The course was shortened to five windward-leeward legs as a result of the weather. Corrected time difference between the first four boats of Spinnaker B fleet was only 30 seconds, making for a very close race. The race was started and finished by nine boats, with none representing the Spinnaker A

(small boats) fleet. Original Sin served as committee boat. The following race results were provided by Mike Miller, committee chair:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 - Sail La Vie (Williamson).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Cygnus (Stuart). Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 - Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 - Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 - Moxie (Jensen); 4 - Northern Light (Orlov); 5 - Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 6 - Windrunner (Pirie).

Charlevoix Area Community Pool offers lifeguard training

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is offering an American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class.

Sessions will take place from 5:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, May 30 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

The cost is \$150 for residents of the City of Charlevoix and Hayes and Charlevoix townships. Residents of all other areas are charged \$160.

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SPORTS

Softball team loses two to Harbor Light Christian

Who: Charlevoix High School softball
What it is: Final regular season game
When: 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26
Where: Charlevoix High School

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The Rayder varsity girls' softball team fell twice to Harbor Light on Friday, May 19, losing the first game 8-4 and the second 10-3.

Despite a 4-3 Charlevoix lead going into the sixth inning of the first game, Harbor Light was able to capitalize on a series of defensive errors to pull from behind.

Pitcher Amber Hoffman provided five strikeouts and one walk to keep Charlevoix in the lead for most of the game.

The Rayders' hitting was bolstered by Lauren Mielke (2-2) with a triple, Hoffman (1-4) with a double, and Leah Kelly (1-2) with a triple, to keep the Rayders in the game.

Coach Tony Zimmerman was proud of his team's defense but hopes to see more aggressive play heading into the post-season.

"We played a good defensive game, but our sixth-inning errors really cost us," he said. "We still need to keep our offense working throughout the game."

In that evening's nightcap, strong pitching from Desi Faust, a triple from Kelly (2-3), and a double from Faust (1-3), were not enough to save Charlevoix from their own defensive errors as they quickly fell to Harbor Light.

On Tuesday, May 16, the lady Rayders split their league double-header with Boyne City, losing the first game 12-2 and winning the second 5-4.

In the first game, Desi Faust offered seven strikeouts and only four walks, but the Rayders were unable to overcome defensive errors and a lack of running support.

"We came out flat and could not recover," Zimmerman said.

Hoffman pitched that evening's nightcap, giving up only six hits and two walks while offering three strikeouts.

The Rayders' hitting recovered to give the Rayders the lead with Genevieve Kochanny (2-3) hitting a triple, Hoffman (2-3) hitting two triples and Kelly (2-3) hitting a triple.

Zimmerman remains proud of his team's persistence and deter-

mination.

"The girls came out fighting and it paid off," he said.

The game on Thursday, May 18 against Suttons Bay was canceled due to inclement weather.

The May 25 game against Leland has been canceled to allow Leland to make up a league game.

The Rayders currently hold an overall record of 9-11 and a league record of 7-4.

The Charlevoix varsity girls' softball team will play their final regular season game at home against Bellaire at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26.



File photo

The varsity softball team is (front, from left) Sally Haselschwardt and Genevieve Kochanny. (Middle) Amber Hoffman, Catilyn Michelle, Kara Ciesielczyk, Desi Faust, Jana Drost and Leah Kelly. (Back) Charisse Rogers, Sasha Spencley, Chelsea Nemchak, Micheal Sayward, Lauren Mielke, Patrick Faust, assistant coach Ken Hoffman and coach Tony Zimmerman.

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SPORTS

Rayder soccer team claims conference crown

The lady Rayder soccer team claimed the 2006 Lake Michigan Conference crown on May 20, the same way they have won many games this year — with a shutout.

The Charlevoix Rayders defeated the Liberty of Traverse City St. Francis 4-0.

Eighth ranked Charlevoix scored four first-half goals to remain undefeated in the conference at 11-0. Sophomore, Ariel Ramsey, opened scoring, taking a nice pass from freshman KC McCary, making one move to beat the Traverse City defender and rolling the ball into the net to give Charlevoix a 1-0 lead.

A few minutes later, senior Madison Ramsey was taken down in the box and converted on the ensuing penalty kick. Freshman, Meredith Rich, fol-

Tennis team misses qualifying for state finals by one point

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity tennis team placed third at the regional finals on Friday, May 19 knocking the team out of the running for the state finals tournament.

"We finished third, one point out of second place," head coach, Erik Lundteigen, said. "We're looking to come on strong next year."

Out of the 12 teams that competed at the regional meet, Harbor Springs finished in first place with 19 points, Traverse City St. Francis finished in second with 18 points and Charlevoix placed third with 17 points.

"We lost a couple of close matches that could have gone either way," Lundteigen said.

This will be the first time in three years that the Charlevoix tennis team hasn't qualified for the state finals.

Individual results for Charlevoix's May 19 regional final third place finish are:

- First, singles: Matt Novotny beat Boyne City, 6-1, 6-1; and lost to Harbor Springs, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
- Second, singles: Dan Swenor beat Boyne City, 6-0, 6-4; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 6-3, 6-4.
- Third, singles: Ty Haske beat

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lowed with a nice chip over the last defender to Madison Ramsey who volleyed the ball past the Traverse City goalie.

The Rayders final goal came with four minutes left in the first half on a nice shot by sophomore Becca Madison from 25 yards out.

The Liberty kept Charlevoix out

of the net in the second half but the Rayders were not to be denied the conference championship.

Head coach, Carol Madison, said, "Charlevoix played their best game of the season, defending well, passing well and aggressively winning most of the 50-50 balls."

Senior captain defenders, Stevie

Murray and Lisa Kuebler, along with goal keeper Laura Nitchman, anchored the defense. Nitchman made nine saves in earning the Rayder's tenth shutout of the season. Kuebler earned the Rayder Player of the Game award for her aggressive defensive play and timely passing.

In addition to the players al-

ready mentioned, Charlevoix played well throughout the lineup. Coach Madison said Emily Foster, Zita Anderson, Kaleigh Blanchard and Lori Zimmerman all came to play.

Charlevoix, now 13-1-1 overall completes league play at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, at Boyne City.

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Leelanau School, 6-0, 6-1; and lost to Harbor Springs, 6-4, 6-1.

• Fourth, singles: Brad Cyr lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1.

• First, doubles (flight winners): Dustin Dittler and Mike Greyerbiel beat Leland, 6-4, 6-3; beat Leelanau School, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0; and beat Traverse City St. Francis, 6-3, 6-2.

• Second, doubles (flight winners): Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster beat Traverse City St. Francis, 6-0, 6-1; beat Leelanau School, 7-5, 6-1; and beat Grayling, 6-2, 6-0.

• Third, doubles: Kris Bartling and

Kevin Greyerbiel beat Glen Lake, 7-6, 6-2; and lost to Leeland, 6-4, 6-3.

• Fourth, doubles: Eric Dehoe and Alex Molter beat Leeland, 7-6, 6-2; and lost to Elk Rapids, 7-5, 6-3.

While qualifying for the state finals is no longer possible, Lundteigen said his team still had a good chance to claim the Lake Michigan Conference championship which took place May 23.

"We are right in the mix of that, I'll tell you — it will be decided by a point," he said.

Eight schools competed at the conference championship. Lundteigen said Charlevoix's greatest competition will come from Elk Rapids, Traverse City St. Francis and Harbor Springs.

Results from the meet were not available by press time.



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Local cheer teams win big

The Charlevoix Area All-star cheer teams competed at the Young Champions Regional Competition on May 6 in Grayling. This competition is a culmination of several months of practice and included young people ages 4 to 18. The competitors performed dance and cheer routines and were judged on their synchronization, originality and required elements. The Level 2 squad placed fourth. The Level 4 squad (pictured above) placed third and earned a spot to compete at the state competition which will take place June 10 in Grand Rapids. They are (front, from left) Kiera Cole, Zoie Moblo, Haley Mazur, Haley Goodrich, Jasmine Mapes, Madison Alden and Lauren Pettis. (Back, from left) Emily Veenstra, Tori Goodrich, Ashley Bates, Bekah Poston, Ella Kilgore, Avery Jason and Aubrey Goodrich. For more information on this program, call (800) 940-7469.

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Martial arts instructor travels to South Korea

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Local martial arts instructor, Christopher Demanaeus, brought home more than souvenirs from a recent trip to South Korea.

Demanaeus, a 30-year-old Charlevoix resident, owns and operates Charlevoix Jung Shin Do ("Way of the Right Spirit") where he teaches and practices the Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Hap Ki Do.

In mid-April, he traveled to Busan and Seoul, South Korea with 54 other people from the United States and Canada, through a program organized by the National Korean Martial Arts Association. His aim was to study the culture and integrate his findings into his classroom.

"It teaches discipline and goal setting," he said of Kuk Sool Hap Ki Do.

During the trip he participated in tournament sparring activities, seminars, sight-seeing and other cultural learning experiences.

Demanaeus, a third degree black belt, said he had the opportunity to delve into the Korean language more,

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Christopher Demanaeus,
Martial arts instructor

discovering new terminology and practicing proper pronunciation. A better understanding of etiquette in Korean culture was another major gain from the trip.

"I appreciated most the warmth of the culture — they're receptive, open people," Demanaeus said.

One afternoon during the nine day trip, Demanaeus stumbled upon a small Buddhist temple. He and a friend were invited in to sit and talk for over an hour.

"That was my favorite experience from the trip. I was really impressed by the simple fact that what they had going on was less important than sitting and talking with guests," he said.

He said what he brought home from the trip didn't include materials for his local classroom — but these cultural experiences he can now share.

"I try and teach more than martial

arts, I try and teach values. I talked in class about taking time to get to know the people you deal with here in the states or when traveling elsewhere," Demanaeus said.

Jung Shin Do is certified through the National Korean Martial Arts Association.

Enrollment in the school is currently at 40 students, ages 8-45.

The business was established in 1990 by Kevin Janisse. Demanaeus took it over from Rich Wojan in 2003.

The students participate in three children's classes offered each week as well as three adult classes. Of those classes, two in each age bracket are in Charlevoix and one is in Boyne City.

For more information about Charlevoix Jung Shin Do or to register for classes, call Demanaeus at (231) 237-1431.



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Local martial arts instructor, Christopher Demanaeus, recently traveled to South Korea to learn more about the culture in which his art originated. Demanaeus owns and operates Charlevoix Jung Shin Do ("Way of the Right Spirit") where he teaches and practices the Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Hap Ki Do.

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We look forward to next year's event. If you would like any information regarding next year's event, go to www.rayderbaseball.com. There will be information shortly as how you can participate next year. GO RAYDERS!

Rayder track teams take top slots at East Jordan meet

By BENJAMIN GOIIS
Staff writer

The Rayder boys' and girls' track and field teams competed Saturday, May 20 in East Jordan.

No other team even came close to the boys' 114 point win as they took first place yet again. The second closest team was Kingsley with 65 points.

Discus 1, Jeff Golovich 145 feet, nine inches.

Shot-put 5, Golovich 45-5.

High jump 5, Nick Gotshall 5-9.

Pole vault 3, Cliff Jones 11-6.

Long jump 2, Mike DiMartino 20-3.25.

3200-meter relay 1, Charlevoix eight minutes 16.2 seconds.

110 hurdles 3, Golovich 15.7.

800 run 1, Nate Sotuyo 2:01.9.

200 dash 2, Darron Munson 23.1.

1600 relay 1, Charlevoix 3:33.4.

The boy's qualified for team state where they will compete on Saturday, May 27 in Kent City.

The girls placed second with 72 points.

Discus 6, Caitlin Cole 98-1.

High jump 6, Alyssa Smith 4-11.

Long jump 1, Smith 15-11.5.

3200 relay 2, Charlevoix 10:18.7.

800 run 1, Brittney Lamh 2:26.7.

3200 run 4, Alina Dhaseler 12:11.4.

1600 relay 3, Charlevoix 4:16.7.

Since Inland Lakes Schools will be unable to attend the state championships next Saturday, the Lady Rayders will represent this region.

The Charlevoix Rayders boys' and girls' track and field teams also competed in the white division of the Potoskey Kiwanis Relays on May 16.

They finished in first place overall with 74 points. Their closest competitor

was St. Ignace with 42 points.

Harbor Springs took third place with 38 points. Elk Rapids rounded out the bottom in fourth place with 32 points.

Mixed 3200-meter relay 1, Charlevoix eight minutes, 53 seconds.

Mixed 1200 1, Charlevoix 2:52.6.

800 relay, Girls' 3, Charlevoix 1:58.3.

Boys' 2, Charlevoix 1:35.5.

Mixed 1600 1, Charlevoix 3:50.37.

400 relay, Girls' 1, 54.11.

Buckmaster 1600 5, Jacob Wimmer 4:42.7 6, Brandon Stevens 4:46.5.

Neldhamer 1600 3, Lindi Edger 5:27.3 6, Dhaseler 5:44.

400 relay, boys' 1, Charlevoix 46.75.

Mixed sprint medley 3, Charlevoix 1:20.39.

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Boy Scout Troop 11 embarks on elm tree sale fund-raiser

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Many of the trees have been sold over the last 12 years and can be seen on Elm Street, behind the Community Reformed Church on the north side of Charlevoix. Another location where several can be seen is at the First Baptist Church off M-66 in Charlevoix.

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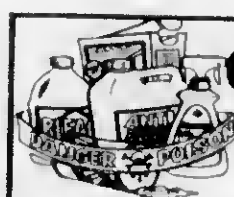
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BIDS WANTED 209

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on May 31, 2006 for furnishing the season's supply of garbage bags and restroom paper products. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked and directed to the attention of Carol Ochs, City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Specifications can be obtained from Street Superintendent Pat Elliott at 231-547-3276. The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.
(05-24-1-209)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

PLAINTIFF: RENNE OKKONEN V. DEFENDANT: LISA OKKONEN

TO: Lisa Okkonen

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 on or before May 31, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

May 17, 2006
Judge Richard M. Pajtas
L (05/17, 05/24, 05/31)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Fifty Two Cents (\$288,979.52) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on June 23, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwestern line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwestern line of

said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwestwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northwesterly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of

said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00

which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan. The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be

thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: May 17, 2006

Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
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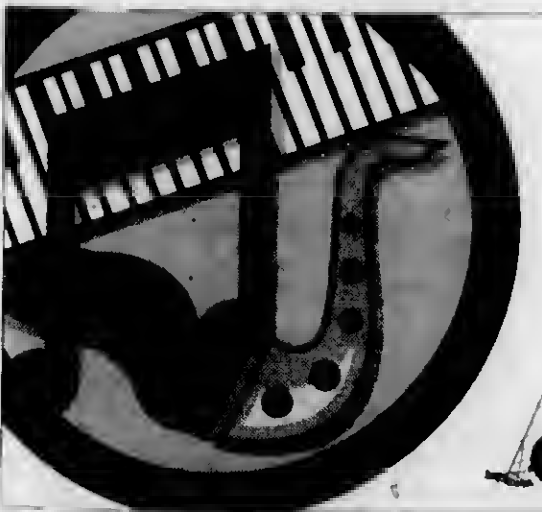
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

**May 24 and 31
CPR, First Aid classes**
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid classes are available at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24, in classroom B.

- Basic First Aid from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, in classroom B.

The enrollment cost is \$25 for the CPR class, which includes a CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received.

All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

May 25 Operation Petunia

A Charlevoix institution for nearly a quarter of a century, the phenomenon known as Operation Petunia will soon be at hand.

Planting of the five miles of colorful annuals is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 from city limit to city limit, followed by a picnic for volunteers at 6 p.m. in East Park. Door prizes will be given away at the picnic. Participants must be present to win.

May 25 Small Hands Big Art

Small Hands Big Art, a collaboration between Gallery On Main in Bay Harbor and the Charlevoix Children's House Montessori school, is a children's art exhibit which runs from May 24 to 30. The exhibit, which is the first such event for the school, will also include a silent auction fund-raiser on May 25.

The silent auction will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 at Gallery on Main, located at 4184 Main St. in Bay Harbor. Call (231) 439-2745 for more information.

May 25 4-H Soccer sign-up

Charlevoix 4-H soccer fall sign-up will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on May 25 and May 30 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym.

Registration fees are \$60 per child. The family volunteer rate is \$20 per child. Registration fees after June 10 will be an additional \$15.

For more information, call Ron Way at (231) 547-6592.

May 30 City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

June 1 Pool meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 1 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix.

The meeting will be followed by the pool's volunteer appreciation dinner at 6 p.m. and entertainment provided by Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are available by calling the pool at (231) 547-0982.

June 3 Self defense workshop

A one day, two-hour, hands-on workshop on the techniques of self defense of the Kubotan will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Northern Martial Arts, located at 05998 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix.

The workshop is open to those ages 12 years and up. The cost is \$25 per participant.

For more information, call Northern Martial Arts at (231) 675-4414.

June 3 Pool run

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 12th Annual Pool Run on Saturday, June 3 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

A 5K Run and a mile Fun Run/Walk

will highlight the activities. Both races will start at 9 a.m. The pre-entry deadline is Saturday, May 27 with a fee of \$12. Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for \$15.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt. The Fun Run/Walk entry fee is \$7 and does not include a T-shirt.

Medals will be given to first, second and third place finishers in each age group. The age groups are 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

All proceeds from the race will go to fund operations at the pool.

For more information or to obtain a race form, call the pool at (231) 547-0982.

June 4 Kanoff benefit

A benefit event to assist longtime Charlevoix resident Brandon Kanoff, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, will take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 at the Flight Deck Bar.

Refreshments will be served and raffles will be offered.

For more information, call Shirley Roloff at (231) 547-6169.

The Flight Deck Bar is located at 6966 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix.

June 22 Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

June 27 Tai Chi for Arthritis

A six-week session of Tai Chi for Arthritis classes begins June 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. To register, or

for more information, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Service person item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Eim United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community.

For more information, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831. 6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.



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Pastors honored

The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club honored local pastors for their work in the community at a special recognition luncheon on Tuesday, May 16 at the Weathervane Inn. The pastors that attended are Paul Bradley and Joel Evans of Freedom House Ministries, Michael Smith of the Ironton Congregational Church, Michael Arr of Family of Faith Ministries, Michael Dennis of the First Baptist Church, Todd Thompson of the United Methodist Church, and Mary Willis of the First Congregational Church of Christ.

Future development at 115 Pine River Lane unknown RIVULET

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the commercial district. But in early March, Charlevoix City Council, the body that would ultimately decide the project's fate, postponed its decision pending a determination by the City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals as to whether the proposed hotel resort is an allowed use in the commercial zoning district.

The zoning board met on Wednesday, April 5 to hear an appeal filed by Bob Grzech, an attorney with the Charlevoix office of Running, Wise and Ford, representing a resident group, which includes Hansen, opposed to plans for the Rivulet Resort. He argues this project doesn't fit the definition of hotel as outlined in the ordinance.

At that meeting the board voted to adjourn, requesting that Doug Mansfield, president of the project's architectural firm, Wells Mansfield, present a copy of the condominium association's bylaws and rental pool agreement.

Grzech argues that regardless of Mansfield's assurances that the units will be rented, the project is residential in nature and thus is prohibited from locating in the city's

commercial district.

However, Mansfield argues the 12 units to be built will be available for rent and will operate like a motel as defined in the city's zoning ordinance. Each will be individually owned and each proprietor will participate in a rental pool.

According to the ordinance, hotels must have a central lobby or office area from which users enter and exit supervised by a person in charge at all hours.

The office area for this project is located in the parking level.

Mansfield said there will be an on-call box and a manager in residence seven days a week.

According to information included in the project's revised findings of fact, residents with property near the proposed project also argue that the proximity of the project to their homes could pose a risk to their homes' structure during the construction process. Other concerns include soil erosion issues, light pollution, a potential impact on traffic flow, mechanical noise, trash removal, walls and fencing.

While the resident group opposed to the project has jumped this development plan hurdle they are hoping future plans are to their liking.

"My clients would like to see it developed for residential use. If they can put something in there

that conforms to C-1 (commercial district), that's fine too," Grzech said.

Hansen agreed and said, "We think it deserves to be developed. And it deserves to be a residential property of some type. That's the best and highest use."

Whether the Carey-Bandfield group will continue with development plans is unclear at this time. Early this week, a for sale sign was posted at the property.



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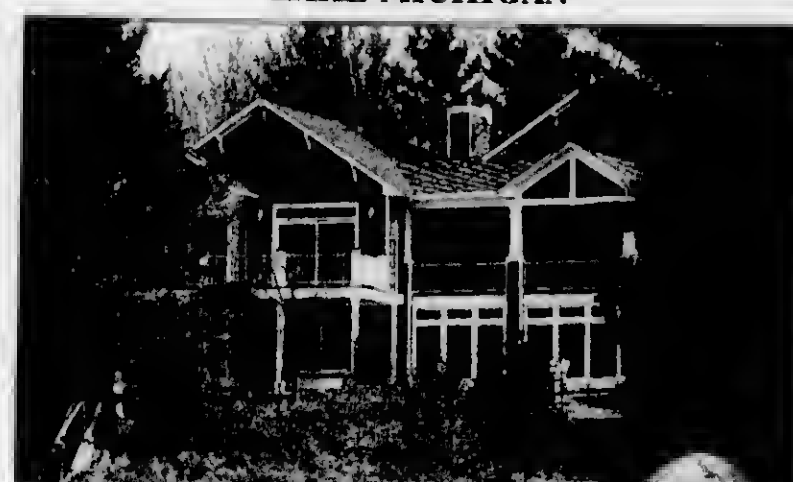
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A benefit for a 35-year-old Charlevoix native recently diagnosed with cancer will take place on Sunday, June 4.

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Acacia decommissioning June 7

By BENJAMIN GOHIS
Staff writer

Over six decades of history will be laid to rest when the Ace of the Great Lakes, United States Coast Guard cutter Acacia is decommissioned at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7 at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix.

The United States Coast Guard Band, directed by Lt. Kenneth W. Megan will play in the Acacia's honor at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7 at the band shell in East Park.

According to the 15-year Coast Guard veteran who spent two years on Acacia, Lt. Cary Godwin, the Acacia has done her duty and then some.

"(Acacia's) primary mission is buoy tending, but she's been used for law enforcement and homeland

security and in the late 1980s she was sent down to the Caribbean for enforcement on Haitian patrols for illegal aliens. And, she does do some ice-breaking, though very little," he said.

In 1948, the Acacia aided cutter Mackinaw in opening a path from Buffalo, the earliest recorded date for such lanes to be opened on the Great Lakes. And, in 1951, the Acacia was used to assist the Rand and the Brown after they collided off the St. Claire river system.

"She also assisted motor vessel Schoonmaker that ran aground near Detroit," Godwin said.

Following the June 7 decommissioning, everyone on the ship will be relocated to different units.

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When United States Coast Guard cutter, Acacia, is decommissioned June 7, it will be her captain's last command. Commander Keith Bills will officially retire at the end of this summer.

Senior prank damages two classrooms at Charlevoix High School

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

An act referred to by officials at Charlevoix Public Schools, as a "senior prank" will cast a dark shadow over graduation ceremonies this Sunday.

According to Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, during the evening hours of Thursday, May 25, students broke into Charlevoix High School, located at 05200 Marion Center Road in Charlevoix.

Sturock said at this time it's believed one of the students involved used a key to enter the building, but this has not been officially determined in the investigation.

He said those involved clogged sinks in Tim Volovsek's second level science classroom and turned the water on. The flooding water overflowed into Roger Gowell's lower level biology classroom causing ceiling damage and ruining classroom materials.

Sturock said at this time the financial cost of the prank has not been estimated.

"The investigation is ongoing and we will prosecute," he added.

School officials are working in

conjunction with officers from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on the case.

While the perpetrators may face malicious destruction of property charges in the future, Sturock said if they are seniors, they won't be able to walk with their classmates at the class of 2006 graduation ceremony to take place at 2 p.m. this Sunday, June 4. They will however receive their diplomas.

This is the same punishment handed down a few years ago when graduating seniors spilled vegetable oil throughout the halls at the former Charlevoix High School, which is the current middle school, located off Garfield Street.

The perpetrators involved in that instance were also prosecuted.

Last year, Sturock said students spelled out "Congratulations" in whiskey bottles at the school entrance.

"We don't want whiskey bottles at the school's entrance, but it wasn't malicious in nature," he said.

Charlevoix High School principal Gary Grundman said, "We are putting a lot of pressure on a lot of people. They have until Thursday morning to come up with the truth or everyone involved can't march (at graduation)."



Photo by Julie Witthoft

A parade to remember

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, veterans and others, marched down Bridge Street as part of a parade in recognition of their fellow service members who have died while serving the United States of America. For more parade pictures see page 23.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Michelle Ann Kent, 24, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Serve five days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Amanda Richelle Towsley, 18, Charlevoix. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling \$260.

Chadwick Jordan Davis, 22, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 30 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

John Andrew Labreque, 40, East Jordan. Disorderly conduct. Serve four days in jail with credit for four days; \$300 in fines and costs.

Ryan Richard Muriwski, 26, East Jordan. Count one: Operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 20 days in jail, serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 283 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,335 in fines and costs. Count two: Controlled substance, possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two days, 363 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; \$500 in fines and costs.

Jesse Antonio Peppas, 20, Waters. Accosting and soliciting. Serve 10 days in jail, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

August James Baker, 22, Charlevoix.

License suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Serve 10 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Christopher Paul Fayor, 40, Waterford. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Daniel Peter Lucenko, 49, East Jordan. No license on person. Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Leann Petty Voigtritter, 49, Lansing. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve eight days in jail, to serve 40 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

Joseph Issa Bahdouchi, 30, East Pointe. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Richard Dale Massey, 40, East Jordan. Impaired driving; and no license on person. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

Stephen Joseph Kraemer Jr., 22, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41

days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

Thomas Edward Hart II, 23, Elmira. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Dustin Michael Lautenbach, 22, Belmont. No license on person. Serve eight days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Dennis Wayne Andrick, 60, Alanson. Check-insufficient funds less than \$100. Serve 20 days in jail; \$399.23 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following case was recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Dennis Wayne Andrick, 60, Alanson. Probation violation, check-insufficient funds, three within 10 days. Pay \$200 a month starting June 1 and continue on probation.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

The Snack Shack, Ferry Beach, by Michale M. Wright
2 Guys and a Grill, 125 Belvedere Avenue, Charlevoix, by Kenneth Anderson

Modiste, 705 State St., Charlevoix, by Chelsea L. Hosper
Dissolution of a co-partnership or business under an assumed name: Brevity Records, 1003 May St., Charlevoix, by Charity Marie-Lynn Wynkoop

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Terence K. Reagan, 27 and Jaime M. Stanley, 25, both of Louisville, Ky.

Derik Donald David, 27, and Gina Marie Hadix, 27, both of Boyne City
Mark A. Yager, 25, Maryville, Tenn. and Taryn Drost, 22, Charlevoix

Births

Hayden John Althro-McWatters weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born May 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Patrick McWatters and Tracy Althro of East Jordan. His sibling is Marissa. His grandparents are John and Sharlene Althro of East Jordan, Buck and Nancy McWatters of East Jordan and David and Sherry Crane of East Jordan.

Izabella Jane Ferree weighing 7 pounds was born May 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to William Stanley Dunson II, and Samantha Eileen Ferree of Boyne City. Her sibling is 3-year-old Olivia Diane Ferree. Her grandparents are Nannette Miller of Boyne City, Thomas Ferree of Battle Creek, Patricia Dean of Coopersville and William Dunson of East Jordan.

Samantha Grace Riley weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces was born May 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeffery and Brandy Riley of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Jeffery and Denise Riley of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Charlotte and the late Wilbert Wilton of Petoskey.

Deer runs through Auto Value window

At around 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26, officers with the City of Charlevoix Police Department responded to a report of a deer that had crashed through a window at Auto Value, located off West Carpenter Street.

The deer smashed through a front window at the business, which was open at the time of the incident. There were four employees inside.

The deer ran through the store in spite of serious injuries it had sustained from its impact with the window.

Deputy chief of police, Scott Hankins, responded to the scene and used a catch pole to trap the animal and pull it from the building. Hankins was assisted by shift commander Bob Roloff, with the City of Charlevoix Fire Department.

Due to serious injuries the deer sustained from its impact with the window, Hankins destroyed the deer.

No Auto Value employees or customers were injured during this incident.

Officials: No decision made on Acacia replacement

ACACIA

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Godwin, who is excited about taking over his new post as commander of the 140-foot ice-breaking tug, Biscayne Bay in St. Ignace later this summer, said leaving the Acacia is also a hittersweet time for him.

"It's a sad moment, but it's also kind of a proud moment too," he said. "We're the last 180-foot buoy tender, and she's in good shape. We love the city and the people of Charlevoix, but with new technology and new ships comes bigger and better things."

"The newer ships are just more capable," Godwin added.

It's yet known whether the Acacia will go to the Coast Guard's main shipyard for sale to another entity or whether she may be used as a floating museum.

The Acacia (WLB-406), which got its name from a lighthouse service ship which was sunk during World War II, was launched on Sept. 1, 1944 and has remained active for 62 years. She is one of the last of the 39 180-foot World War II-era cutter-huys tenders.

The Acacia won't be the only familiar friend leaving its moorings near downtown Charlevoix. The Acacia's commander, Keith Bills, will say good-bye to his men and the Coast Guard in which he's served for 29 years.

Bills, whose wife and two daughters make their home here, plans to stay.

"It's been a great ride," he said. While Bills has loved every one of his nearly 30 years in the service, he got his start almost by accident.

"My dad was in the Navy and that really didn't have a whole lot of in-

Who: U.S. Coast Guard
What: Decommissioning ceremony for cutter Acacia
When: 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7
Where: Coast Guard Station Charlevoix

fluence on me. I was rebellious and didn't have a lot of motivation," he said. "I ended up in California working for a place that made pots."

Bills said he felt lost and decided some discipline might straighten him up.

"I went down to the recruiting station and I was going to be a Marine, but I went down there at lunchtime," he said. "All the recruiters were gone except for the Coast Guard. So, I joined the Coast Guard."

Bills has served an unprecedented four years on the Acacia — unprecedented because the Coast Guard generally limits commanders to a three-year stay at each station or ship.

"They call it (command) arduous duty, but I don't see anything arduous about it," he said. "I'm still looking forward to coming to work every day. It's been most rewarding for me personally."

Bills said many in the service consider any type of command situation to be arduous duty because of the extreme amount of responsibility.

"Throughout my career, the most rewarding thing has been association with the people. I've had the privilege to work with," Bills said. "I think it's most gratifying for me when I get a phone call from an old

acquaintance in the Coast Guard. You really make strong friends for life."

He added, "In the service you get a camaraderie you don't get anywhere else."

Bills, who just turned 50, isn't sure exactly what career he'll tackle next, but he will remain active in his retirement from the service.

The soon to be decommissioned Acacia, Bills' fourth and final command, was preceded by his command of the Biscayne Bay, Point Bonita and he was the officer in charge of shore command.

"Being in command is always something I've enjoyed doing," he said. "To be afforded the privilege to have the ability to have so much influence on people's lives — where else can you get that? Nowhere else that I can think of."

In April, U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) announced that the United States Coast Guard had signed off on language in a bill which would retain the cutter Acacia, or if decommissioned as is planned, would replace it with another ice breaking asset. According to congressional sources the bill still awaits the president's signature and there's been no movement on it as of yet.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

This brass bell secured on the upper deck of the United States Coast Guard cutter, Acacia, is one of several historical artifacts which will likely be donated to museums once the ship is decommissioned on Wednesday, June 7.

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OPINIONS

Surviving and celebrating 12 years of marriage



Benjamin Gohs
"Staff writer"

Another Memorial weekend has come and gone, and with it, another year with the wife.

I suppose some would observe the big 12 with a trip to Hawaii or a romantic dinner for two, but after the luck we've had with anniversary celebrations in the past, we decided to play it safe and separated for the weekend.

Our fear of matrimonial meriment goes back to that ominous honeymoon, if you call drinking cheap wine while hunkering in a leaky canoe coffin as the National Weather

Service warns all within earshot to run for their lives, a honeymoon. Although, once you've had enough of that cheap wine, those lightning bolts don't seem so tough.

When the sun finally graced us with its presence, blushing bride decided we'd rent a canoe. She must have mistaken my hyperventilation and whimpering for joy because the next thing I knew, we were touring Clem's Boat and Bike Rentals.

Being a novice, I impressed upon the shopkeeper my desire not to drown, and Clem suggested his largest canoe, a 12 by 4-foot monster.

"No sir, you won't tip this one," he said in a tone of voice that almost sounded like a challenge.

The wife, being a veteran of lake and river canoe trips, took command of the vessel. Once Captain Bligh seated herself in the front of the boat, she assured me everything would be just fine.

So, you might imagine my surprise

when I attempted to come aboard and proceeded to execute the most perfect squealing front flip. Just before we went under, I saw the Captain flapping her arms. It was like watching a mime have a stroke in the middle of a bird imitation.

When I surfaced, Clem was wiping away the snot and tears and trying not to choke as he coughed between his intermittent high-pitched squeals of delight.

The wife later abandoned me and the S.S. Deathtrap on the other side of the lake after I said something I shouldn't have in a moment of supreme panic.

About four years ago, we decided to go back to said honeymoon spot for the annual commemoration — truly a case of clinical idiocy.

We foolishly assumed we could get a campsite at our old spot without reservations, luckily a friendly local directed us to a "rustic campground on a lake."

The first thing I noticed when we arrived at Stereotypical Horror Movie Campground (yes that was its official name) was a guy camped out in a hus with no wheels — come to think of it, I'm not so sure he was camping.

My desire for a refreshing swim in the waters of Lake Itch and Scratch were cut short when I saw school bus guy emptying a portable septic tank into it.

All I can say about the outhouse is, you know it's bad when even the bugs won't go near it.

But, determined to make the best of things, we plugged our noses and unloaded the car. That was when we noticed the absence of tent poles.

Even with school bus guy's donated clothesline, the tent wouldn't stay up. Beaten once again, we packed up and headed home.

Of course, previous years were nothing compared to 2005, when my father-in-law decided it would be a

scream to have emergency triple bypass surgery. After all, nothing stokes the fires of romance like major surgery on a loved one.

This year was kind of a bore. On Saturday, the wife called from her sister's house (200 miles away) after locking her keys in the trunk. My son had to crawl through the back seat with a pair of hot-dog tongs to retrieve them. Meanwhile, in Charlevoix, I was barricaded in the bedroom to avoid half a dozen golf ball sized humbees with anger management issues who had infiltrated the living room.

Someday we'll have the worry free trip we've always wanted. For now we're content we made it this long and thankful next year is so far away.

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Look down to understand nature's free fertilizer



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

It's a basic idea of ecology that everything is connected to everything else, but it's often difficult to see the connections.

This spring we have been privileged to see a fine visible example of those connections. Each year at about the time that tree leaves emerge from their buds and enlarge, most trees produce flowers of some kind. These are small flowers, rather than the large, flamboyant ones we cherish in gardens. And they are produced in enormous numbers.

The large, old sugar maple tree in our yard that each early spring provides us with about a gallon of maple syrup, provides for the surrounding lawn as

well. It produces uncountable numbers of small stringy-looking flowers just before the leaves emerge. Most of the tiny flowers are excess. Fewer than 1 percent of them will actually develop into those winged maple seeds that spin down to the ground in summer. The remaining 99 percent of the flowers are shed from the tree during some of the spring rains. We most often see them covering the sidewalk and streets after an overnight shower.

Are these excess flowers wasted? Not at all. There's little or no waste in the natural world. The shed flowers on the sidewalks and driveways disappear quickly. Less obviously, those that fall on the lawn are rapidly turned into almost instant compost, feeding whatever plants are growing under the maple. These decomposing flowers provide a burst of necessary nutrients just as the plants are beginning rapid growth. The maple tree is effectively feeding the plants that live near it.

Other trees are equally beneficial in the early spring feeding of nearby plants. Birches, oaks, beeches, elms

and almost any other tree you could name shed flowers in the same way and at almost the same time. Flower parts, bud covers, tiny leaves and aborted seeds, along with pollen, are produced and delivered to surrounding vegetation as an early nutrient bonanza each year. In the more natural world of forests, such trees do not feed lawn plants, but whatever is growing in the forest with them. The whole forest benefits from the spring fertilizer shower as much as it benefits from spring rainfall.

In a semi-scientific effort to determine just how much fertilizer a tree might contribute, I collected the shed flowers from under our sugar maple, a Norway maple down the street and a paper birch along Michigan Avenue. I carefully marked out and collected the fallen flowers from a square foot of sidewalk under each tree, carried them home and weighed them. There were two ounces per square foot under the sugar maple, an ounce-and-a-half under the Norway maple and the same ounce-and-a-half under the birch. An ounce doesn't sound like much, but

if you do the arithmetic, that equals a pound-and-a-half of instant compost for each four-foot by four-foot area. Even if mismeasured by half and there was only an ounce per square foot, that comes out to 2,700 pounds per acre. If we add in the other small tree parts that are shed in spring, it's easy to consider the discarded parts as a significant portion of the nutrients necessary for the growth of smaller plants, and of the trees themselves.

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Letters to the editor

Media coverage

Editor:
When trying to express a thought, idea or opinion, it is often difficult to know where to begin.

The word "opinion" by definition is, "what one thinks true, an estimation or an expert judgment." And maybe how the mainstream media reports the news, absent the hard facts. The mainstream media, including radio, TV, magazines and newspapers, are supposed to be unbiased and report all the facts regardless of the final outcome or consequences. But that isn't the way it works because politics and big money are part of the equation in most of our media. Whenever the media becomes biased by omitting facts or complete stories, to further an agenda, the public is being manipulated, lied to and denied the truth.

For instance, recently the liberal media gave little or no coverage to Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin and his Liberal Party who were ousted in the country's federal election, bringing to an end the Liberal Party's 12-year reign. Martin's administration gained notoriety for its \$2 billion gun registration program fiasco and recent call for an all-out ban on all legally owned handguns. It would appear the Canadian citizens are considerably smarter than their English and Australian counterparts when it comes to caving to the United Nations or the New World Order.

Canada's new Conservative Party government created a committee of three in-the-know gun rights supporters to figure out how best to kill the long gun registry as soon as possible with the help of the Justice Minister and Public Security Minister. Having said the above, if you seek the truth, then believe nothing you hear, see or

read until you check it out for yourself and confirm the facts. Should you be one who believes that your vote doesn't matter or will make little difference, you need only look north to Canada where the people spoke and are regaining their right to defend life, property and freedom.
Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

Teddy bear picnic

Editor:
Have you ever been invited to a teddy bear picnic? Until recently neither had I. However, 64 women and children were invited last Thursday, May 18, at the Barnard Methodist Church in Charlevoix. There were teddy bears everywhere. Some were big, some were small, some black, some were brown, white and even green. Some even got awards for being unique with sweaters, or overalls and one even was in a jogging suit.

Dinner was buffet potluck and very good. Some very nice men poured coffee and helped. After, there were teddy songs, poems and stories about the love they bring to children and adults and how hard it is to part with them. It was a fascinating evening. I learned the name teddy bears is connected to President Theodore Roosevelt. But that's another story.

Shirlee Koerber
Charlevoix

'Thanks' lost wallet helpers

Editor:
Many thanks to all the people who helped me recover my lost wallet. To City of Charlevoix Police Department patrolman, Adam Dzwik, to the unknown shopper who turned in the wallet and finally, to the manager of Oleson's named Patty — you all made me a

very happy person.
Jo Clare Dersnah
Charlevoix

Article response

Editor:
Your article (entitled, "Rivulet developers pull site plan review request," page 1, May 24 edition of the Charlevoix Courier) on the developer's withdrawal of the site plan for the proposed Rivulet development at 115 Pine River Lane correctly quoted me as saying that my clients would like to see the property ultimately developed for residential use or commercial use in conformity with the city's zoning ordinance.

Since my clients were opposed to the proposed development, in part on the basis that its proposed use was residential in nature (and thus prohibited in a commercial district), my statement may have created some misimpression or misunderstanding as to why my clients would now like to see the property developed for residential use.

I would like to clarify that any future development of a residential nature or use would require that the property be rezoned as part of a residential district, which currently exists in that neighborhood. Historically, the property located at 115 Pine River Lane was initially zoned for residential use, but due to a previous rezoning request is currently zoned exclusively for commercial use. My clients would not oppose a request for a rezoning of the property to a residential use. However, they would continue to oppose any proposal for residential use so long as the property remains zoned commercial.

Robert W. Grzech
Attorney
Charlevoix

Protecting marriage

Editor:
For centuries, in every civilized culture marriage as the union of one man and one woman has been the building block of society. But it may not be true in America for long unless Congress approves the Marriage Protection Amendment.

Amendment opponents have asked, "How does one couple's gay marriage threaten anyone's heterosexual marriage?" This question misses the point: The goal of gay activists isn't the individual relationship of any two people; it's the revision of national policy to say that gender, especially in child-rearing, is inconsequential.

Think of the Marriage Protection Amendment as a shield between our traditional values and radical judges' intent on forcing their politically correct agenda on our nation. Without that shield, it's only a matter of time until marriage loses all meaning. Social science data indicates children will suffer the most when that happens.

Efforts to pass such an amendment stalled in Congress two years ago, but we have another chance before senators vote in early June to convince them

to do the right thing this time around.
Lara VanLoo
Charlevoix

Seat belt column response

Editor:
Ben Gohs, I agree with you (column "Click it or Ticket infringes on personal choice," page 4 of the May 24 edition of the Charlevoix Courier). I wear a seat belt because I think it's a good idea, but I do think that requiring the use of it in my car violates what used to be freedom in the good old US of A. My pioneering forefathers (and Patrick Henry) would turn over in their graves.

I remember, over 20 years ago when I picked up a new French intern that I had hired for the summer, he commented that I had not put on my seat belt. I said that it was my business if I chose to hurt myself worse in an auto accident. He said something to the effect that, "But then you would become a ward of the state and everyone else would suffer also." I said, "There's your mistake, what should the state have to do with taking care of me?"

Ron Willey
Charlevoix

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Wedding

Couture — Merrill



Photo by Donna Curiel

Charlevoix residents Natalie Couture and Dr. John Merrill exchanged marriage vows at a private wedding ceremony which took place on Saturday, May 20 at Lake Louise Chapel.

The bride was given in marriage by her three sons, Christopher, Allen and Shawn.

Officiating the double ring rites ceremony was the Rev. Donald Merrill.

A private dinner at the Perry Hotel followed.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Eleanor Misiak of Posen, the groom is the son of Donald and Ardis Merrill of Grand Rapids.

Health department announces staff promotion and new hire

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, recently announced a staff promotion and new hire in its home health and aging services division.

Lynda Bockstahler, who has served as hospice supervisor for the health department since 2003, has been promoted to director of home health and aging services, following the retirement of Nancy Bottomley.

As director of home health and aging services, Bockstahler is responsible for the health department's accredited home health program and hospice programs, as well as other services for people who are homebound and/or elderly.

A registered nurse, Bockstahler has extensive experience in patient care, including director of oncology service line at City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, Calif. She also has management and clinical work experience at Grant Hospital in Chicago, Ill.; Hospice of Holland in Holland, and Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

Tina Lamont, a registered nurse, comes to the health department after working in home care and other clinical settings in the region, including Vital Care, Harborside



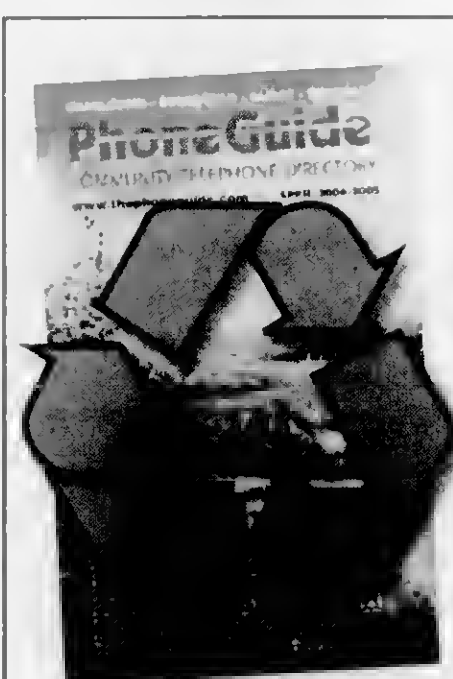
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Lynda Bockstahler (left) has been promoted to director of home health and aging services and Tina Lamont (right) has been named a home health/hospice nurse at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Spine and Sports Care and Wellness Center of Boyne.

As home health/hospice nurse, Lamont leads patient care teams and provides wound dressings, intravenous care, and medications for clients who are disabled or nearing end-of-life in Emmet County. Lamont earned an associate of nursing degree from North Central Michigan College and bachelor of health administration degree from Spring Arbor University.

For more information about the health department's home care and aging services, visit www.nwhealth.org or contact Bockstahler at (231) 547-6092.



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FY 06/07 (July 2, 2006 - June 30, 2007)

The Charlevoix Public Library will hold a Public Hearing at 4:00 pm on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at the library, 109 Clinton St., for the purpose of hearing oral comments and considering written comments from the public concerning the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/2007. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the annual budget will be the subject of this hearing.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and/or submit comments. The budget is available for review prior to the Public Hearing at the Charlevoix Public Library, 109 Clinton St., Charlevoix, between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am and 5 pm on Friday, and 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on Saturday.

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Small hands raise big money



Photos by Julie Witthoef

A children's art exhibit, Small Hands Big Art, a collaboration between Gallery On Main in Bay Harbor and the Charlevoix Children's House Montessori school, ran from May 24 to 30. The exhibit, which is the first such event for the school, also included a silent auction fund-raiser on May 25 that raised \$2,700 for the school. (Left) event coordinator and gallery manager Larissa Flynn stands by some of the children's work. (Below) Parents and Children's House supporters peruse artwork at the silent auction.



File photo

St. Marys Cement Company's Challenger lake freighter will celebrate 100 years of service this summer. The Charlevoix Historical Society will host a program on its century of service, on June 6.

Historical society to host Challenger program June 6

The Charlevoix Historical Society will be presenting a program on the history of the lake freighter Challenger that has been transporting cement from the local plant at Charlevoix's south point since 1967.

The program, presented by Norm O'Neill of Cleveland, Ohio, will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6 at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Train Depot at Depot Beach. There is no admission charge.

This summer marks the 100th anniversary of the ship's launch as the William P. Snyder on Feb. 7, 1906. Built by the Great Lakes Engineering Works at Ecorse for the Shenango Furnace Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., the Challenger is the first vessel of

its kind to reach the century mark while still in active service. Some members of her first crew were born during the Civil War.

Converted to a cement carrier by Medusa Cement in 1967, the Challenger has since been known by the name of successive plant owners as The Southdown/Cemex/St. Marys Challenger.

The Challenger is considered to be a legend by Great Lakes shipping enthusiasts. Many other ships younger and bigger have come and gone in its lifetime while it continues to sail into its second century, one of only about 50 registered ships on the lakes.

For more information about the upcoming program, call (231) 547-0373.

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Famed artist visits students



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

World renowned artist and host of several PBS television shows, Mark Kistler, held an interactive assembly about 3-D drawing on Friday, May 26 at Charlevoix Elementary School. Charlevoix Public Schools students' last day of school of 2005-2006 year is June 6 when they have a half day.

Obituaries

Thomas Urban: Feb. 18, 1949 - May 21, 2006

Thomas P. Urban, 57, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, May 21 at his home in Charlevoix.

He was born Feb. 18, 1949, in Detroit, the son of the late John M. and Elizabeth (Dicks) Urban. He graduated from Schafer High School in Southgate in 1967, then earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration and marketing management from University of Detroit in 1975.

Tom served in the U.S. Navy Air Reserve during the Vietnam War. On Aug. 5, 1972, he married Cynthia A. Pierce in Chelsea. Tom was a former

member of the Little Traverse Bay Kiwanis in Petoskey. Being self-employed most of his life, Tom had many different jobs, most recently he was the director of operations for Educare Inc., and was also the director of operations of The Garage Sale and Attic Treasures resale shop in Petoskey.

He is survived by his wife, Cyndi; daughters, Colleen Renee Urban and her partner Bradley Parsons of Seattle, Wash., Stacy Lee Urban and her husband Jeremy Cramer of Portland, Ore.; sisters, Elizabeth (Rick) McCormick of Woodhaven and Carol (Tom) Pernak of Brownstown; sister-in-laws

Charrie Colwell of Wheaton, Ill. and Karen Carpenter-Urban of Decatur, Ala.; brothers-in-law Gregg (Laura) Pierce of Dearborn, Robert (Patricia) Pierce of Taylor; and many nieces and a few nephews.

Tom's brother, John, preceded him in death in 2000.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cardiovascular Unit at Northern Michigan Hospital or to the Thomas P. Urban memorial fund at Charlevoix State Bank.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, May 27 at Michigan Beach in Charlevoix.

Gladys Gerhauser: Dec. 14, 1941 - May 22, 2006

Gladys (Campbell) Gerhauser, 64, of Ellsworth, and formerly of the Mancelona and Kalkaska areas, died on May 22 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born on Dec. 14, 1941 in Port Huron the daughter of Louie and Shirley Manning.

She had resided in Ellsworth for the past five years. Prior to moving to Ellsworth, she lived in the Mancelona and Kalkaska areas where she was employed by Nick's Restaurant in Kalkaska. Most recently, she worked

at Harbor Industries in Charlevoix.

She enjoyed bingo, camping and spending time with her grandchildren as well as her pets.

On Oct. 31, 2002 in Nashville, Tenn., she married Nelson Gerhauser who survives. Also surviving are four children, Terrie Vess of Flint, Ron Dimon of Houston, Texas, Kim Dimon of Flint and Krista Gault of Gaylord; four stepchildren, Jackie Myers of Saginaw, Nelson Gerhauser Jr., Michael Gerhauser and Tammy Ellison all of Reese; brothers, David

Walters of Mancelona, Roy Manning of Port Huron and Edward Manning; two sisters, Lianna and Myrna; 24 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Funeral services took place on Thursday, May 25 at the Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Pastor Mark McCool officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Edward Hanes: Nov. 24, 1922 - May 22, 2006

Edward G. Hanes, 83, of Charlevoix, died Monday, May 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral took place on Friday, May 26, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church officiated, and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Ed was born Nov. 24, 1922, in Keego Harbor, the son of Harry and Ruth (Brooks) Hanes. He graduated in 1942 from Roosevelt High

School in Keego Harbor. Ed served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In January 1943, he married the former Maxine Morse in Vassar, and they made their home in Keego Harbor. Ed worked for General Motors in Pontiac in the engineering specifications department. He and Maxine moved to Charlevoix in 1998, where he enjoyed golfing and fishing.

Maxine preceded him in death on March 10, 2003.

Ed is survived by his children,

Karole L. (David) Couture of Charlevoix and Gary E. (Marcy) Hanes of Orionville; grandchildren, Rohynn Reynolds, Andy and Corey Couture and Jason, Michael, and Katie Hanes; great-grandchildren, Monique Reynolds and Landon and Makiaa Couture; brothers, Cecil (Rosie) Hanes and Jim Hanes; sisters, Maxine Lampson and Arlene Murphy.

Ed's daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Robert VanMarren, preceded him in death.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 95291 M-66 North	9:10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Evening Service except 1st Sun. of the Month Tuesday, June 6 Wednesday Evening Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161
BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8033 Church Road, Ellsworth	Worship Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	10:00 a.m.
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 11906 US-31 North	Divine Worship Service Rev. Michael L. Teutcher	10:00 a.m. 547-9446
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 08555 M-66	Sunday School Morning Worship Evening Worship Thursday Evening Pastor: James D. Green	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 547-4300
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street	Sunday School Worship Service Pastor: Todd Thompson	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 547-2654 or -5168
CHRISTEPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton	Sunday Holy Communion Sunday School & Child Care Provided Church Office	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 547-6322 Rev. John S. David
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY 205 Clinton Street	Sunday Service Sunday School Wednesday Meeting Reading Room - Wednesday	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 2:30-6:30 p.m.
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 6429 N. M-66	Sunday Sacraments Sunday School Priesthood & Relief Society Wed. Young Men/Women President: Michael Robbins or Missionaries	10:00 a.m. 11:25 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 588-2112 or 547-6159
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)	Morning Worship Sunday School Evening Service Wednesday Service Pastor: Dan Gilmore	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 547-5711
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD 202 W. Huribut	Sunday School Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Evening Worship Pastor: Neil Turner	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 547-2875
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix Hwy. 31 & Meech • Charlevoix	Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Church Office	547-9482
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Bowl-a-thon for local man diagnosed with cancer

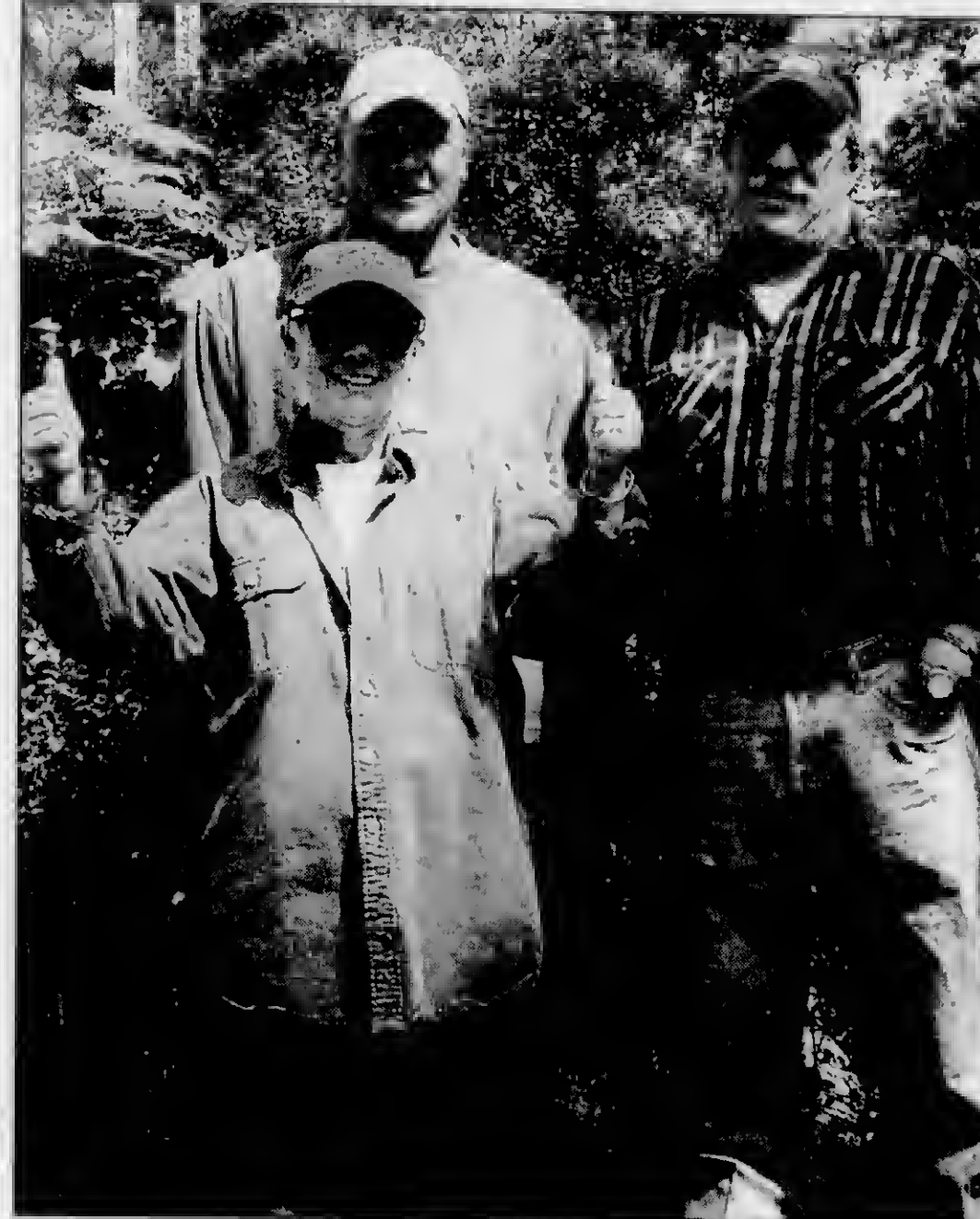


Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix resident Branden Kanoff, was recently diagnosed with a malignant tumor in his chest. His friends and family have organized a bowl-a-thon benefit to take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 at the Flight Deck Bar, to help defray his costs of treatment. Above Kanoff (center) is pictured with his mom, Meri Lyn Bennett and father, Gary Kanoff.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A 35-year-old Charlevoix man recently learned that even the strongest, most self-reliant person needs to lean on his friends and family when facing the greatest challenge in life.

On May 16 Charlevoix native, Branden Kanoff was diagnosed with a malignant tumor in his chest.

"I'm very proud and stubborn. I'm very independent. But I know I need help on this. I wish I could handle it myself, but I can't," he said. "I wouldn't be anywhere without my friends and family."

Kanoff is the son of Gary Kanoff of New Mexico and Meri Lyn Bennett of Montague, his sister, Krista Berlage, lives in Charlevoix. He is known by all for his tough work ethic and unwavering loyalty to friends and family. He is currently employed by Great Lakes Golf Site Development of Boyne

City where he has worked for five years.

After experiencing shortness of breath and lethargy for almost a year, it was what Kanoff believed to be a heart attack that on May 15 brought him to the emergency room at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Ultrasound testing showed that a six-inch tumor constricting blood flow to his heart and body brought on his symptoms. A biopsy proved the tumor to be cancerous.

"There's a million words for it, but it was shock," the seasoned runner said. "It can happen to anyone. It doesn't matter if you take care of yourself or not."

With the same type of rare germ cell cancer faced by beloved American biker Lance Armstrong,

Kanoff has taken the same, "I'll beat it," attitude that Armstrong openly displayed.

"I'm not going to die," he said. "But I'm scared, I don't get knocked down and I've been knocked down. But I will get back up again. This is just another hurdle."

Kanoff now faces four treatments of chemotherapy over the next three to four months, the first of which he'll undergo this Friday, June 2, under the care of Northern Michigan Hospital cancer specialist Dr. Ervin Hire.

The hope is that chemo will shrink the tumor to where it will be operable or non-existent. According to consultations he's had with doc-

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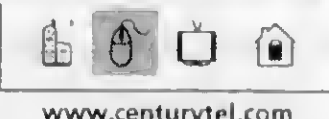
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Benefit to offset costs of Kanoff's cancer treatment

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tors, Kanoff has a 90 percent chance of pulling through. Within the first month of treatment doctors will be able to gauge his body's response and the probable outcome.

While Kanoff is hospitalized, on June 4, his friends, family and well wishers will gather at a bowl-athon they organized under the direction of fund-raising guru Shirley Roloff of Charlevoix.

Roloff, whose son Bryan died of a brain tumor in 1993 at the age of 30, said she is happy to be able to assist Kanoff, who she has known since he was a child.

"Hopefully we are doing something that will make his life a little easier. It's a good feeling to give back to someone else," she said.

The event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 4 at the Flight Deck Bar, located at 6966 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix. It will include eight lanes of team bowling. Teams are made up of at least six players, each of who is sponsored by a minimum of 10 individuals or businesses.

While Kanoff has insurance, which will cover a portion of his treatments, he is unable to work while undergoing chemotherapy and hospital bills are hefty.

All proceeds from the sponsorships and other donations that day will be directed to the Brandon Kanoff Benefit Fund at Charlevoix State Bank.

While bowling teams have been established, those interested in attending are encouraged to participate by enjoying refreshments and raffles in support of Kanoff.

Those who cannot attend but would like to make a donation can mail checks payable to Brandon Kanoff Benefit Fund to Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

For more information about the benefit, call Shirley Roloff at (231) 547-6169.



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Artists from all mediums of art will converge on Charlevoix's historic landmark, Castle Farms, for the inaugural Castle Farms Fine Art Show.

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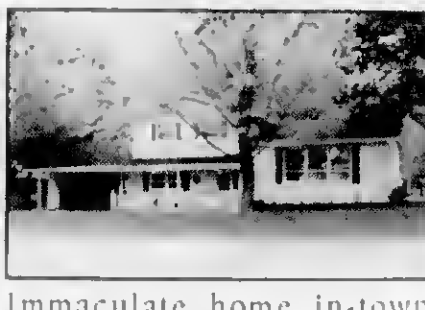
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Mix-up doesn't wilt petunia planting event

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Fellowship and flowers were the highlights of the annual planting frenzy known as Operation Petunia.

People young and old came from as far away as Oregon, from ages 2 to 80 to help keep Charlevoix beautiful at the annual petunia planting event on May 25.

"I think we had a little bit better turnout than last year," said Keep Charlevoix Beautiful president, Bob Hoffman. "We fed 700 people and we know that some people did not come down and eat, so we probably had more than 700 planters."

For the first year, prizes were given out to the oldest, youngest and farthest traveled participants. "This was first time we gave out prizes. We just tried it to add a little bit of extra interest and to reward the people who helped us," Hoffman said. "We also had gift certificates we gave out through a drawing."

Hoffman said, while there was an abundance of planters on the south side, the north side help was a little sparse.

"We really appreciate the extra effort that individuals made in staying longer to make sure all the petunias were planted on the north side," he said. "Some people stayed so long they missed dinner — and we appreciate their effort and want to thank them very much."

This year's event was successful in spite of an un-mixup that marked planning efforts early that week.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful board member, Marrel Staffel, said there was a close call on the planting.

"There was a miscommunication somehow and the new company we got the flowers from this year didn't send them all mixed together," she said. "So the flats were separate, there was a flat of just purple, one of just red and one of just white, and because we like to plant a mix, we

had to sort out 60,000 flowers."

Surprisingly enough, Staffel said, it only took two hours during the afternoon of May 24 to get the flora in order.

"I'm guessing around 40 people came to help," she said. "We had a plan and we were very efficient about it — we were all amazed how quickly we were done."

As usual, Staffel said, this year's event was a success.

"It makes the town look nice and it brings people together," she said.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful asks anyone interested to please help by weeding flower beds near their homes and keeping grass trimmed short, which will reduce the number of pesky weeds which take root.

Hoffman, a 15-year veteran of the organization, has been president for five years.

"It's been a hugely successful program, and the feedback we get from people who visit Charlevoix is wonderful," he said. "It's known as the city that plants petunias, and we have won national awards because of it."

In fact, Hoffman said, the group, America In Bloom, will visit Charlevoix this summer to judge the town's beautification efforts.

"We appreciate all the volunteer effort and we spend close to \$20,000 a year in petunias and soil and fertilization, and we are looking for donations if anybody is interested in helping us," Hoffman said.

Donations can be mailed to: Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful license plates are \$10 each or two for \$15 and can be purchased at Charlevoix Camera located in the Oleson's Plaza. All proceeds from the plates go to maintain Operation Petunia which has been in existence for nearly 25 years.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Carol MacKenzie and Ken Kline of Charlevoix are two volunteers who helped Keep Charlevoix Beautiful representatives mix 1,200 flats of petunias that arrived in solid colors. The group met May 24 at the Mt. McSaubia parking lot for what will go down in the books as the great petunia mix-up.



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(Left) With ragtime music playing and planting underway, Dale Boss, Charlevoix's Mr. Petunia, monitored the action from his petunia truck. Boss waters the petunias each morning with over 12,000 gallons of water. Every year nearly 2.5 million people see the petunia truck and an attached float, promoting Charlevoix the Beautiful.

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People young and old came from as far away as Oregon, from ages 2 to 80 to help keep Charlevoix beautiful at the annual petunia planting event on May 25. Planters filled five miles of city streets with blooms from 1,200 flats of petunias. (Left) Two-year-old Olivia Pearsall of Charlevoix really got into her work as she helped plant flowers during Operation Petunia.



From left, Sandy Boss, Phyllis Daily and Linda Richardson of the Charlevoix Channel Chics do their part along M-66 last Thursday. The Chics try to work on that spot every year because it is their favorite.



(Left) Evan Kroon, 11, of Atwood helped his dad and brothers plant petunias near the U.S. 31-M-66 intersection. Kroon and his family participate in the community effort every year. (Right) The toddlers were out in full force on Thursday, May 26, as another 2-year-old, River Pease, helped her mom plant the multicolored foliage along U.S. 31.



(Above) This year's Operation Petunia became a royal affair once 2005 Venetian Queen, Kari Way, came out to plant.



Janet Troppman, principal of St. Mary School in Charlevoix, was out and about during Operation Petunia to help beautify the area in front of her school.

Students take to the lake to learn about environment

By KRISTINA HUGHES
Petoskey News-Review Staff Writer

The sky was blue as the sun's rays glistened on the water. It was a perfect setting for class.

Class?

Approximately 225 middle school students participated in the Lake Charlevoix Experience, trading in textbooks for first hand experience on Lake Charlevoix. The students learned about natural resource issues focusing on watersheds at stations were set up on the Beaver Island.

Lexie Harding, a Boyne City sixth-grader, soaked in the sun Tuesday, absorbing lessons about invasive species and groundwater.

"It's neat to be out here on the water," Lexie said, sharing her zest for experiments.

"We did testing of the bottomland mud to find creatures," she said. "We looked up the pH, and learned about pollution."

During her afternoon as a junior environmentalist the lessons were well learned.

"It's important to be out here, because if the lake gets polluted too much we can't swim or fish," Lexie said.

She feels lucky to have pristine beaches, rivers and lakes as part of her community watershed.

"This is a natural resource Michigan is lucky to have," Lexie said.

Several volunteers from area environmental groups helped foster a connection between kids and their watersheds. The volunteers shared a "how to" message, encouraging the students to become stewards of their environment.

"Who wants to be scientists?" Sam Williams asked.

The images of heakers and white lab coats were soon replaced with excursions in the wilderness and

boating trips.

The kids responded with a resounding "Me, me."

Williams utilized a control and a sample taken by the children from the lake to measure the pH levels. The pH is used to determine an index of the lake's acid level. A pH level of 7 is neutral. A level of 3 is toxic to all fish.

Gerritt Moeke measured the lakes pH at 8.5.

"pH is cool, you get to test the water for acid," Gerritt said sharing more discoveries. "We found a crawfish, a lobster-looking thing and it was cool to see how many species live underwater to hide from predators."

Gerritt didn't mind getting dirty. "It's cool the jobs you can do in the environment. I wouldn't mind getting dirty and doing tests all day," he said.

Like most of his male classmates he was intrigued by the invasive species, especially the sea lamprey, the perfect sea creature for horror movies.

Suzie Dickow, a retired teacher, stood by a most wanted outlaw poster. But instead of mug shots of criminals the poster features cartoonish depictions of invasive species.

"Do you know what invasive species are?" Dickow said.

Some students reply with "aliens," or "they're not originally from here."

Dickow, a member of the Friends of the Boyne River, explained how sea lampreys adapted to survive in fresh waters by living as a parasite killing area fish. Pointing at a pretty purple flower, Dickow explained how purple loosestrife is displacing native plantlife, impacting area food chains.

She also talked about zebra mussels. Dickow was ready for most questions, but Collin Ulvund sur-

prised her.

"How do they breed with shells?" Collin said.

At various stations students learned about watersheds, groundwater, pH levels, and benthic communities, underwater bottom dwelling organisms. The students used secchi discs to measure the clarity of water.

Jennifer Gelb, a restoration ecologist with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, was teaching about watersheds on Lake Charlevoix. The seemingly endless mass of water was a backdrop to her demonstration on non-point pollution. Using a plastic watershed model, students used salt shakers and food coloring to represent pollutants, nutrients and pesticides. The students used water bottle to represent rain, highlighting the results of non-point pollution.

The wide-eyed students soon made a connection between their actions and the environment.

"Our water is like our blood. Our lakes are our lifeline," Gelb said. "Think about what we do on the surface of the land."

"...Go and be good stewards."



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

On Tuesday, May 23, approximately 225 middle school students participated in Experience Lake Charlevoix, trading in textbooks for first hand experience on Lake Charlevoix. (Above) students are seen departing Charlevoix aboard the Emerald Isle.

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Northwest Academy class of 2006 graduation



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On Friday, May 26 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, Northwest Academy high school seniors flipped their tassels and donned their gowns in celebration of all they've accomplished and all the future holds. With a graduating class of seven, Northwest Academy of Charlevoix graduated two salutatorians this year, Channing Potter with an overall grade point average of 3.49 and Kellie Young with a grade point average of 3.45. For more on Potter and Young, see the graduation tab enclosed in this week's Courier.

The 2006 graduating class of Northwest Academy of Charlevoix, Helen Beemon, Patrick Hand, Violet LaRosa, Channing Potter, Devin Toton, Caitlyn Winnell and Kellie Young, throw their caps in celebration following commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 26.

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Caitlyn Winnell (left) and Kellie Young play their flutes during Northwest Academy's rendition of "The Blue and The Gray," shortly before Young's salutatorian address.



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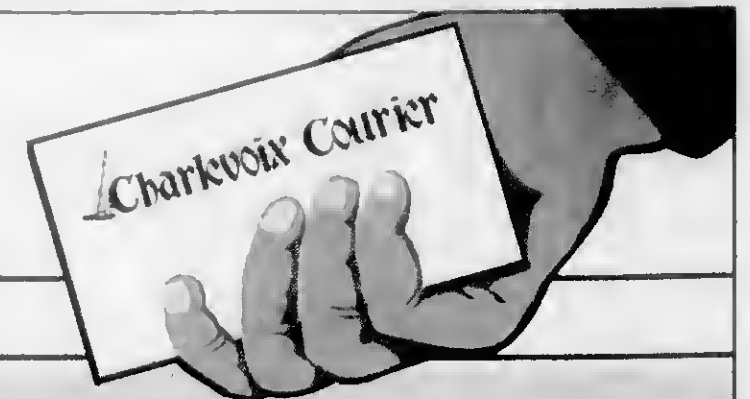


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BNI capitalizes on word-of-mouth marketing



By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

A group of business owners has teamed up to maximize their profit making potential using an age-old technique — word of mouth marketing.

"I think we have a very strong word of mouth referral system in this town. But it's loose, we're not really capitalizing on it. I think BNI does that," said Jeff Hilligan, owner of Muscle Menders of Charlevoix and president of the Charlevoix chapter of Business Network International (BNI).

A core group of 20 professionals are part of the Charlevoix chapter of Business Network International, a networking organization that allows only one person per profession to join a chapter.

"The idea behind this is people don't do business with people they don't know, like or trust," said Boyne City resident Bill Ulvund, a BNI area director who coordinates chapters in Charlevoix, Traverse City, Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Cheboygan.

The group meets and reviews a 21 point agenda from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday mornings at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 109 Clinton Street.

"It's treated like a business meeting, not a social gathering," Hilligan said. "You give what you get."

At the meeting, individual members give presentations on their business and what they specialize in. This includes 15 minutes of open networking followed by 60 second commercials when members state their name, company and what they're looking for and 10 minute presentations when members educate fellow chapter members. This information is then used by members, equipped with a black book of business cards to offer referrals to those in need of services.

"It really focuses you on your business. It makes you step up and decide what you do best and then promotes your strengths. In the end you see your business grow, through those strengths," Hilligan said. "It's like having a sales force

that you train and direct on a weekly basis that believe in and understand your services."

While group members have been building the local chapter since February, the real boost came early this month when a mailing to business owners, about a BNI breakfast, was distributed.

Almost 100 people attended that morning event, 30 of which have since expressed interest in joining the group.

"We were blown away (at the attendance)," Hilligan said. "Now I've potentially got 50 people who all know exactly what I'm doing and they help promote me."

Remaining professional categories that the local chapter has to fill include a chiropractor, a builder and a family physician.

Hilligan stressed that subcategories may also be created.

For instance, he said the group can carry two painters, one which specializes in commercial projects and the other in residential.

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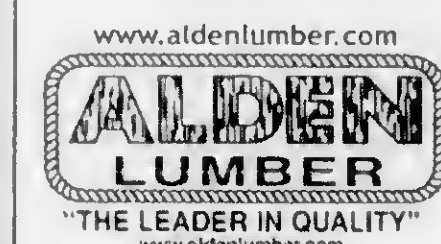
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(Above) Terry Magraw, owner of Home Again Antiques of Kingston, is seen holding a piece of black memorabilia. Home Again Antiques was one of the more than 90 booths at the Memorial Weekend Antique Show at Castle Farms. (Below) Nine-year-old, Emily Palmer, of Schoolcraft enjoys the inflatable slide at Castle Farms while her family enjoyed the Memorial Weekend Antique Show.



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Glik's opens Charlevoix location on May 25

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Young, hip fashion frenzied shoppers have a new source from which to quench their wardrobe thirst.

A new apparel store, Glik's, celebrated its grand opening May 25 at their new location, 113 Bridge St. in Charlevoix, the former site of Trademark.

"We are young and fun and there's nothing like it in downtown Charlevoix. There's a young community that needs to be fueled with brand name sportswear without traveling to Traverse City or Gaylord," said Jim Glik, vice-president of Glik Company.

Glik's specializes in women's and men's name brand clothing and footwear.

The opening of the Charlevoix store boosted the company's total store holdings to 54 located throughout Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio.

Glik said this new location offers a condensed version of a typical Glik's store in other communities.

The Charlevoix store provides 2,500 square feet of retail space carrying brands including Roxy, Billabong, Crocs, Etnies, Element and Volcom, Columbia and Silver.

The group undertook an extensive store renovation which included new wall coverings, paint, carpeting and a dressing room area.

The Petoskey Glik's store, lo-

cated in the Kmart plaza, also includes a skate shop. Glik said the Charlevoix store, where skateboarding shoes and skateboards are currently sold, may expand to include a full line of skate hardware in the future.

"We'll sell the apparel and shoe side before we get into the hard goods," Glik said.

The store is staffed by manager, Phillip Anderson of Charlevoix, and four other part-time employees. Anderson said three other sales positions will be available this summer.

"Traffic has been really strong," he added.

Anderson is looking forward to continuing the long legacy of success the Glik family has realized in its four generations of retail sales.

Founded in 1897, Glik Company is one of the oldest family-owned apparel store chains in the nation. The company's corporate office and distribution center is located in Granite City, Ill.

Glik said the Charlevoix location will likely be open year-round.

"Business is good in Petoskey. We've always looked at Charlevoix knowing it to be a resort town. Hopefully, we will find a way to run it year-round. That's what we want to do," he said.

Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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(Above) Phillip Anderson (center left), manager of the new Charlevoix Glik's store cuts a cash ribbon with the help of Glik Company vice-president Jim Glik (center right) at the store's grand opening celebration on May 25. The cash ribbon was awarded to Bergmann Center representative Kim Brock, who attended the event.

(Right) Molly Cox, a Charlevoix Glik's store sales associate, stands with corporate Glik's representatives Angela Bruening and Leann Spratt, as well as local store manager Phillip Anderson and fellow sales associate Jaime Malenfant in the new Glik's store, located at 113 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.



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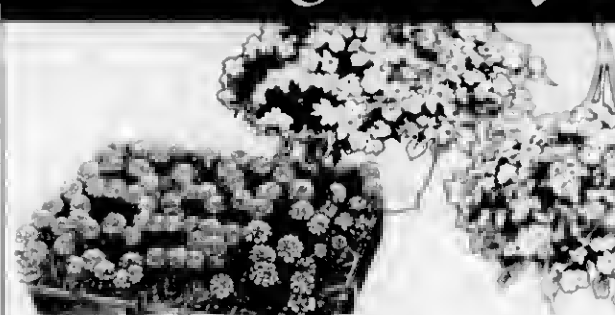


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City submits Cool Cities grant application

By JULIE WITTHOFT
 Editor

Charlevoix city planner, Gerry Harsch, recently threw the city into the running for the state's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns program.

On May 4, Harsch submitted a Blueprint program grant application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which heads up the program and has its headquarters in Lansing.

"The goal is to do a market study of the downtown area to identify what exists, and what is a good course of action over the next five years to attract appropriate businesses and to look at what kind of appropriate development should take place," Harsch said.

Reasons Harsch stated to support

Charlevoix's need for the program include empty storefronts in the business district, the need to transition from a seasonal community to a year-round community and the stagnation of downtown development on Bridge Street.

Harsch listed a number of reasons Charlevoix should be selected over other applicants including investments made in the downtown area like the Bridge Park renovation, the upcoming Charlevoix Public Library overhaul and the renovation of East Park and the municipal marina. He also stated that job loss from the decommissioning of Big Rock Pointe and the Coast Guard Cutter Acacia make Charlevoix a worthy choice.

According to Karen Gagnon, director of Michigan Cool Cities program, only five applications were submitted during

the 2006 application period.

She said the small applicant pool is likely a reflection of uncertainty as to whether the program would continue.

Gagnon said several months ago, the legislature cut \$3 million from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's budget.

"I think people were unsure about the status of Main Street and Blueprints programs," she said.

While the group can award up to 10 Blueprints grants and only five communities applied, Gagnon said Charlevoix isn't guaranteed a slot.

"It doesn't mean it's a lock. But the odds are good, if they have a real solid application," she said.

Grant recipients will be announced in mid-July.

If Charlevoix is one of the city's selected to participate, the city will

reap the benefits of two major rewards. Most importantly, city representatives will have the opportunity to work with consultants from the firm, HyettPalma, to develop a five-year action strategy. And Charlevoix will host the suave, Cool City Neighborhood, designation.

According to information included in a press release from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, "The program takes a market driven approach toward developing an action-oriented, downtown economic enhancement strategy. The prime objective of Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns is to develop an action strategy that will, over a five-year period of implementation, move your community's traditional downtown toward economic enhancement. Measurable results that will be

tracked include the creation of new private jobs and private investment in the downtown."

Creation of the action strategy will include local volunteers and town hall meeting formats conducted under the umbrella of the local Cool Cities Advisory Group which has been designated as the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority. Information will be garnered over a three-month period and compiled in the action strategy plan.

Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns is a 50/50 match grant. Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner, has estimated the total project cost to be \$30,000. The local \$15,000 match would come from the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and is included in the group's 2006-2007 budget.

Young professionals needed for 'cool culture'



By JULIE WITTHOFT
 Editor

As Charlevoix's best and brightest prepare to accept their diplomas and head off to college, the City of Charlevoix is embarking on a program that will hopefully some day bring them back.

Early this month, city planner Gerry Harsch applied for the state's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the City of Charlevoix.

According to Karen Gagnon, director of Michigan Cool Cities program, research her group has conducted shows Michigan has to find a way to do a better job attracting young, educated individuals into our state and into state colleges.

"We have to pay attention to

retention," she said. "We know that where young, knowledgeable workers, 'the creative class,' are at is where economic development is strong," Gagnon said.

She explained that the Blueprint program is a planning tool to help facilitate retention by creating overall goals for a community's economic prosperity.

"Do you create places where people want to live, work and play?" she asked. "Where's the youth, where's the diversity, where are your artists?"

If Charlevoix is selected for the

program, questions like this will be addressed by the local Cool Cities Advisory Group, which is currently comprised of members of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority, in conjunction with consultants from the firm, HyettPalma. Results of these discussions will be used to develop a five-year action strategy marketing plan.

According to two young professional Charlevoix natives who returned after college, their reason for coming back wasn't the hope

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Corey Bascom, a 23-year-old assistant working at the local accounting firm, Mason and Kammerman PC, is a local professional who, after graduating from Allendale's Grand Valley State University in 2005, opted to return to Charlevoix, his hometown.

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Young professionals discuss what brought them back



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The City of Charlevoix's Cool Cities grant application to have a local market study done, may reveal Charlevoix needs to attract young professionals like Liz Coen (above), a 29-year-old dental hygienist with the local practice, Harry Suckert DDS, and a 1996 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

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to be part of a booming market, packed with high paying jobs.

Liz Coen, a 29-year-old dental hygienist with the local practice, Harry Suckert DDS, is a 1996 graduate of Charlevoix High School. She moved back to town after graduating in 2003 from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, where she earned a degree as a registered dental hygienist.

She said while there are more high paying, professional opportunities in larger cities, she chose Charlevoix as her hometown to be close to her family and far away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

"I know a lot of my patients personally," she said. "Some patients come in and say, 'I've known you since you were 6 years old.' They like to know who's working on

them."

Like Coen, Corey Bascom, a 23-year-old assistant working at the local accounting firm, Mason and Kammerman PC, chose Charlevoix over other more populated destinations. Bascom graduated from Allendale's Grand Valley State University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting.

He said after graduating from Charlevoix High School in 2001, he was open to coming back to Charlevoix or immersing himself in face paced city life. Following four years at the private college just outside of Grand Rapids, Bascom found city living wasn't for him.

"Being close to my family, the small town environment, not having to drive 30 minutes in crazy traffic to get to work — I enjoy that much more than the city," Bascom said.

While the Blueprint action strategy marketing plan likely won't advocate selling Charlevoix as a city

slickers paradise, it may find capitalizing on its quaint, quiet pace can attract more "creative class" members like Coen and Bascom.

"Government can't mandate cool. But through a collaborative effort, we can help get folks together to talk about building place and do some visioning. The first step is challenging the current thinking," Gagnon said.

For more information about Charlevoix's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns program and grant application, reference the related story on page 21 of this week's Courier.



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Memorial Day memories

Charlevoix residents Kristi Wojan, Andrew Michaud, Adam Michaud and Allison Wojan watch Charlevoix's Memorial Day parade from the back of a pickup truck on Bridge Street May 29. A ceremony followed in East Park.

United States Coast Guard Band to play in East Park

Who: United States Coast Guard Band
What: Performance to coincide with Acacia decommissioning
When: 6:30 p.m., June 7
Where: East Park

One of our nation's premier military bands, the United States Coast Guard Band, performing under the direction of Lieutenant Kenneth W. Megan, will perform at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7 at the Clarence Odmark Pavilion in East Park.

The Charlevoix performance has been scheduled to coincide with the decommissioning of the Acacia, the last black-hulled 180-foot Seagoing Buoy Tender.

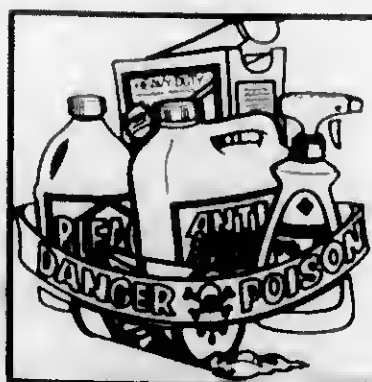
The program includes an extended set performed by the United States Coast Guard Dixieland Jazz Band. The group formed over 35 years ago to perform classic New Orleans style jazz, blues and rags. The Dixieland Jazz Band has entertained audiences across America, in the former Soviet Union and in England. Notable venues include the open-air theater at Disney World, the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, the Embarcadero in

San Francisco, Calif., the John F. Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C., at the Galaxy Jazz Festival in Milwaukee, Wis., and at Mardi Gras in New Orleans, La.

The members of the Dixieland Jazz Band are chief musician Andrew Sherwood, leader and clarinet; musician first class Thomas Brown, trumpet; musician first class Benjamin Griffin, trombone; chief musician Mark E. McCormick, bass; chief musician Ian Frenkel, keyboards; and musician first class Christopher Smith, drums.

Also on the program, soprano musician first class Lisa Taylor performs a medley of patriotic tunes in "America, Of Thee I Sing."

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information on the Coast Guard Band, visit www.uscg.mil/band.



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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDINANCE NO. 711 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS, WHICH NEW SECTIONS SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 1.350, 1.351, 1.352, AND 1.353 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE I OF SAID CODE, CREATING A HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1.331 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS

SECTION 1. Creation of Historic District Commission

Section 1.350 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.350. The City Council hereby creates a Historic District Commission

SECTION 2. Appointments & Membership

Section 1.351 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.351. Each member of the Commission shall reside within the City limits. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. The Mayor may recommend members, but members shall be appointed by motion of the City Council. A majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, except the initial appointments of three (3) members for a term of two (2) years and two (2) members for a term of one year. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of a vacancy on the Commission, interim appointments shall be made by the City Council within sixty (60) calendar days to complete the unexpired term of such position. Two (2) members shall be appointed from a list submitted by duly organized local historic preservation organizations. If such a person is available for appointment, one member shall be an architect who has two years of architectural experience or who is duly registered in the State of Michigan

SECTION 3. Powers and Duties.

Section 1.352 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.352. The Commission shall have those powers and duties prescribed in the Ordinance known as the "Historic District Governing Ordinance of the City of Charlevoix," currently being Sections 1.325-1.347 of Chapter 1, Title I of the City Code. The Commission may have such additional powers and duties as the City Council may prescribe by ordinance.

SECTION 4. Compatibility with the Historic District Governing Ordinance

Section 1.353 is added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.353. This Ordinance is intended to supplement and not conflict with the ordinance known as the "Historic District Governing Ordinance of the City of Charlevoix," being Sections 1.325-1.347 of Chapter 1, Title I of the City Code

SECTION 5. Severability

Should any section or part of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, null or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not have any effect on the validity of the remaining sections or parts thereof of this Ordinance

SECTION 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.
ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2006.

Motion by: Councilmember Gabe Campbell

Seconded by: Councilmember Gene Beer

Ordinance No. 711-2006 was adopted on the 15th day of May, 2006, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Beer, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Three local Eagle Scouts honored at banquet

Three local Boy Scouts were honored for having achieved Eagle Scout status, the highest advancement rank in scouting.

On March 19, an Eagle Court of Honor was held which celebrated the Eagle Rank achievement of Kevin Kusina, Robert Shuttler and Ben Castiglione.

The ceremony was held at St. Mary's

of Charlevoix with the new Eagle Scouts, their families, friends, and fellow scouts participating.

Kusina earned Eagle Scout status on July 11, 2005 for his "Eagle Service Project" during which he improved the bike path between Charlevoix and Petoskey.

Shuttler earned Eagle Scout status on Dec. 8, 2005 for his "Eagle Service

Project" during which he led in the revival and repair of the Norwood Cemetery in Norwood Township.

Castiglione earned Eagle Scout status on Feb. 21, 2006 for his "Eagle Service Project" during which he erected an arbor and landscaped an outdoor area at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

To achieve Eagle Rank a scout must

fulfill six requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills and earn 21 merit badges. The final step to becoming an Eagle Scout is completing an "Eagle Service Project."

The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Only about 4 percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank.

Library and ISD partner to assist infants and families

An area library recently signed on to be a partner with the Stepping Stones to School Alliance and help families and their young children better prepare for school.

The partnership means that Charlevoix Public Library will help register families in Stepping Stones to School and are able to promote activities they host for children birth to five and their families through the alliance.

Stepping Stones to School is designed to help families walk their child toward school readiness starting at birth. Its purpose is to connect families with resources in their communities, and provide fun and educational opportunities for families.

This network of services is available at no cost for all families with children between birth and age five in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District region of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties.

The library is joining Stepping Stones to School Alliance partners including Northwest Michigan

Community Health Agency, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency-Head Start, and Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

For more information or to register for Stepping Stones to School, call (231) 547-6217 or stop by the Charlevoix Public Library.

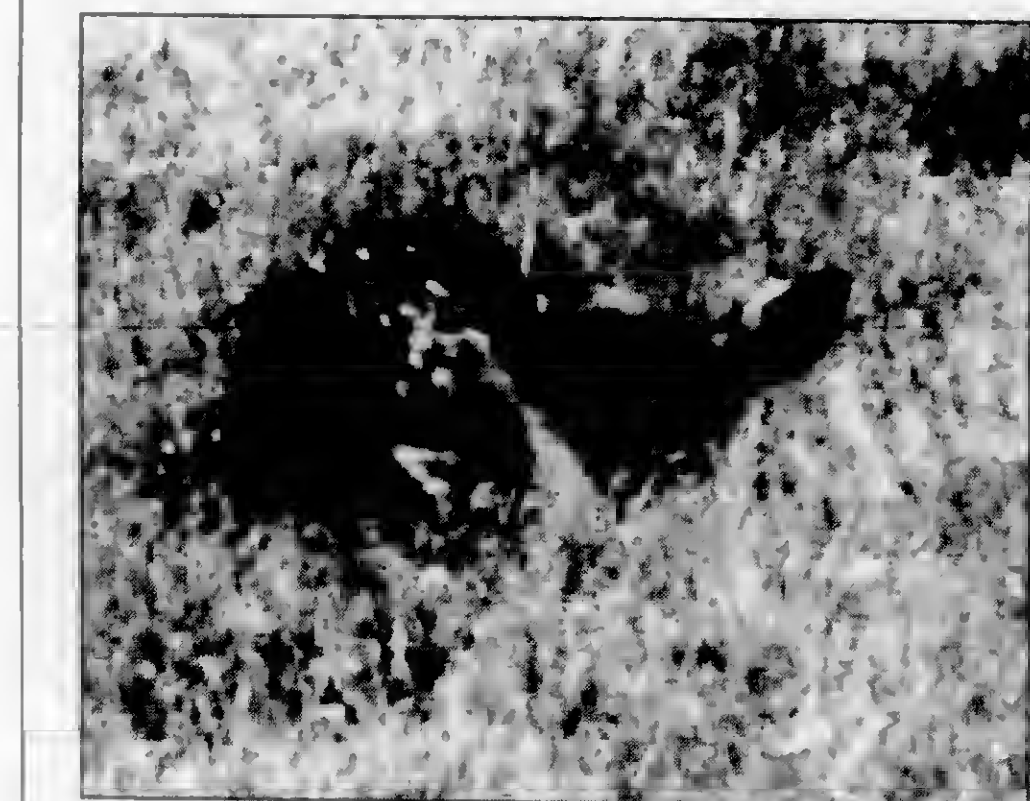


Photo by Hannah Doan

Falling for a fawn

This fawn was born in the early morning of May 29 in Ralph and Ceil Doan's backyard, located at 308 Meech St. Their granddaughter, Hannah Doan, 12, photographed the fawn and kept vigil all day to make sure no harm came to it. The fawn was gone Tuesday morning. Moments like these, caught by amateur photographers will be highlighted in the 'That's My Photo' section of next week's Courier.

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SPORTS

Students participate in martial arts tourney



Courtesy photo

Instructors and adult students of Charlevoix Jung Shin Do recently organized a competition for the schools students. (Above, from left) Christopher Demanaeus and Trena Allen look on as Lucas Olson and Maurice Hanselman spar. (Below) Brad Rizzo (on his back) fends off sparring partner Maurice Hanselman.



The instructors and adult students of Charlevoix Jung Shin Do recently organized a competition for the youngsters of the school, giving them a chance to test their skills against their peers.

The students gave their all, with high flying acrobatics, fierce "Ki Haps" or martial yelling, determined faces and sweat-soaked uniforms. Intermediate and advanced students competed in forms, self-defense techniques, board breaking, breakfalls and sparring. Beginners performed breathing drills, stance work, hoard breaking, breakfalls, and block/kick/punch drills.

Results from the competition are as follows:

Breathing drills and forms: Novice competition — first place, Matthew Whitley; second place, Rachel Titus; third place, Izic Inman. Intermediate competition — first place, Haley Givens; second place, Brad Rizzo; third place, Austin Edger. Advanced competition — first place, Lucas Olson; second place, Maurice Hanselman; third place, Ian Pritchard.

Stances and self-defense techniques:

Novice competition — first place, Rachel Titus; second place, Matthew Whitley; third place, Izic Inman. Intermediate competition — first place, Austin Edger; second place, Corey Hahn; third place, Haley Givens.

Hahn; third place, Haley Givens. Advanced competition — first place, Maurice Hanselman; second place, Jesston Whitley; third place, Ian Pritchard.

Board breaking: Novice competition — first place, Austin Edger; second place, Brad Rizzo; third place, Cody Allen. Advanced competition — first place, Maurice Hanselman; second place, Lucas Olson; third place, Ian Pritchard. Breakfalls:

Novice competition — first place, Rachel Titus; second place, Matthew Whitley; third place, Izic Inman. Intermediate competition — first place, Brad Rizzo; second place, Austin Edger; third place, Haley Givens. Advanced competition — first place, Maurice Hanselman; second place, Lucas Olson; third place, Ian Pritchard. Block/kick/punch drills and sparring:

Novice competition — first place, Rachel Titus; second place, Matthew Whitley; third place, Izic Inman. Intermediate competition — first place, Austin Edger; second place, Corey Hahn. Advanced competition — first place, Ian Pritchard; second place, Maurice Hanselman; third place, Jesston Whitley.

Division champions are Rachel Titus for the novice group, Austin Edger for the intermediate group and Maurice Hanselman for the advanced group. Austin Edger was also named grand champion for the competition.

For more information about Charlevoix Jung Shin Do or the recent tournament, call (231) 237-1431.

Michigan State University scholarship golf scramble

The 2006 Michigan State University Top of the State Alumni Scholarship Golf Scramble-Bob Carey Memorial will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 at Belvedere Golf Club.

The event will raise money for an area graduate to receive a scholarship to attend Michigan State University. A \$100 donation includes golf, lunch and prizes.

For more information or to make a donation, call Teresa at (231) 582-0086.

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SPORTS

Baseball sweeps final double header of the regular season

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

On Friday, May 26, the Rayder varsity boys' baseball team swept Bellaire in their final regular season game, winning the first game 6-5 and the second 15-0.

In the first game, a single and a triple from Eddie Waldron, two RBIs from Shannon Gillespie (2-3), and hits from Matt Teuscher, Kyle DeYoung, Logan Niswander and Danny Waldron kept the Rayders within one by the bottom of the sixth. A single by Zach Scharenbroch allowed Michael Heckendorn to run in the tie, forcing the extra inning.

Eddie Waldron scored on a single from Gillespie to give Charlevoix the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Danny Waldron claimed five strikeouts as he pitched seven complete innings, allowing only eight hits, four walks, and two earned runs.

The Rayders continued their aggressive play into the second game as they blanked Bellaire and forced the three inning mercy rule after 15 unanswered runs.

The Rayders offensive attack was fueled by Jon Putman (2-3) with two runs scored and four RBIs, Teuscher (1-3) with two RBIs, Eddie Waldron with two runs, Danny Waldron with two runs, and Gillespie with two runs, as well as a triple from DeYoung, and singles from Heckendorn and R.J. Moore.

Ty Telgenhof was the winning pitcher with three shutout innings, and three strikeouts.

Coach Allen Telgenhof said he's delighted to see his team begin to play more aggressive offense as they head into the post-season.

"It was a nice end to our regular season by sweeping a team with a historically successful program," he said. "Hopefully that will give us some momentum heading into the districts."

On Tuesday, May 23, the Rayders

split their doubleheader against Grayling, losing the first game 9-6 and recovering to win the second 10-2.

The Rayders offense was led by Matt Teuscher (2-3) with two runs, Danny Waldron (2-3) with two RBIs, Eddie Waldron with a triple and two runs, DeYoung with a double as well as singles from Gillespie, Brady Way and Zach Scharenbroch.

In that evening's nightcap, Eddie Waldron pitched a complete six inning game with six hits, one walk and six strikeouts.

Eddie Waldron (2-3) continued his team's attack on Grayling by offering a single, a triple, one RBI, and three runs scored. Kyle Jones (2-3) hit two singles and Gillespie offered two RBIs and a single to help carry their team to the win.

Telgenhof said his team effectively recovered to claim the second game.

"It was nice to see us come back so strong in game two, after taking advantage of a few Grayling errors," he said.

The Rayder varsity boys' baseball team met Kalkaska at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30 at East Jordan for their pre-district game.

Results from this game were not available by press time.

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Rayder girls' soccer team ends Lake Michigan Conference season 12-0

The Charlevoix High School varsity girls' soccer team completed the Lake Michigan Conference season at 12-0 shutting out Boyne City 4-0 on May 25.

After several attempts were turned back by Boyne City goal keeper Lindsey Baic, Charlevoix got on the board when Becca Madison, sent a rocket high into the net past Baic off an assist by Madison Ramsey.

Boyne had a good scoring opportunity in the first half, when a direct kick was awarded 20 yards out. Freshman goal keeper, Tammy Potter, made a nice save on the at-

tempt by Baic.

The Rayders made it 2-0 just before the half on another rocket, this time by freshman Meredith Rich, again assisted by Madison Ramsey.

Charlevoix went up 3-0 early in the second, when senior back Stevie Murray, sent a corner to the near post which was headed home by Madison Ramsey. The Rayder's final score came on a nice volley high over the keeper again by Madison Ramsey off a chip by junior, Teresa Potter.

Charlevoix passed the ball well throughout the night, outshoot-

ing Boyne 32-4. The Ramblers goal keeping and packed in defense prevented more scoring. The Rayders also received excellent play from midfielders Zita Anderson, KC McCary and Kaleigh Blanchard, and forwards Lori Zimmerman and Ariel Ramsey. Blanchard was awarded the Rayders Player of the Game for her strong play.

On May 26, the Rayders, now 14-1-1 overall, hosted Suttons Bay in their final regular season match.

Results from this game were not available by press time.



CHARLEVOIX LITTLE LEAGUE BOX SCORES

MAJOR LEAGUE

MAY 16 - TIGERS 10, ANGELS 0

TIGERS

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

Andrew Potter 1 1

Luke Klinger 2

Jordan VanLo 1

Austin Edger 1

ANGELS

Not Reported

MAY 16 - GIANTS 6, CUBS 5

CUBS

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

Charlie Hamilton 1 1 1

Brett Ludwig 1

Logan Eckhardt 1

Jordan Farmer 1

GIANTS

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

Myles Kerr 1 1

Keegan LaBlance 1 1

Joe Rich 1

Morgan Stewart 1

Corbin Turkelson 1

MAY 19 - PIRATES 17, A's 11

PIRATES

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

Andrew Michaud 1 2

Adam Michaud 1

Brett Selgert 1

Cameron Clark 1

Jake Segar 1

Matt Good 1

A's

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

Welker Drost 3

Noah Certa 1 1

Justin Vanloo 1 1

Brad Klinger 2

Will Telgenhof 3

MAY 19 - CUBS 8, ANGELS 7

CUBS

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

Dylan Putman 1 1

Justin Erskine 1 1

Jordan Farmer 1 1

Alex Waha 1 1

ANGELS

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

Isaac Klooster 1 1

Tanner Geer 1 1

Max Schwein 1

Nolan Ager 1

Vinie VanLo 1

Jordan Jelinek 1

MAY 23 - GIANTS 14, ANGELS 12

ANGELS

1B 2B 3B HR RBI

River Gauthier 1 2

Isaac Klouster 1

GIANTS

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MAY 2006

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

May 31 First Aid class

A First Aid class is available at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

• Basic First Aid from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, in classroom B.

The enrollment cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30.

The class is taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

June 1 Pool meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 1 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix.

The meeting will be followed by the pool's volunteer appreciation dinner at 6 p.m. and entertainment provided by Charlevoix High School Performing Arts students at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are available by calling the pool at (231) 547-0982.

June 3 All About Soil

Pine Hill Nursery begins their free weekly gardening classes at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 with "All About Soil." Learn about fertilizing options, how to increase the amount of organic matter in your garden and adjusting soil pH. For more information or to register, call (231) 599-2824 or visit www.pinehill-nursery.com. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

June 3 Self defense workshop

A one day, two-hour, hands on workshop on the techniques of self defense of the Kubotan will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Northern Martial Arts, located at 05998 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix.

The workshop is open to those ages 12 years and up. The cost is \$25 per participant.

For more information, call Northern Martial Arts at (231) 675-4414.

June 3 Pool run

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the 12th Annual Pool Run on Saturday, June 3 at the

Charlevoix Country Club.

A 5K Run and a mile Fun Run/Walk will highlight the activities. Both races will start at 9 a.m. The pre-entry deadline is Saturday, May 27 with a fee of \$12. Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. for \$15.

All runners will receive an official race T-shirt. The Fun Run/Walk entry fee is \$7 and does not include a T-shirt.

Medals will be given to first, second and third place finishers in each age group. The age groups are 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-69 and 70 and older.

All proceeds from the race will go to fund operations at the pool.

For more information or to obtain a race form, call the pool at (231) 547-0982.

June 6 City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the hand room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wuejick at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

June 9 Tom Urban benefit

A benefit dinner for the family of Tom Urban, who recently passed away, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 9, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street. The menu will include spaghetti, bread, salad dessert and a heveage. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 7. Entertainment will be provided. Those who would like to make a donation but can't attend can do so by writing a check payable to the Tom Urban Memorial Fund and sending it to Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information, call (231) 547-9122.

June 22 Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and

children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

June 27 Tai Chi for Arthritis

A six-week session of Tai Chi for Arthritis classes begins June 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. To register, or for more information, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harhorind.com.

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A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

NewsWire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010971-DE

Estate of CAROLYN M. DUNCAN, Deceased.
Date of birth: September 8, 1942

Robert L. Hoffman P15046
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9941

John R. Duncan
8605 Blackforest Circle
Sylvania, OH 43560
419-570-6022

L (05/31)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carolyn M. Duncan, who lived at 4637 Wakefield Drive, Toledo, Ohio, died August 17, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John R. Duncan, named personal

Lawn & Garden

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

PLAINTIFF: RENNE OKKONEN
v.
DEFENDANT: LISA OKKONEN

TO: Lisa Okkonen

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 on or before May 31, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

May 17, 2006

Judge Richard M. Pajtas
L (05/17, 05/24, 05/31)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Fifty Two Cents (\$288,979.52) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on June 23, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34' North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwest line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of

said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along a curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20"

East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: May 17, 2006

Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

EVENTS

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DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School.

DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated. A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday

and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State

Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Send your events to
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Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the

Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651.

Addiction help groups —

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There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. An Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on

Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in meeting room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

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I thought it more than appropriate to have printed here today a letter sent before the first battle of the Civil War at Manassas, Virginia, by Major Sullivan Ballou, July 14, 1861. He wrote his beloved wife, Sarah, of a premonition that we warriors always have; that we might not be coming back. This letter was discovered by a famous Civil War historian, Ken Burns, when he was putting together his PBS historical analysis of the Civil War. Mr. Burns got it right when he said the letter expressed all of mankind's love and affection for humanity and for goodness. Of all of the letters sent home from war by our troops, this one letter speaks for them all. As the Major writes, even if he does not come back from war, he is still with his Sarah, and still proud to have served his country.

The Sullivan Ballou Letter

(as it was read on the PBS series The CIVIL WAR by Ken Burns series)

A week before the battle of Bull Run, Sullivan Ballou, a Major in the 2nd Rhode Island Volunteers, wrote home to his wife in Smithfield.

Dear Sarah:

July 14, 1861
Camp Clark, Washington DC

The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days - perhaps tomorrow. And lest I should not be able to write you again I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I am no more.

I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how American Civilization now leans upon the triumph of the government and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and suffering of the Revolution. And I am willing - perfectly willing - to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this government, and to pay that debt.

Sarah, my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me with mighty cables that nothing but omnipotence can break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly with all those chains to the battlefield. The memory of all the blissful moments I have enjoyed with you come crowding over me, and I feel most deeply grateful to God and you, that I have enjoyed them for so long. And how hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes and future years, when, God willing, we might still have lived and loved together, and see our boys grown up to honorable manhood around us.

If I do not return, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I loved you, nor that when my last breath escapes me on the battle field, it will whisper your name...

Forgive my many faults, and the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless, how foolish I have sometimes been!...

But, O Sarah, if the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they love, I shall always be with you, in the brightest day and in the darkest night ... always, always. And when the soft breeze fans your cheek, it shall be my breath, or the cool air your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by.

Sarah do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for me, for we shall meet again...

Major Ballou was killed at the first battle of Bull Run a week after this letter was sent to Sarah.

So thanks to people like Major Ballou and his wife Sarah, we can feel and appreciate what our Armed Forces are doing for us, and that's why this country will forever celebrate Memorial Day.

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Dibble, Michrina share CHS valedictorian honor

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

For the 118th time, the careers of Charlevoix High School seniors will come to an end at a graduation ceremony to take place at 2 p.m. on June 4 in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium.

The Charlevoix High School class of 2006 includes 93 students — two of which are valedictorians and one a salutatorian.

Valedictorian, Elyse Michrina, is the daughter of Gerald and Laurie Michrina. She will end her high school career with a flawless 4.0 grade point average.

"I'm going to LSSU (Lake Superior State University) to study French and business. I would like to get involved in translating, but I'm going to study business so I'll have a broad range of options," she said.

Michrina was a member of the National Honor Society and the French Club and currently works for Maizon and Jardin in Charlevoix.



Elyse Michrina

"Anything is possible with discipline, dedication and desire. If you're willing to work hard and give it everything, you've got the perfect formula for success."

Shannon Dibble, Charlevoix High School Class of 2006 co-valedictorian

"I'm really excited," she said. "I think it's going to be a fun year."

Michrina will miss the people she went to school with, but she won't miss the early morning hours.

Michrina's words of wisdom are, "Don't slack off in high school, because it will end up meaning something when you graduate."

Fellow valedictorian, Shannon Dibble, is the daughter of Maria and David Dibble. Like Michrina, she earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Dibble, who plans to study pre medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and eventually hopes to become a radiologist, received the Michigan High Schools Athletic Association Scholar Athlete award this year.

"That was one of my biggest accomplishments," she said. "That and playing at the Brezlin Center (in East Lansing) for the girls' basketball season last year as well as running in the state track meet."

Dibble added, "Anything is pos-

sible with discipline, dedication and desire. If you're willing to work hard and give it everything, you've got the perfect formula for success."

Dibble, who competed on both basketball and track teams was the president of the National Honor Society and yearbook editor for two years. This summer she plans to work as a counselor for Jason Otter's School of Basketball, a traveling sports camp.

According to Dibble, the last few weeks have been hectic.

"It's definitely bittersweet. I'm excited to think about college and moving on to the next chapter in our lives, but at the same time there are a lot of things I'm going to miss

about Charlevoix."

She added, "I think I'll miss the togetherness of the small community and the small school. I just have so many memories."

Charlevoix High School salutatorian, Benjamin Scheelk, the son of Paul and Becky Scheelk, closed his high school career with a 3.988 grade point average.

Scheelk said he's relieved the busywork will be over with.

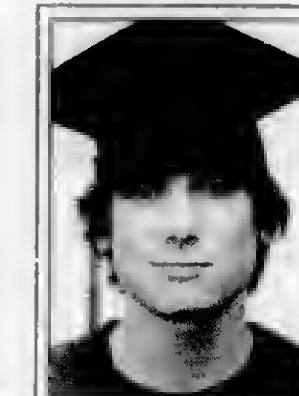
"It's gotten really crazy with the open house and exams," he said. "I'm looking forward to making some

money and chilling."

Scheelk has his own boat cleaning business and does some landscaping in addition to working for the Charlevoix Public Library.

"I'm going to go to Northern Michigan University in Marquette and major in physics," he said. "I got a full ride Presidential Harden Scholarship."

He added, "I want to be an astrophysicist that specializes in the nuclear sciences — anything to do



Benjamin Scheelk

with space really."

Scheelk enjoys snowboarding, skateboarding and water sports. He was on the varsity soccer team for four years and was the captain last year.

He also enjoyed playing on the varsity tennis team and participating in the performing arts program. He was also a member of the French Club and the National Honor Society.

"Lately, I've tutored a girl in second grade," he said. "I really like it. I might be interested in going into the teaching profession sometime."

Scheelk tells his fellow classmates to doubt everything. "Just look at anything that's established with a little bit of uncertainty," he said. "Never take it as it is. Always try to find your own way."



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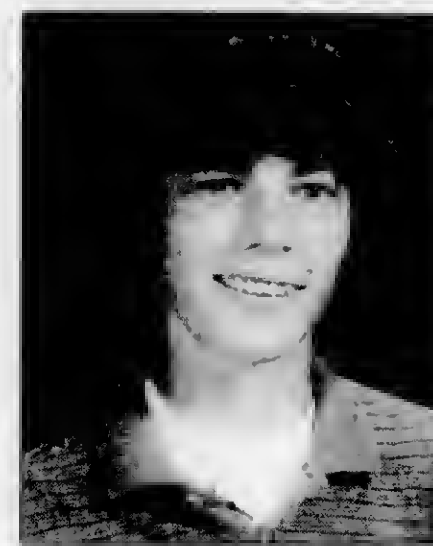
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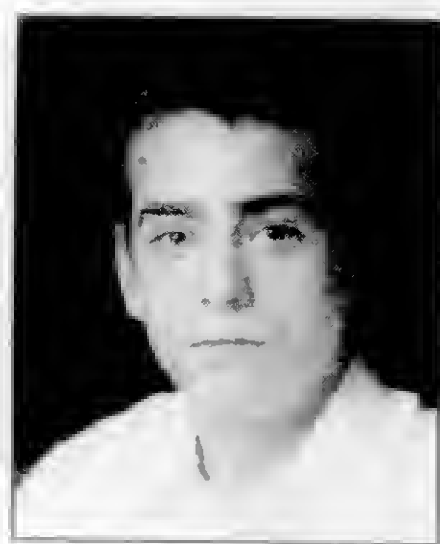
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Northwest Academy graduates seven seniors

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

On Friday, May 26 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, Northwest Academy high school seniors flipped their tassels and donned their gowns in celebration of all they've accomplished and all the future holds.

With a graduating class of seven, Northwest Academy of Charlevoix graduated two salutatorians this year, Channing Potter with an overall grade point average of 3.49 and Kellie Young with a grade point average of 3.45.

Channing Potter, the daughter of Pam and Jim Potter, plans to study at Saginaw Valley State University where she received a full ride scholarship.

"I'm excited to get out of school," she said. "It's summer — hello."

While Potter won't miss waking up at 6 a.m., she will miss the art classes she's enjoyed since she was in elementary school.

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Northwest Academy Class of 2006 co-salutatorian

"I hope to get a business major and an art and design minor," she said. "My goal is owning my own interior design shop."

Potter, who has several jobs including being a daycare assistant and working at Dairy Queen, enjoys books, movies and playing soccer for Northwest Academy.

Kellie Young, also a Northwest Academy salutatorian and daughter of Martha and Gary Young, is a little nervous about starting the next phase in her life.

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She added, "I will miss band class and all the band activities most — I'm

a band geek."

Unlike Potter, Young won't miss art class.

"I'm not a good artist," she said. Young enjoys playing the flute as well as alto, tenor and baritone saxophone and singing.

Young will move with her family to Virginia where she will attend Virginia Military Institute and study international studies and Arabic.

"I think I'm going to commission and do my four years and then hopefully be an interpreter," she said. "And then I'm going to be a history teacher."

Young has volunteered at Charlevoix Area Hospital for a year.

The words of wisdom Young leaves with her underclassmen, "Don't skip."



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With a graduating class of seven, on Friday, May 26, Northwest Academy of Charlevoix graduated two salutatorians, Channing Potter (left) and Kellie Young (right).

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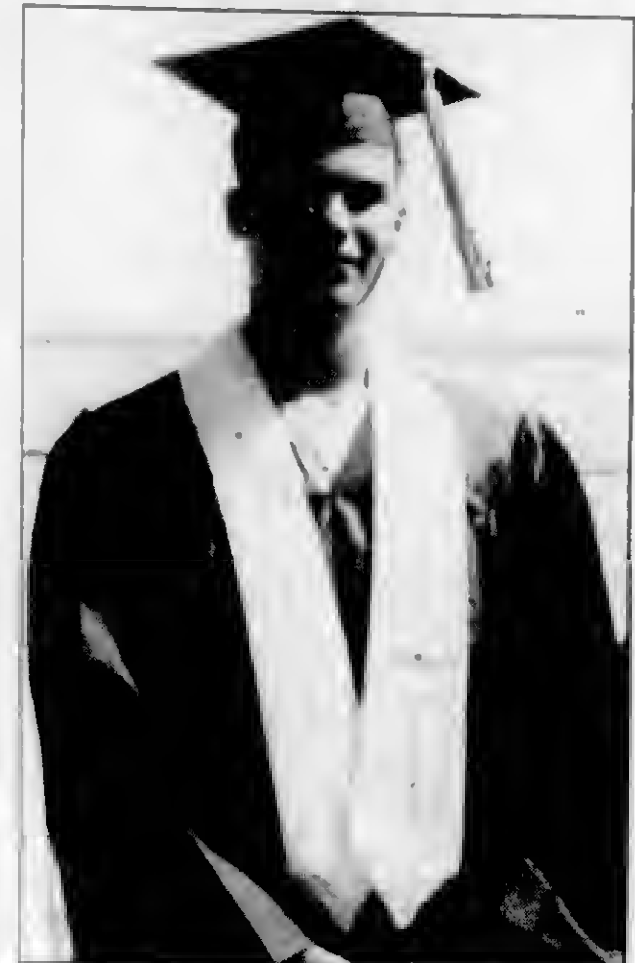
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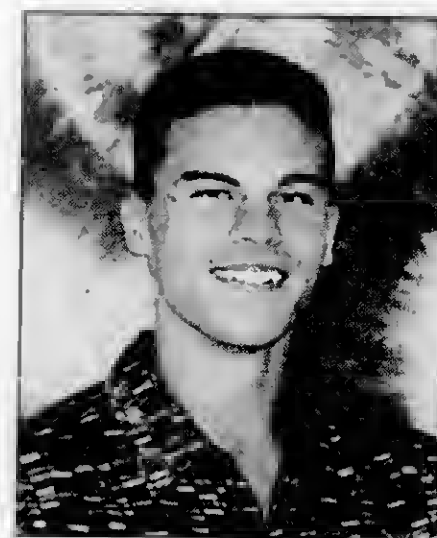
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Brian Wayne Burtrum, 34, New Lothrop. Concealed weapon-pistol-carrying while under the influence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,830 in fines and costs.

David William Russell Jr., 33, East Jordan. License suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Serve 10 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve eight days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Brenton Allen Rake, 23, East Jordan. Alcohol consumption on highway. Serve three days in jail with credit for one day, to serve two days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

James Max Hughes, 27, Mancelona. Larceny over \$200, less than \$1,000. Fines and costs totaling \$860.07.

Jennifer Ann Moses, 26, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve six days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Charles Owen Reed, 35, Kalamazoo. Check-insufficient funds less than \$100. Serve 28 days in jail; \$885 in fines and costs.

Arnold Vail Hart, 50, East Jordan.

License suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Serve 10 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve seven days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Nancy Ann Oleski, 40, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Robert Darrell Hobson, 53, Central Lake. Receiving and concealing stolen property-less than \$200. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; write a letter of apology; \$670 in fines and costs.

Jon Michael Matuszczak, 28, Boyne City. Embezzlement-less than \$200. Serve 93 days in jail, 73 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; \$1,320 in fines and costs.

Adam James Cooper, 18, Boyne City. Use of marijuana. Serve 90 days in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$700 in fines and costs.

Alisa Marie Bell, 20, Midland. Count one: Check-insufficient funds less than \$100. Serve 12 days in jail; \$417.60 in fines and cost. Count two: Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service, to attend BASES and Zero Tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Everett Thomas Roof III, 25, East Jordan. Serve 20 days in jail, pay all outstanding tickets; \$150 in fines and costs.

William Benjamin Grice, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. Attend BASES intervention program; \$300 in fines and costs.

Thomas Edward Farrell, 46, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Shandon Earl Williams, 17, Boyne City. Disorderly person-obscene conduct. Serve 20 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 19 days in jail.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Patrick Ryan Sherill-Mix, 21, Port Huron. Criminal sexual conduct-second degree (with a person under the age of 13). Sentenced to a minimum of 57 months to a maximum of 15 years in prison with credit for 66 days; \$120 in fines and costs.

Zakary David Scott, 17, East Jordan. Criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree (force/coercion). Sentenced to 45 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 45 days in jail; serve 18 months on probation; \$820 in fines and costs.

John David Stanfield, 47, East Jordan. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture of marijuana. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 90 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$880 in fines and costs.

Noah Rufus Dodge, 17, East Jordan. Count one: Attempted homicide-manslaughter-satutory short form. To serve a minimum of 24 months to a maximum of five years in prison with credit for two days. Count two: Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture (schedules one, two and three except marijuana and cocaine). To serve a minimum of 24 months to a maximum of seven years in prison with credit for two days. Count three: Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. To serve a minimum of 16 months to a maximum of two years in prison with credit for two days; \$5,781.50 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix Publishing Corporation; East Jordan Shopping Guide; Charlevoix Community Shopping Guide; Boyne City Shopping Guide, 07955 Mulberry Lane, Charlevoix, by Darrell Futo

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Lakeland Medical, 8183 Ellsworth Road, Ellsworth, by Cynthia L. Cebulski

Beaver Island Trading Post, 34545 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, by Tiria Walker

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Shane Henson, 19 and Amber Rose Smith, 19, both of Boyne City

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kevin King vs. Mary King
Susan F. Nicholson vs. Alex E. Nicholson

Brian Dixon vs. Wallanda Dixon
Jill A. Wright vs. Thomas R. Wright

Births

Aubrey Elizabeth Burns weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces was born May 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Alex and Melissa Burns of East Jordan. Her grandparents are David and Jenny Willingham of East Jordan, John and Vicky Stanley of Niles, Joyce Burns of Petoskey and Robinson and Kim Burns of Petoskey. Her great-grandparents are James and Sonia Burns of Boyne City, Deloris Gensley of Northville, Carl and Doreen Zorn of Lapeer, and Freeman and Joan Willingham of Flint. Her great-great-grandparent is Lorraine Robinson of Boyne City.

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If anything good comes out of this, Sturock said, "I think it's conscientious use of the technology. The technology is important and something we all use, but the technology belongs to the school system and you have to use it within the guidelines that are set up."

He added, "I think in a general sense you see it (abuse of technology) pop up in other areas, but I think most people are conscientious about using it."

Sturock said no matter what people do, rumors will always fly when it comes to high profile individuals.

"They're good people," he said. "They made a mistake and we dealt with it and then we moved on."

Sheets, who said several parents have discussed with her that they are considering pulling their children from Charlevoix Middle School, said she and a group of at least 12 concerned parents plan to circulate a petition during the Monday, June 12 school board meeting.

The petition states that they do not agree with the Charlevoix School Board's decision for disciplinary action on Seelye and Garver.

Sheets, who has one child heading into the fifth-grade, read from her petition, "We feel the disciplinary action given to these teachers is too lenient."

Sheets said she may end up home schooling her child in social studies instead of having her in Seelye's class.

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liaison officer Robert Scholey, to conduct an investigation to get to the bottom of the incident.

"I'm very pleased with the information the kids involved have come forth with," he said. "Through the cooperation and honesty of the kids who did the deed, we know what went on and we will prosecute."

Grundman verified that a senior accessed a key from the school counseling office, who gave it to another senior who had duplicate keys made.

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Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education president, Dennis Halverson, said the school is not equipped with an intrusion alarm system.

According to Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, those involved clogged sinks in Tim Volovsek's

second level science classroom and turned the water on. The flooding water overflowed into Roger Gowell's lower level biology classroom causing ceiling damage and ruining classroom materials.

They also rearranged desks in a number of rooms and moved the cafeteria chairs and tables in front of the main entrance doors.

"This was more than a victimization of the building. It victimized the teaching staff and, to some extent, the community. It's a black eye for all of us. At this time of year we should be looking forward to a bright future for these kids. Something like this comes along and puts a damper on the whole thing," Halverson said.

According to a press release from Charlevoix County sheriff George Lasater, the water damage to the building and cost to re-key each of the school's almost 80 doors is

Dennis Halverson,
Charlevoix school board president

between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

"This went beyond a prank. That's \$10,000 the school doesn't have," Halverson said.

He added that he believes restitution will be part of a possible conviction to help defray costs and insurance coverage will be considered.

Lasater stated students could face charges of illegally entering a building and malicious destruction of property. Malicious destruction of property over \$1,000 is a felony. Illegal entry of a building is a misdemeanor.

In discussing how the incident will impact the students' future, Grundman said, "These aren't kids. By the time they are seniors they are young adults and should know

better. That's the most frustrating thing."

In 2001, similar pranks were pulled.

During the night of the senior sleep over at the high school, that took place on Memorial Day 2001, seniors lathered peanut butter on locker handles, rewired the bell system, rearranged furniture and placed pornographic magazines in the library. A master key was also accessed by a student during this incident.

The first day of the 2001-2002 school year was marked by more of the same. Three high school students and one student not enrolled in Charlevoix schools, took between 10 and 15 gallons of used vegetable oil and poured it on the floors at the former Charlevoix High School, which is the current middle school, located off Garfield Street.

The oil cleanup cost was about \$2,000. The students were suspended for nine days and prosecuted.

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'Traditional values' muddy marriage debate



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

I hear "traditional values" are declining these days, especially when opponents of same-sex marriage say the nation needs to regain its morality.

But, when Christ preached empathy and love only to be crucified, when Jefferson wrote, "all men are created equal" despite thriving slavery and when men denied women the right to vote, it was done with good intentions by people with traditional values.

Traditions which say, "We'll step on your neck if you don't live the way we do," aren't a good thing.

Race and gender based oppression will always be staples of despots. Heck,

five years ago, Alabama still banned interracial marriage. And now we've begun trading sex and color for sexual proclivity as a means of segregating and oppressing. Oh, traditional values are alive and well.

Liberty means immunity from arbitrary exercise of authority; freedom from servitude, confinement or oppression, and the 14th Amendment demands, among other things, no state shall, "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

Yet our government, with help from citizen-tyrants, continues to legislate our liberties via seat belt laws, smoking bans and marriage restrictions.

"The institution of marriage is at stake," cry the autocrats, while the real threats to wedded bliss are abuse, infidelity or arbitrary divorce.

Marriage isn't a club of many members, it's a billion institutions unto themselves. Your neighbor's relationship has no bearing on your marriage, good or bad.

Unless there is a squad of gay ter-

rorists holding heterosexual couples at gunpoint and burning their marriage licenses, you ex-wives and husbands looking for a scapegoat for the 50 percent divorce rate need to look in the mirror.

Ironically, hucksters of hate like the Traditional Values Coalition scorn gays, when not too long ago their Christian brothers were lunch for Caesar's lions.

According to their Web site, "The good news is that no one is born homosexual or transsexual. These are mental conditions that can be treated through religious-based or psychological therapies."

The good news is, no one is born a small-minded bigot, it is a mental condition which can be treated by removing one's head from one's nether region.

These theological totalitarians use media leverage to scare politicians into legislating the condemnation of homosexuals. Oh, you can die for your country, but you'd better hide your pink combat boots, Liberace albums and Barbara Streisand movies or you're out of the

military. May.

Yeah, yeah, I know, gays are unfit to serve in the Armed Forces, just like blacks and women were unfit to serve at one time, right?

Some freedom opponents claim "radical judges" want to change national policy. As if oppressive policies shouldn't be annihilated.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "When you are right, you cannot be too radical; when you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative." But I doubt the traditional values sect would ever listen to an up-pity black man.

Some fear same-sex marriage will open the door to adoption (conservative estimates show 40 million orphans worldwide by 2010) leading some to believe the traditional values clique would sooner see kids on the street, eating garbage and prostituting themselves rather than having two gay fathers.

Some religious groups claim gay marriage is an abomination to God and that it should remain illegal. However, the separation of church and state pre-

vents the government from legislating or promoting one religion over another. They've done a bang-up job so far, haven't they?

To legislate the will of religious groups is unconstitutional no matter how big their majority. And it hurts not only gays, but the 5 percent of polygamist Mormons in Utah and others. Let's try to remember that this country was first colonized by an oppressed religious minority.

Might doesn't make one right, it makes one capable.

I'm not asking people to love thy neighbor, I'm asking them to mind their own business, because letting others live in peace is one of my traditional values.

Besides, the worst that can happen is Fred and George will get married and learn how miserable the rest of us are.

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Nurturing father leaves legacy of gratitude



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

My dad's voice would boom across the room but his words could be tender when you were injured or struggling with the day's events. He was firm and you knew he was in charge, but if someone had been unfair to you there was undoubting support. Maybe it was the twinkle in his clear, blue eyes or that signature space in his front teeth that appeared when he smiled — it's hard to say what it was, you just always knew that even when you were in big trouble, he still loved you.

I enjoyed the little pleasures of carting grass clippings to a nearby field

after he was finished mowing the yard. That same field became the cemetery for all of my assorted pets who passed on through the years. Dad would make certain each little creature on their judgment day was carefully laid to rest in a shoe box lined with cotton. It became a ritual for the two of us to create little funerals for everything from cats to lizards. It seems the simple things are now the big things that I remember best.

As a young child, I looked forward to fall arriving and awakening my senses to the sights and sounds I love the best. When crimson colored leaves turn crisp in Charlevoix, I return to a time where I can smell autumn in the air and see in my minds eye the flames flickering in the leaves that were carefully piled up on the curb by our home. Just minutes before we had worked so hard to gather them and relish in the joys of falling in them as well. I did the falling, dad did the encouraging, "Here's another pile to

jump in," he'd say.

Winter would arrive and he would faithfully shovel up the snow in the backyard creating a makeshift bunny hill for us to sled down. A few of those winters, he took on the ambitious feat of creating a skating rink. As small as it was, it was a winter wonderland to me, where I could twirl and tumble. Thank goodness I didn't have far to go to take care of my bruises and cuts — my God given name is Gayle, not Grace.

Only a father could be accepting of his daughter who loved horses so much that at times I would imitate one. I'd run around the backyard, flip my ponytail as if it were a mane and pretend to rear. When a neighbor mentioned my doings, dad would reply, "Isn't it fun to see how creative she is?" Thanks dad, for not letting anyone report I needed psychological attention. Dad took my interest in cap guns, horses and the Wild West into a learning opportunity and taught me how

to use a lariat. To this day, I can still swing that rope into a beautiful circle and catch any animal, my husband or a loose grandchild.

I loved to watch him polish his shoes—a simple chore but his method was slow and methodical. I relished in his attention to detail except when it came to homework time. Homework was difficult and having a father with a Roman Catholic upbringing and years taught by the Jesuits, you couldn't get away with plagiarism, incomplete or untidy work. Even to this day I hear his voice when balancing my checkbook, "Remember to line up your numbers before adding."

Time has passed and his bright blue eyes have dimmed with macular degeneration. A mind that could swiftly deduce what ailment you had and what medicine to take has turned to his worrying about remembering to take his own medicine at meals and bedtime. A man who seemed so tall at five foot 10-and-a-half inches has become frail

and smaller in size but he's still large in stature to his children. As we grow older we realized that his modeling of dedication to work and volunteering as well as his involvement with the Catholic church, has rubbed off on us in some form or other.

Thanks dad, for being the man you are and the examples you have set. Your life will never be forgotten as it's reflected in your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Margaret Trudeau sums it best, "It's only when you grow up and step back from him, or leave him for your own career and your own home — it's only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it." To my father and all fathers who read this, know that you are special and we're happy to have a day to recognize it.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Clean up political signs

Editor:

Is anyone else offended by the mish-mash of political signs adorning the windows of a once-attractive storefront at the corner of Bridge Street and Park Avenue?

Posters are scotch-taped every which way and cover nearly all the available window space — hardly in keeping with our proclaimed "Charlevoix the Beautiful" aesthetics.

I was willing to ignore this mess during the spring months, when so much of the town was dormant. But now that the summer season is upon us, it's time to clean it up.

Although city ordinances apply only to those signs affixed to the exterior of buildings, common sense and good taste should prevail. Regardless of how one feels about the signs' political messages, the overall impression is offensive.

The building's owner and occupants do themselves and their candidates no favor by creating this eyesore in the middle of our town.

Gretchen W. Tambellini
Charlevoix

Skate park support

Editor:

What does the skate park mean to me? To me, it means freedom because it's a place where I can go to have fun, and worry about absolutely nothing that exists in the real world. Since it's illegal on the street, the skate park gives myself and others a place to skate without worrying about getting a ticket from the police.

Also, it's a place where I can have fun with my friends, whether I'm practicing a new stunt, or just goofing around. When I see the younger kids skating at the park, it gives me a warm feeling inside. Why? Because I am proud of these kids doing something that is fun as an individual or group activity, which I feel builds great character. Plus, it keeps them away from doing bad things.

Finally, anybody can come to the park.

It doesn't matter if there a boy or girl, what age they are, or how much skill they have. The skate park is a place to participate in fun activities for kids, adolescents or adults. Unlike other sports, a skater, biker, or blader can feel free to do whatever they feel without having anybody telling them what to do. That's the beauty of this individual sport.

Would those who are against skate parks rather not see kids at a skate park and have them run around ruining curbs, handrails and doing drugs as well as other criminal activity? Or would you rather see them at a skate park having fun with friends and using a special talent that can have a huge impact on their lives?

Sean Thomas
Charlevoix

Roloff memorial success

Editor:

The 12th annual Bryan Roloff Memorial fund-raiser benefit at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth was a huge success.

Special thanks to Gary and Ginger Mallison for coordinating all the bands — they were awesome. We couldn't have done this without you. Thanks from everyone who was there and many thanks from the Roloff family.

A special thank you to those that donated door prizes. Without your generous donations we could not succeed.

Last but not least, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who decorated, worked the door and sold tickets throughout the day. There just isn't any way to say just how much you are appreciated.

To all of you that spent the day and evening with us remembering our son Bryan and helping us keep his spirit and music alive, we thank you. We are blessed with so many wonderful friends.

God bless each and everyone of you. Shirey Roloff and family
Charlevoix

Congrats city PD

Editor:

Congratulations to the City of Charlevoix Police Department. They recognized that it's 2006 and the days of the Wild West are over.

A wandering black bear was found in our neighborhoods (formerly their neighborhoods) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was utilized to tranquilize the visitor, rather than killing him.

Black bears flee from humans, rather than attacking them, if given an avenue of escape. Our police have protected something which helps make northern Michigan as special as it is.

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

Memorial Day thanks

Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the people and organizations that made the 2006 Memorial Day celebrations a truly memorable event.

Numerous individuals assisted in this event. By group I would like to thank the commander and crew of the United States Coast Guard cutter Acacia; the commander and crew of Coast Guard Station Charlevoix; the Rayder Marching Band and its director, Jayne Bennett; Gary Stutzman director of bands at Northwest Academy;

American Legion Post 226 and auxiliary; the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 and auxiliary; the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League; Charlevoix Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages; the Friends of the Charlevoix Library and its famous marching canine platoon; and Charlevoix emergency services and law enforcement officers for their assistance. Last but not least, I would like to thank both high schools for the fine speaking voices of Alanna Leslie and Matt Kanine.

We continue to collect names of those serving on active duty in the armed forces for our "Yellow Ribbon" honor roll and the names of those who have died in active service to our nation. Once again, thanks to all these groups and to the community for contributing to our remembrance celebration.

Joseph F. Seidel
Commander Legion Post 226
Charlevoix

Doan was right pick

Editor:

Charlevoix City Council made the right decision on the appointment of Girard Doan as City of Charlevoix chief of police.

As sheriff, I was able to observe the city's new chief of police while the sheriff's office and Department of Natural Resources were assisting chief Doan and his officers during the recent 'bear incident' in the City of Charlevoix.

Chief Doan was very much in command of the situation and utilized all resources while meeting his obligations to protect the citizens of Charlevoix and also making every effort to capture the bear for relocation without incident.

As sheriff, I'm proud to work along side chief Doan and his officers. They represent Charlevoix in a very positive manner.

George T. Lasater
Charlevoix County Sheriff

Tickets send wrong message

Editor:

How to chase away even more business. On Saturday afternoon I went into town to buy a book at the local bookstore. I could just as easily bought it on-

line but went into town and parked on Autrim where I was the only car on that side of the street. It was a gorgeous day in northern Michigan and I am always surprised at how quiet June can be up here.

There is constant discussion on how to get more business in Charlevoix. Here is one way, don't give out parking tickets in May. Anyone willing to stop and shop should be given a warm welcome. Put an envelope on their windshield with the coming season's schedule of events. Tell them that the city has put a dime in the meter for them because we appreciate their being here. I realize the necessity of meters in July and August but certainly not when the streets are half empty this time of year.

Joan L. Chodak
Charlevoix
Charlevoix coordinator

'Thanks' from Camp McSaub

Editor:

I would like to thank Bruce MacArthur and the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction committee for their generous donation to Camp McSaub.

They donated \$500 so our campers can enjoy a Thursday night swim, free-of-charge, and also contributed \$838 to our scholarship fund.

It's wonderful to know that our common goal is to continue to benefit our area youth.

Dwight Boss
Charlevoix Recreation Department
Director

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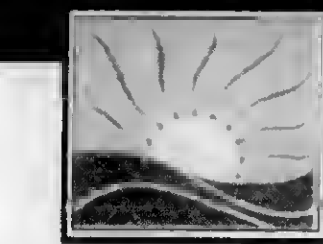
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Kenneth and Myrtle Christiansen



Kenneth and Myrtle Christiansen, of Ellsworth and formerly of Greenville, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 7.

The Christiansens' children are Gerald and Paula Christiansen of Greenville, Mary Ann and Si Doctor of South Range and



Dave and Julie Christiansen of Charlevoix. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A card shower is planned to celebrate the occasion. Cards may be sent to 13316 Timberline Drive, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

Boy Scouts sell American liberty elm trees to fund trips

Boy Scout Troop 11 will be selling elm trees to fund trips taken by the troop.

This is part of a project started 12 years ago between Troop 11 and the City of Charlevoix.

The trees for sale are an American liberty elm, the only true American species available. These trees should not be confused with Asian or European varieties. The American liberty elm was developed, after 40 years of testing, as a species resistant to Dutch Elm Disease, by the Elm Research Institute in Vermont. The trees for the project were selected because of the classic vase shape, disease resistance and vigorous growth.

The goal of the Elm Research Institute was to repopulate elms af-

ter the devastation of the Dutch Elm Disease that started in the mid 1930s. This program is called the "Johnny Elmseed Program," and is done as a collaboration between the local municipality and Boy Scout troop.

Many of the trees have been sold over the last 12 years and can be seen on Elm Street, behind the Community Reformed Church on the north side of Charlevoix. Another location where several can be seen is at the First Baptist Church off M-66 in Charlevoix.

The American liberty elm trees for sale are between 6 and 8-feet tall and are 4 years old. The number of trees available is limited.

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Betty Barton to speak at guild meeting

The featured speaker at the June 12 Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meeting will be Betty Barton, a local philanthropist that works wonders with Petoskey stones.

Barton finds the stones in the summer and in the winter months returns to Arizona where she crafts them into pendants, picture frames and other keepsakes.

All of her handwork is then returned to Charlevoix where she sells her wares and distributes the proceeds to area non-profit organizations.

Barton has announced this will be the last year of her successful Petoskey stone business.

She will speak at the guild meeting to take place at 11 a.m. on June 12 in the classroom near the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Guild members and those interested in becoming a member or volunteering at the hospital are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

Student art to be shared with schools in China

Artwork by Will Jeakle and Natalie Nesburg from St. Mary's School in Charlevoix was recently selected to represent Michigan in Binshou City in the Shandong Province of China.

The Michigan artwork will be exhibited in schools in this eastern province of China.

Thousands of children from across Michigan participated in the Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China from September 2005 through April 2006.

More than 300, of the thousands of pieces of artwork, were chosen to be sent to Michigan State University in May. Of the over 300 pieces of art, 69 were selected to be sent to Binshou City.

In addition to Jeakle and Nesburg, artwork of the following St. Mary's School students was presented to the selection committee at Michigan State University: Jackson Buday, Gloria Greene, Molly Jeakle, Sabrina Hosler, Nick Plude, Shane Sutherland, Beatriz Ramalho and Emily Zabawa.

For more information about the 4-H Art Exchange and other Charlevoix County 4-H pro-



Courtesy photo

These student artists submitted work to be included in a cultural exchange program. (Back, left to right) Beatriz Ramalho, Molly Jeakle, Will Jeakle, Nick Plude and Shane Sutherland. (Front, from left) Sabrina Hosler, Jackson Buday, Natalie Nesburg, Gloria Greene and Emily Zabawa. The work of Natalie Nesburg and Will Jeakle will travel to China.

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Memorial benefit planned for family of Tom Urban

A benefit dinner for the family of Tom Urban, who recently passed away, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 9, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street.

Urban, 57, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, May 21 at his home following heart surgery.

He was born Feb. 18, 1949, in Detroit, the son of the late John M. and Elizabeth (Dicks) Urban. He graduated from Schafer High School in Southgate in 1967, then earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration and marketing management from

University of Detroit in 1975.

Urban served in the U.S. Navy Air Reserve during the Vietnam War. On Aug. 5, 1972, he married Cynthia A. Pierce in Chelsea. Being self-employed most of his life, Urban had many different jobs. Most recently, he was the director of operations for Educare Inc., and was also the director of operations of The Garage Sale and Attic Treasures resale shop in Petoskey.

At the time of his death he had no health or life insurance and his wife Cyndi now faces extensive medical bills and other unexpected costs.

The benefit dinner to take place this Friday will assist in meeting the family's needs. The menu will include spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and a beverage. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 7 and are available at the door. Entertainment will be provided by Acoustic Stew.

Those who would like to make a donation but can't attend can do so by writing a check payable to the Tom Urban Memorial Fund and sending it to Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

For more information, call Fran Tollas at (231) 347-8829.

United Way names new director



Martha Lancaster

Char-Em United Way has announced that Martha Lancaster is the agency's new executive director.

Lancaster will direct United Way's fund-raising activities and support to non-profit agencies in the Charlevoix and Emmet County region.

"We are very excited to have Martha on board," said Tim Petrosky, president of United Way's board of

directors. "She has skills in community organizing and fund-raising, as well as a great knowledge of our local community. With her leadership, we anticipate increasing our fund-raising goal for the 2006/2007 campaign, and consequently, the amount of funds that we are able to distribute to local health and human service agencies."

Lancaster was formerly director of community services and director of major gifts at Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan. She previously worked at the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Burns Clinic, and the University of Michigan hospitals. She has a masters degree in health services

administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Char-Em United Way conducts work site and other fund-raising campaigns to raise funds to support many local health and human service agencies. It also coordinates the emergency food and shelter program which assists local shelters and food pantries.

Char-Em United Way is currently seeking volunteers for its upcoming campaign, as well as nominees for the board of directors.

To get involved with Char-Em United Way as a donor or volunteer, call (231) 237-9551 or e-mail charemuw@sbcglobal.net.

Obituary

Robert Sayers: Dec. 15, 1922 - May 31, 2006

Robert E. Sayers, 83, of Cincinnati, Ohio and a former longtime Sturgis resident died Wednesday, May 31 at the Cottingham Retirement Community in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bob was born Dec. 15, 1922 in Grand Rapids, to the late Earl and Marie Sayers. The family settled in Three Rivers where he graduated from high school with the class of 1940.

He attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, until 1942 when during World War II he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served as a lieutenant junior grade seeing action in the South Pacific until 1946. He returned to Michigan to attend Michigan College of Mining and Technology where he graduated in 1948 with a degree in mining en-

gineering. He worked in the mines in Butte, Mont. until he returned to Three Rivers where he served as county surveyor for 40 years and later owned his own surveying and professional engineering business in Sturgis.

Bob and Jean (Huffman) were married on Dec. 23, 1951 in Three Rivers. They lived in Sturgis until he retired in 1986, when they moved to Charlevoix. While living in Sturgis he was a member of the Michigan Land Surveyors Organization and served on the State Board of Licensing and Regulation during both Gov. Millikan and Gov. Blanchard's terms in office. In Sturgis he was a member of the Sturgis Rotary Club where he was a life member and received the Paul Harris award.

Bob and Jean had two sons, Michael (Nancy) Sayers of Ann Arbor and Douglas (Julie) Sayers of Cincinnati, Ohio; five grandchildren, Aaron (Robin), Sandra, Kathryn, Samantha and Spyder.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Luke; and two brothers, Kenneth and Vincent.

In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home in Sturgis.

The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Sayer's memory, consider the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay or the Vitox Hospice Health Care Corp. of Ohio, 11500 North Lake Dr., Suite 400, Cincinnati, OH 45249.

Memorial service

A graveside committal for the remains of Martha C. Taylor, a former longtime resident of Charlevoix, will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 16, at Brookside Cemetery. Pastor Neil Turner will officiate.

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Worship	10:10 a.m.	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intimacy	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road		Morning Worship	10:10 a.m.
Church School	9:00 a.m.	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161	Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (At Park Ave.)	
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300	Church Office	547-9122
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street		FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.	Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or 5168	GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old US 31 North	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton		Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	9:00 a.m.	Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899
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Church Office	547-6322	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Rev. John S. David		Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
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Registration will take place at Tournament Headquarters in the East Park Bandshell. The deadline for registering will be 8 p.m., June 8th, 2006. The entry is \$25 per adult, \$10 for children ages 6 thru 14, children five and under are free, but must register. Registration fees must be paid in U.S. currency. For more information call (231)330-0867, (231)547-9054 or (231)547-6805.

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In addition to tournament fishing, there will also be a Kids' Fish Pond in East Park on Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; food available in the park; an Awards Ceremony beginning at 1 p.m., June 11th in the park; Grand Prize drawings in the park in which you must be present to win, and sponsor displays in the park.

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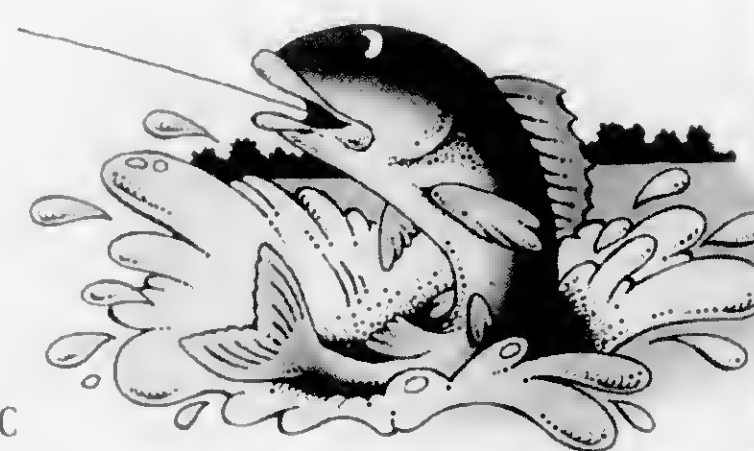
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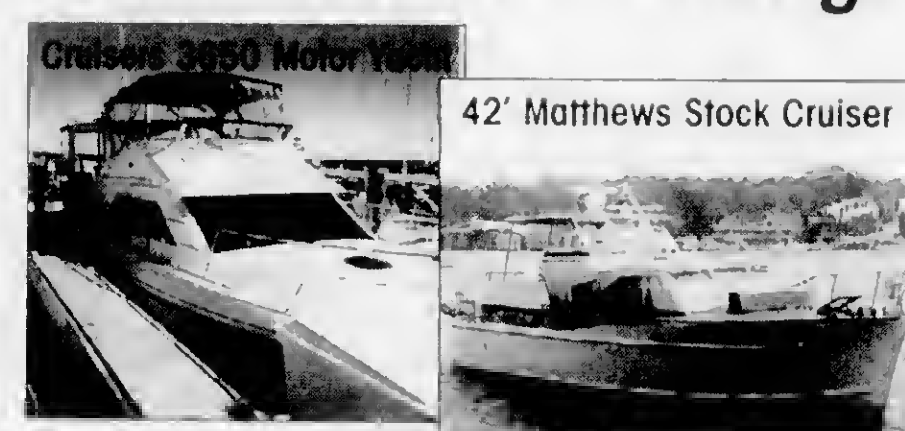
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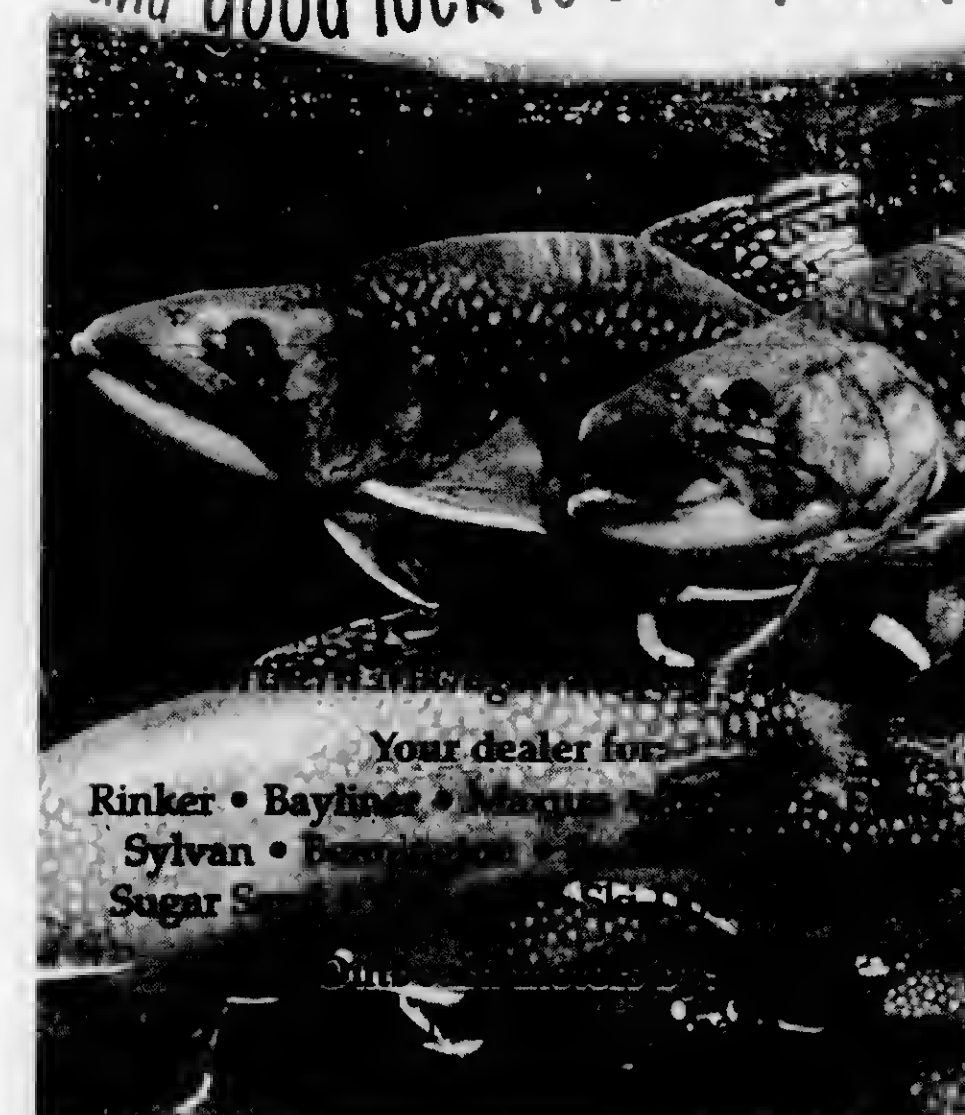
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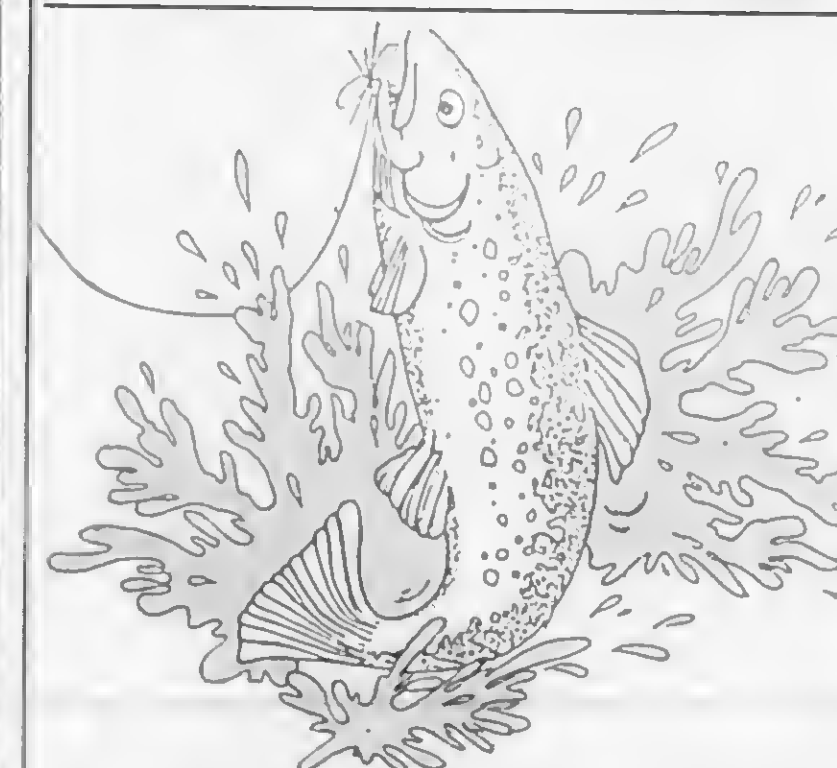


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Locks of love donation

Melissa Meter, 26, of Charlevoix, recently donated her 10.5 inch ponytail, cut at J. Marie's Salon to Locks of Love. This was Meter's second donation to Locks of Love, the first was 15.5 inches long. Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children 18 years and younger suffering from long-term medical hair loss. They use donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics. For more information contact www.locksoflove.org.

Kimberly Agnello named Courier summer intern

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

This summer, the Charlevoix Courier has extended an internship opportunity to summer resident, Kimberly Agnello, who will be tackling general assignment reporting for the paper.

"I can use more writing experience. I think it will be difficult but I'm up for the challenge," she said of the internship.

Agnello, 19, of Punta Gorda, Fla., is living in Charlevoix this summer with her father, Ron Agnello, and stepmother, Cathy Agnello.

She was born in Charlevoix and lived here for 10 years before relocating to Florida with her mother, Lisa DeGroot, and sister, Susie Agnello. Since then, she has returned each year to soak in the summer sun.

"I love the water and being with my family," she said.



Kimberly Agnello

"I work hard in the summer so I can focus on school without having a job," she said.

Agnello is a junior, majoring in journalism at Florida State University in Gainesville, Fla. She earned Florida's Bright Future's scholarship and was awarded tuition-free enrollment there.

Her experience in the field includes published articles in Performance Magazine, a publication of the College

of Health and Human Services through Florida State University's alumni association, and articles published in the Charlotte Sun Herald.

"Writing comes naturally to me, but it's still a challenge. If it was easy, I wouldn't enjoy it," Agnello said. "With writing, there's no one right way to do it. There are so many avenues to be creative."

Agnello's future plans include earning her bachelor's degree and working to establish a full-time reporting position.

Her first article for the Courier appears on page 13 of this week's edition.

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Salmon return to Trout Tournament board

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

The 22nd Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament is set to kick-off this weekend.

The tournament, which is scheduled to take place June 9, 10, and 11, is hosted by the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament Association. Participants will fish for brown trout, steelhead, lake trout and salmon.

"It's a great tournament," said Dean Mikulski, a member of the committee hosting the tournament.

Mikulski is joined on the committee by his son, Christopher, Dave Juilleret, Shannon Reynolds, John McDonald and Gary Spencer.

Despite the decline in trout population, Mikulski is confident this year will yield some decent-sized fish.

"The fish seem to be healthier this year, especially the salmon. That's good," he said. "It's a trend we've seen lake-wide."

Since the reports have been so good, the tournament decided to reintroduce its salmon division, which has not been part of the event for about three or four years.

"The warmer temperatures we've seen will mean some great fishing, especially for steelhead and salmon," Mikulski said. "It's perfect for steelhead fishing."

Even though pre-registration via mail ended on May 23, anyone is welcome to sign up for the event.

"We generally have great participation," he said. "It's really great because the guy with the small boat has just as good a chance of winning first place as the guy with the big boat."

Mikulski said previous years have had anywhere from 500 to 800 participants.

Tournament headquarters will be set up in the East Park between the bandshell and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce from noon to 6 p.m. on June 6 and from noon to 8 p.m. June 7 and 8 in the bandshell.

Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids ages six to 14. Children five years and younger are free, but they still must register.

Each registered participant will receive a membership identification card, a hat and a fishing lure.

"The whole theme of the tournament is fun-oriented," Mikulski said. "It's especially good for families."

Mikulski encourages the public to participate in event. He added that the weigh-ins which take place at 8 p.m. on June 9 and 10 in East Park are exciting.

"People are surprised to see what kinds of fish we can catch from the lake," he said. "It's quite interesting."

On Saturday, June 10, about 250 rainbow trout will be placed in the pond in East Park as part of a Big Brothers Big Sisters fund-raiser in memory of Joe "Sloppy Joe" Maltese.

For \$2, children can fish for the rainbow trout. What they decide to do with the fish after that is up to them.

"Sometimes the kids take the fish home to eat for dinner, and some just walk them right to Round Lake and set them free," Mikulski said.

The tournament award ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 in East Park.

Cash prizes will be presented to the top 10 finishers in each division.



The 2005 Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament category winners were (from left) Greg Musselman who won the steelhead division with a 9.98 pound fish; Gary Beer who won the lake trout division with a 16.6 pound fish; and Brady Way won the brown trout division with a 5.26 pound fish. The tournament kicks off this Friday and will include a salmon division.

The largest fish in each division will be mounted courtesy of Jeff Lutz of Lasting Memories Taxidermy.

A special trophy will also be awarded for the largest overall fish caught during the tournament, and the first place lake trout winner will be given the Rex Blanchard Memorial Trophy.

Even if participants don't place in the top 10, more than \$3,000 worth of prizes will be given out during a drawing at the end of the tournament.

Participants can win anything from camping gear to fishing gear.

The drawing will also feature a canoe raffle.
For more information on the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament,

visit the association's Web site at www.trout-tournament.com or call (231) 547-9054, (231) 547-6805 or (231) 330-0867.

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Library partners with pups to promote literacy



Julie Witthoef
'Kids' corner'

Editor's note: The parenting page follows the school calendar and will resume publication in September 2006.

See Spot read?

A new program at Charlevoix Public Library looks to advance literacy in young readers by pairing kids with dogs for one on one reading sessions.

The local program which is currently in the planning stages, is an offshoot of Reading Education Assistance Dogs which was started in Utah and has blossomed into a widely successful literacy campaign.

"They've seen so many great results in kids growing confidence in reading and enjoying reading," Charlevoix Public Library children's activity coordinator, Chris Hauke, said of the Utah program which now includes 60 dog/owner teams.

Like the Utah reading assistance model, the Charlevoix program will bring trained, certified therapy dogs with their owners into the library to read with children.

According to Hauke, the program will be launched in conjunction with the opening of the new library facility at 220 Clinton St. During the

"These are kids that may feel low self-esteem, that aren't real confident with their reading skills. Through the program, they'll have a non judgmental dog that will listen to them without correcting or making fun of them"

Chris Hauke,

Charlevoix Public Library children's activity coordinator

five-week program to be offered on Saturdays, children will sign up for a time slot of 15 to 20 minutes during which they'll choose a book and curl up with an adoring listener — a dog.

"These are kids that may feel low self-esteem, that aren't real confident with their reading skills," Hauke said. "Through the program, they'll have a non judgmental dog that will listen to them without correcting or making fun of them."

Last week Cast, a stray adopted three years ago from the Little Traverse Humane Society by Charlevoix resident Wendy Perrett attended a story hour to offer the Courier an inside look at how the program will function.

Cast was trained through obedience classes and went through a series of programs to become a certified therapy dog through Therapy Dogs Inc. He has visited the residents of Boulder Park, but Perrett said last week was his first time working with children in a reading program. Cast

cuddled with twin four year olds and listened attentively. Perrett was pleased with his demeanor and plans to practice with him more prior to starting the program.

"I think he'll work well. He loves children," she said. "It takes a laid back, calm dog — not fearful, not the last hit aggressive and not too excitable."

Charlevoix Public Library is looking for mellow dogs with a sweet disposition to join this literacy effort.

The library will offer information and workshops for interested dog owners to learn the health, personality and training their pet needs to be part of a therapy dog team.

Pet owners who feel their pooch would be a perfect fit for this local literacy initiative can get a taste of what it takes at an owner/dog seminar provided by June McManus of Pine Meadows Dog Training Center to take place at 7 p.m. today, Wednesday June 7, in Traverse City. The cost is \$20 per dog. For more information call 1-877-276-6215.

Dog owners interested in learning more about this program, may contact Chris Hauke at the library (231) 547-2651 or visit www.therapyanimals.org.

Julie Witthoef is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Cast, a trained therapy dog, sits and reads with his owner, Wendy Perrett of Charlevoix and adoring readers, four-year-old twins, Elise and Luke Stuck. A program being planned for the new Charlevoix Public Library aims to increase literacy by bringing in trained dogs to read with children.

Summer featured events:

Each month the Parenting page has brought readers a taste of one special Charlevoix event that families can't miss.

Because this special page follows the school schedule and will take a summer break along with students, the final events lineup offers a three month breakdown of Charlevoix happenings for kids of all ages.

First stop, the 22nd Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament. While some kids fish in the tournament, others get a taste of reeling in the big one in East Park.

During the afternoon of Saturday, June 10, about 250 rainbow trout will be placed in the pond in East Park as part of a Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser in memory of Joe "Sloppy Joe" Maltese. For \$2, children can fish for the rainbow trout.

Then, next weekend, on June 17, take the tots back to East Park for a Taste of Charlevoix. While mom and dad enjoy delectable delights created by area chefs, kids can dance to live entertainment, bounce on the moon walk or watch boats and wildlife in Round Lake.

Add a little learning into the bouncing and fishing equation at the Seventh Annual Summer Used Book Sale at Charlevoix Public Library on June 24.

With a busy June behind you, listen your seat belts, July ushers in a flurry of summer fun.

July is packed with events like the Street Legends Classic Car Show on July 15 in East Park; the 76th Annual Venetian Festival to take place July 16-22; and the Horton Bay July 4 parade.

In the midst of the madness, don't forget Thursday nights in East Park when hands will play at 8 p.m. in the open air band shell.

Parents planning for the return to school will be happy to hear August is relatively quiet in terms of kid related festivities in Charlevoix. One opportunity that can't be missed to broaden their understanding of the arts is the 48th Annual Waterfront Art Fair to take place Aug. 12 in East Park.

Our advice for August, hit the beach and soak in some sun. Charlevoix is home to some of the most amazing beaches in the state.

• Depot Beach, located off Mercer Boulevard. Volleyball, picnic pavilion and playground.

• Ferry Avenue Beach, located off Stover Road. Popular Lake Charlevoix park with sand swimming area, volleyball and basketball courts and concessions. Lifeguard on duty.

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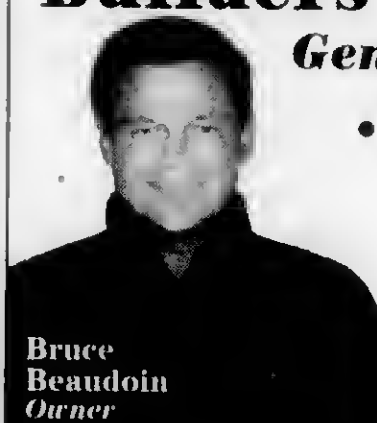
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The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for June reading.

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Ages birth-5

Jan Yolen has gathered our favorite children's rhymes and songs and added suggested movements to make playtime fun for both parent and child. Pull your baby or toddler into your lap, open anywhere and have fun. Especially silly are the "bounce them on your knee" rhymes. Will Hillebrand's playful illustrations colorfully enhance the text and give the reader plenty of animal characters to discover and talk about. For all those songs you can't quite remember, a CD is included with the book.

Gina Wilson, "Grandma's Bears."

Ages 2-7

This is a delightfully illustrated story of a grand-

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Diane Stanley, "Bella At Midnight."

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Bridge Street Book Shop to host Lasater book signing

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater will be signing his new book entitled, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 9 at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

Sheriff Lasater has compiled the names, photos and histories of the hundreds of World War II veterans from Charlevoix County and now has written a book detailing and paying tribute to those who served.

According to Lasater, readers will "Discover compelling stories of heroism and historic photographs that detail the experiences of local soldiers who fought in World War II. These pages list the men and women who served from Charlevoix County, including those who moved into the county after the war and made memorable contributions to the community."

Copies of the book will be on hand for purchase.

The Bridge Street Book Shop is located in downtown Charlevoix, at 407 Bridge St. For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

Castle Farms art fair June 10 and 11

Artists from all mediums of art will converge on Charlevoix's historic landmark, Castle Farms, for the inaugural Castle Farms Fine Art Show.

The show will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 11.

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Boston Mills Artfest in Ohio. He also served as the producer/director of the Ann Arbor National Fine Art show in Ann Arbor. Beahn's respect and understanding of both artists and patrons has enabled him

to develop a reputation for presenting well organized, smoothly run shows.

For more information visit www.castlefarms.com or call (231) 237-0884.

Michigan Manufacturers Association hosts seminar

The Michigan Manufacturers Association will host a seminar entitled "Effective Leadership for Change and Growth" June 9 in Charlevoix.

"Effective Leadership for Change and Growth" presents leadership skills for creating and maintaining an agile, productive workforce. Topics will include: Leadership skills for a competitive climate; leading change for growth; leading teams that achieve; and responsibility, accountability and urgency in delegation.

This seminar will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 9 at AmeriConn, located at 11800 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. The event is hosted by St. Marys Cement Inc.

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Renaissance reflections



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(Above, from left) Lisa Leavy, a seventh-grade teacher from Petoskey and her fellow ladies in waiting, Linzee Reinhardt and Amanda Hoepfner, stop for a photo before heading off to a class on herbs during Renaissance Days May 31 at Castle Farms of Charlevoix. (Below) Ron Fowler of the Petoskey Public Library tells medieval tales to students from Petoskey Middle School during Renaissance Days at Castle Farms.



Charlevoix Area Hospital hires new general surgeon

A new general surgeon has been hired to join the staff at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Experienced physician, F. Thomas Day, MD, recently joined doctors Marc E. Lane and Craig D. Wendt in their Charlevoix-based surgery practice.

Day comes to the area from Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, where he performed a variety of procedures.

"I enjoy the flexibility and diversity of a small hospital," Day said. "There's an opportunity to help a variety of patients, from those needing routine surgery to more com-



F. Thomas Day, MD

plex treatment."

Calling his move to Charlevoix "a perfect match," Day said he looks forward to applying his personal philosophy of general sur-

gery — "Doing ordinary things with extraordinary care."

Day is a graduate of Notre Dame and earned his medical degree from

Wayne State University School of Medicine. He completed his surgical residency at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Wash. He began his career under the mentorship of his father, a surgeon with whom he practiced for 15 years.

He and his wife Nancy are making their home in Charlevoix. Day's son, Tom, is a student at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

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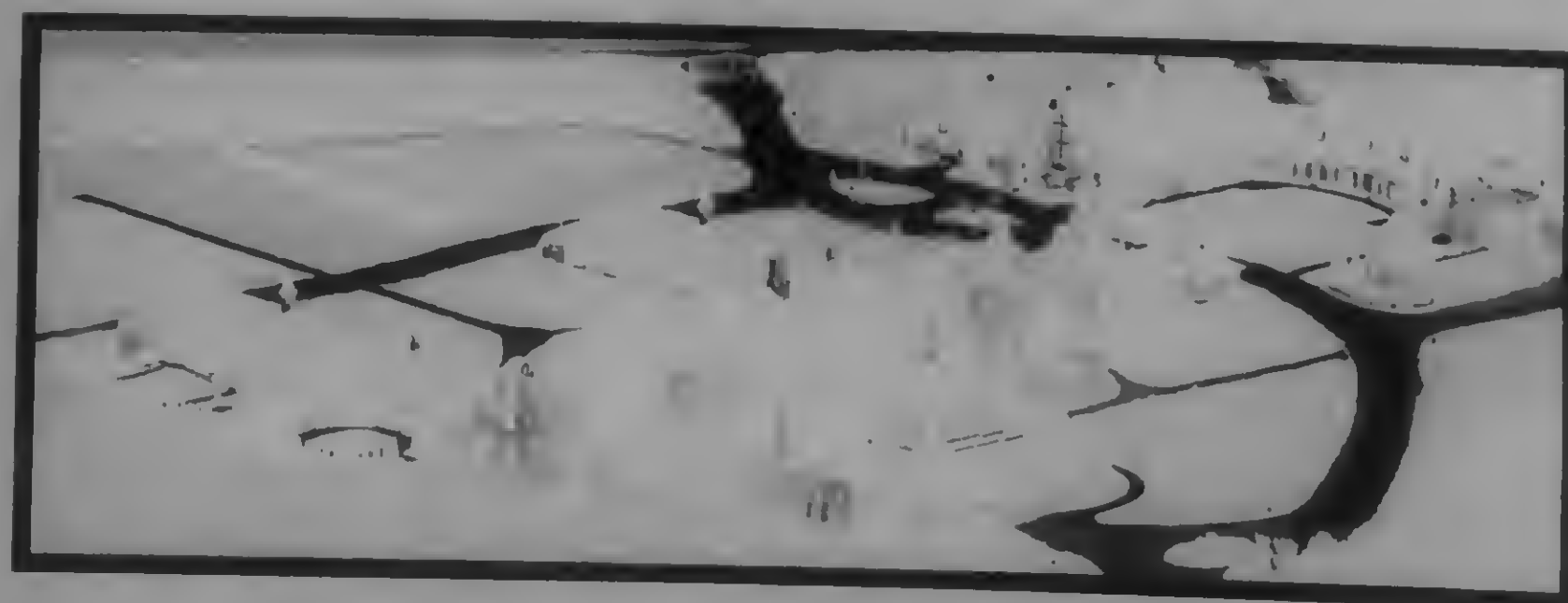
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Jean Joseph Monfort
Los Angeles, CA:

Jean Joseph Monfort began painting in 1973, inspired by the passion of folk art. With a background in oil painting, he takes the simple, common place activities of daily life and creates an art that while fantastical evokes a deeper story. His work exposes a formidable talent. Monfort's precise technical skills can be found through the use of light and color in nature scenes, seeming to breathe life into his paintings, almost pulling the viewer down a dirt road at sunset, barefoot toward a turquoise sea.

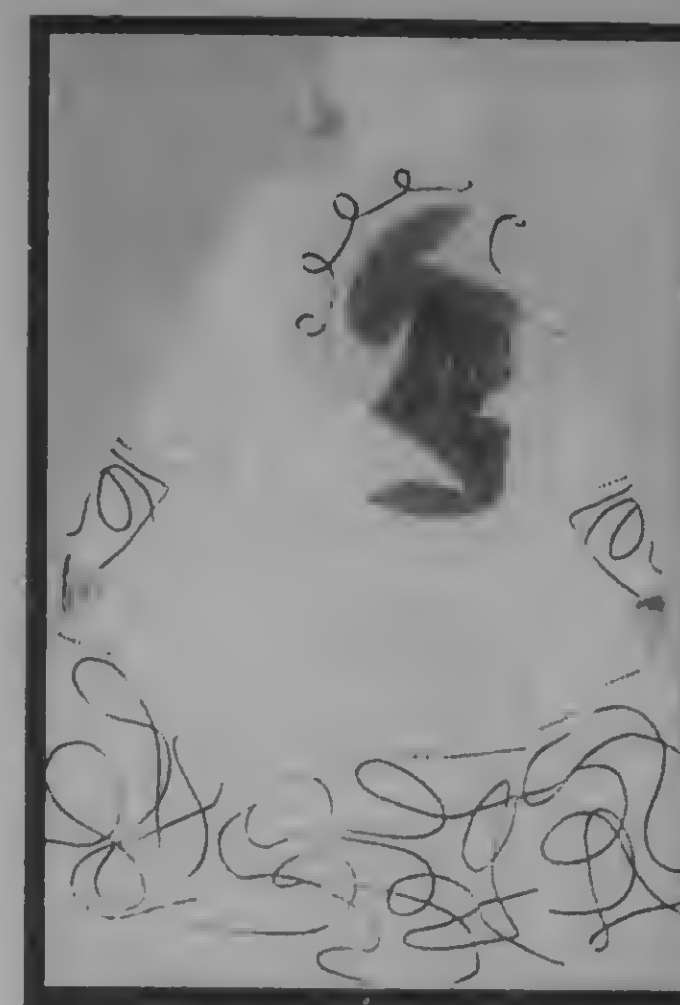
Jean came to Los Angeles in 1982, and the next year began showing his work, with exhibitions at UCLA and California State University, Long Beach. His work has also been displayed in exhibitions of black artists at the Fox Hills and Hawthorne malls. Monfort now lives in Los Angeles, where he paints about 10 hours a day.



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Robertson exhibits his work at the most important wildlife art shows in the country including the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition in Charleston, S.C., and the Waterfowl Festival in Easton, Md., where he was selected to create the 2003 Masterpiece Carving. He has won numerous awards, and his work is in private, corporate and public collections in the United States and Europe.



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Claudia Zeber-Martell began as a painter, and surface decoration is therefore a dominant element in her work, with images balanced between internal visualization and external stimuli. Her focus often combines forms, colors and dimensions found in nature, from the organic and geometric to the whimsical with a concentration on developing positive images that enrich the environment and create harmony.

Michael Martell's pottery has evolved over the past two decades from traditional salt-glazed and wood-fired stoneware to expressive graceful pieces with more contemporary form. "Form is so much a part of our everyday lives, and I've been fortunate to be able to explore it through clay; the slightest movement of the hands creates subtle changes in the shape of the pot. That is constantly amazing to me."

Collaboration can be an enriching process for this husband-wife team of artists, and by challenging each other, a balance is achieved, and the contribution of each person's particular skills has here resulted in a product that surpasses what each could achieve alone.



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Douglas Becker has over twenty years of glass-blowing experience. His designs focus on capturing the fluid movement of the molten glass and convey this into his finished pieces by creating softly distorted shapes and softening the surface of the pieces with etching and acid polishing.

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Stupak announces page opportunity and academy application acceptance

By BENJAMIN GOHS
 Staff writer

Young men and women from the Charlevoix area can apply for the position of House page in Washington D.C. through the U.S. House of Representatives' Democratic Page Program.

According to U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak (D-Menominee), one person will be selected to work for the House of Representatives while studying at the nation's capital.

"This is a truly exceptional opportunity for a young person interested in politics and government to see how Congress works," Stupak said. "Pages deliver messages to members of Congress, deliver packages, and answer telephones in the 'cloak room,' a room off the House floor where representatives go when they are not voting."

He added, "Pages in the program rotate duties so that all participants have a chance to experience different posts."

Stupak said a number of pages have gone on to a range of prominent careers. "Several House members were pages," Congressman Paul Kanjorski of Pennsylvania was a page. Senator Mark Pryor credits his page experience with inspiring him to get involved in politics," he said. "(And) locally, WTCM radio host Ron Jolly was a

Senate page when he was young." Applicants must be in their junior year of high school, at least 16 years old, have a 3.0 grade point average or higher in core subjects and live in the First Congressional District.

Applications and information can be downloaded from www.house.gov/stupak.

Applications, which should be faxed to Stupak's office at (202) 225-4744 by June 14, should include three letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy, local officials, coaches or other officials.

"The House page program allows a young person interested in how Congress works to observe the House of Representatives up close. I am always impressed with the caliber of young people we have in northern Michigan," Stupak said. "Our applicants are judged largely on their academic credentials."

He added, "In particular, I look for a young person who is involved in their community, a hard worker and some-

one with strong personal character and integrity."

The lucky student selected will spend a semester in Washington D.C. and receive a stipend for their work.

Stupak is also accepting applications for a Congressional nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the Merchant Marine Academy.

According to Stupak, academy applicants must be a legal resident of Michigan's 1st Congressional District, at least 17 years old and have not past his or her 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of academic entry, unmarried with no dependents, a United States citizen of "high moral character" and be able to meet high leadership, academic, physical and medical standards.

Applications and supplemental paperwork must be completed by Oct. 31.

For more information, call (906) 875-3751 or visit the Web at www.house.gov/stupak/academies.shtml.

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HUD allocates over \$63,000 to the Charlevoix Housing Commission

Of the over \$4 million being allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to public housing agencies throughout Michigan's 1st Congressional District, over \$63,000 will come to Charlevoix.

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) announced the funding and said it comes as part of HUD's Capital Fund grants for fiscal year 2006.

"Public housing is vital for some of our most vulnerable citizens," Stupak said. "This funding will allow public housing agencies throughout northern Michigan to maintain and upgrade their facilities."

Dixie Anderson, executive director of the Schoolcraft County Housing Commission, underscored the importance of capital funds to public housing authorities.

"HUD's capital funds are used for everything from improving the aesthetics of the living environment, to making units energy efficient, to upgrading security in buildings," Anderson said. "The majority of our residents are either disabled or elderly and would suffer greatly without the existence of safe and high quality affordable housing."

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Charlevoix High School Class of 2006



Photos by Julie Witthoeft

For the 118th time, the careers of Charlevoix High School seniors came to an end at a graduation ceremony that took place at 2 p.m. on June 4 in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium. The Charlevoix High School class of 2006 includes 93 students — two of which are valedictorians and one, a salutatorian.

Co-valedictorians and friends, Elyse Michrina (left) and Shannon Dibble (right) share a hug during speeches the two delivered highlighting the importance of future endeavors they and their classmates will embark on.



Charlevoix High School graduate Hunter Hoaglund bids his final farewell to high school principal Gary Grundman after receiving his diploma.



(Left) Charlevoix High School class of 2006 salutatorian, Ben Scheel escorts Pirooska Papp to their seats during the traditional, "Pomp and Circumstance, procession, performed by the Charlevoix High School Symphonic Band.



Charlevoix High School senior class co-president Chuck Mason and class secretary, Lisa Kuebler, lead their classmates in the changing of the tassels, officially marking the end to their high school careers.



Jillian Wilhelm walks with classmate Matt Teuscher who leaned in for a low five from friends in the crowd during the graduation recessional.



Michael Sayward plays, "The Great Locomotive Chase," with fellow students in the Charlevoix High School Symphonic Band.

Library time capsule ceremony to take place June 13

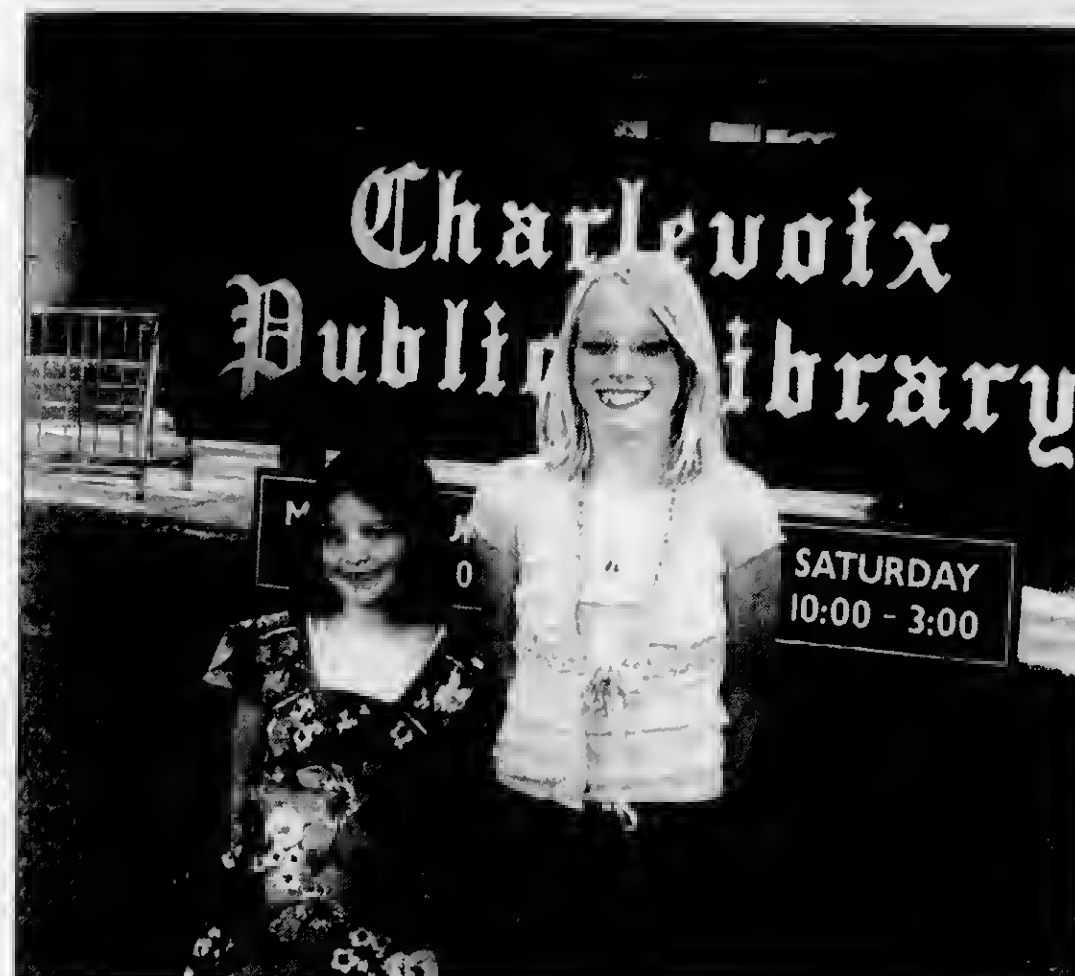


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(Above, from left) 9-year-old Shelby Robinson, and 10-year-old Annaliese Voci, both fourth-graders at Charlevoix Elementary School were two of three girls chosen in the Charlevoix Public Library essay contest entitled "What Charlevoix Will Look Like In 50 Years." Essayists wrote their predictions of life in 2056. The third winner, Emily Chapdelaine is not pictured. The complete essays of the three winners are printed on pages 30 and 31 of this week's Courier.

The Charlevoix Public Library's time capsule ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 at the grounds of the new library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The ceremony will include the presentation of colors by Charlevoix Boy Scout Troop 11 and Charlevoix Area Girl Scouts and music by Charlevoix City Band members. The winner's of the library's essay contest, "What will Charlevoix be like in 2056 when the Time Capsule is Opened," will be special guests at the ceremony. They are fourth-graders Emily Chapdelaine, a student at St. Mary School, and Charlevoix Elementary School students, Shelby Robinson and Annaliese Voci.

The winning essays, printed on pages 30 and 31 of this week's Courier, will be included in the time capsule. Other items include a notebook with names of library, township and city officials, a Michigan quarter, Charlevoix postcards, photographs of Charlevoix's Carnegie Library and the 1967 li-

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brary, library cards, articles from the Charlevoix Courier pertaining to the library's successful millage campaign and a list of the Friends of the Library. In addition, a cell phone, an iPod and a Charlevoix Art Fair t-shirt, will be included. The capsule and a descriptive bronze plaque were donated by Ronald Winchester. The plaque is attached to the library's old Carnegie stone which will be placed above the buried capsule. For more information about the time capsule ceremony, call (231) 547-2651.



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Charlevoix in 2056: A space age perspective

ANNALIESE VOCI
Time capsule essay winner

My name is Anna Voci and I'm here to tell you what I think the year 2056 will be like. I hope you enjoy the show.

Here in Charlevoix, my friends and I usually just slip on a t-shirt and jeans. I think in 2056 we will have super suits. For example, you would go to the back of your closet and enter a password in a keypad. The super suits will have gadgets like rocket power roller skates and invisible pockets. All you would have to do is press one of the buttons and the suit will change color.

In 2006, we just grab a pencil and start writing. In 2056, we'll just find our glow-in-the-dark pen

Looking back at life in 2006 from the future

By SHELBY ROBINSON
Time capsule essay winner

I'm Shelby Robinson, the year is 2056, and I'm 59. As I think about it, Charlevoix sure has changed since I was a kid.

We had a place called Mt. McSaubia. I would go there with my friends in the winter. We used skis and went on the tow rope to get up the hill. Sometimes we had races down the hill, went over jumps and just goofed off. Now the hill isn't there. You use these gadgets. They fly at least 10 feet in the air. You can do upside down flips and curves. It's a huge commotion when the darn kids get out there. They scream and push. It's not very pretty at all.

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Oh yeah and it's not just one family per house. It's one person per house. The houses look like castles. There are no stairs, just elevators and lifting machines.

See ROBINSON, page 31

or color-change pen. If you don't want to do the report that's due tomorrow, grab your report-doing pen. Tell the pen what to do, and it will have two or three paragraphs done before you can say, "lickity split." If your teacher gives you math homework, just grab your homework-doing pen, tell it what to do and sit back and relax.

In 2006, classrooms are boring. For six hours straight you just sit and read and write except for lunch

and recess. I'll bet 50 years from now classrooms will have floating desks and armchairs. The desks will have selection buttons to pick snacks, and the desk will give the snack to you.

Houses in 2006 are bland. In 2056 houses will be floating, and they'll have enormous rooms for everyone. Each room will have one bathroom, one kitchen, a 100-square-inch television and enormous beds. When you go to bed

you can either read or watch TV. When you want to read, you press a button and on your TV book lists will appear. You use your remote and scroll through them and pick the book you want to read. The book you picked will shoot out of a hole in the ceiling and land softly on your bed without a peep.

As you can see, Charlevoix in 2006 is OK, but life in 2056 will be radical. Looking into the future, 2056 will be a fabulous time. With

their super suits, floating houses, writing materials and awesome classrooms, they'll have everything.

Editor's note: The following essays about what life will be like in Charlevoix in 2056 are written by fourth-grade students from St. Mary's School and Charlevoix Elementary School. Each essay will be included in a time capsule to be buried June 13 at the site of the new Charlevoix Public Library.

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Summer reading clubs and fun activities at the library

Tuesdays from June 20 through July 25 at the Charlevoix Public Library will sizzle with fun.

Registration for the library's Summer Reading and Read-to-Me clubs runs from June 1 through July 18. Brochures about these programs are available at the library, located at 109 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The early teen club for ages 11-14 meets from 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. Club activities include performances and events. Early teen club members pick up reading logs at the library and record the time they read in 30 minute blocks. Once a week they bring their log to the library and get it stamped. They will receive an entry for the end of summer grand prize for every hour read, event attended or volunteer time. Teens are encouraged to volunteer to help with children's events.

Elementary students ages 6-10 have their own club. They record each book read in their log and bring them to the library weekly to be stamped and receive a small prize. Meeting dates for performers and events are from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Tuesdays.

Even the smallest pre-readers can be part of the action by being registered in the Read-to-Me Club. Parents or older siblings may read to these youngsters, ages birth to 5, and record the books read in reading logs.

Books read count for both the listener and the reader. Little listeners can be brought to the library weekly to have their reading log stamped and attend a special story time at 10:10 a.m. on Thursdays. They may also join the family at the evening events scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

For more information about these clubs, contact library youth services coordinator, Chris Hauke at (231) 547-2651.

Summer Reading Club Events Schedule

June 20 Joel Tacey, juggler and entertainer
June 22 10:10 a.m. Read-to-Me story time

June 27 3 to 4 p.m. Jane Balmer, Little Traverse Bay Humane Society and furry friends; 7 to 7:45 p.m. North Wings Raptors (open to ages 6-10)

June 29 10:10 a.m. Read-to-Me story time
July 4 No programs
July 11 Craft Day

July 18 Last day to register for reading clubs. From 3 to 4 p.m. North Wings Raptors; 7 to 7:45 p.m. Raven Hill

July 20 10:10 a.m. Read-to-Me story time

July 25 3 to 4 p.m. Wrap party, pizza taste-off, prizes; 7 to 7:45 p.m. Ventriloquist Virgil Norgrove, certificates awarded

July 27 10:10 a.m. Read-to-Me story time

Gadgets galore and floating houses characterize life in 2056

ROBINSON

Things like chairs lift you up to your room or anywhere else. The machines automatically know where you want to go. A couple of things I really like. You get a spa room as big as a normal house in 2056, and you get servants, servants and more servants.

In 2006, you had to pick up phones, dial certain numbers, and talk into them. Not everyone had a phone. You couldn't see the person. But now you have huttons with people's names on them. You just press one, and the person appears holographically, no phone. It's like the person is there with you. You

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As you can see my life has changed a lot in 50 years.

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2056 will bring wealth, flying cars and high tech classrooms

By EMILY CHAPDELAINE
Time capsule essay winner



Emily Chapdelaine

In 2056 in Charlevoix almost everyone will be rich.

People's houses will have two stories or more. The bedrooms will be upstairs in the houses. Downstairs, there will be the kitchen, dining room, living room and a laundry room or something different.

The cars will be flying around in the air. They will have a keypad, and you can type in where you want to go, and then you will get there in about five minutes or less.

At the schools, there will be automatic white boards. You will just type in the problem, and it will appear on the board. When you want to write something you just go to the board and write it. The desks will have three parts — one for books, one for pencils and markers, and another for extra things and when you hit a button, it will

go down. The store will have a machine where you type in what you want, and it will come to you on a rack, if it's in stock. At the grocery store,

there will be a machine that adds up the total for you when you put it in the cart.

When you go to a restaurant and you are really hungry, you will type in your order on a screen, and it will come to you in about five minutes. The poor people will all have jobs unless they don't want them. They will live in a nice place like Boulder Park and will each have a nice little place to live.

I think my job will be a librarian or a cashier. My friends and I will start a club, and we will go around trying to save animals that are endangered. We will travel all around the world. It will be fun. When we come back to Charlevoix we will tell our story of how we tried to save some endangered animals.

That's what I think Charlevoix will be like in 2056.

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National Trails Day

The Top of Michigan Trails Council and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce invited area residents and visitors to join them in celebrating National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3 with a ride, walk or run on the Little Traverse Wheelway. Despite doing less publicity than normal and not giving out t-shirts and prizes, the event drew 35 participants. (Above) Bill Walker of East Jordan leads family members on a bike ride.

Rayder boys' track end season strong at state meet

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Rayder boys' track and field team ended their winning season with a strong showing at the state meet.

The 2004-meter relay, named First Team All-State, took place at the Little Traverse Wheelway meet June 3 and 4 in Grand Island.

The relay members are Brandon Stevens, Damon Watson, Justin Wimmer and Nate Sutoyo. They won the relay with a time of 1:15.45, which is a state record.

The old record stood at 1:16.45. "Personal season best in the 4x4 relay of 1:15.45 (was) by Matt Kanne, Mike DiMartino, Dan Swen and Jeff Golovich," Plude said. "Personal season best in the 1600 relay 3:29.8 (was) by Scott Plude, Munson, Stevens and Sutoyo with 11th place."

Charlevoix Yacht Club spring racing series results

On May 31, light winds caused the third race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club's spring racing series to be shortened to one leg.

Winds picked up later, after the finish of the race. Seventeen boats finished the race. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Exitus (Pung); 2 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 3 — Flash (Gordon); 4 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Apothecary (Ochs); 2 — Original Sin (Miller); 3 — Cygnus (Stuart).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 2 — M3 (Carey); 3 — Four at Play (Herald).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — MJ2 (Begrow);

3 — Northern Light (Orlow); 4 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 5 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 6 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 7 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Spring series results after three races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Tici, Booma and Sail La Vie (6); 3 — Exitus (11); 4 — Flash (13).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (5); 2 — Original Sin (6); 3 — Apothecary (9).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Paleface Lite (2); 2 — Four at Play (5); 3 — M3 (6).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (8); 2 — Tici, Affinity and Northern Light (11); 4 — Gotcha! (12); 5 — Moxie (13); 6 — Padawan 2 (18); 7 — Tie: Windrunner and MJ2 (20).

Rayder softball team misses qualification for district play

By KENT LUDWIG
Sports writer

The Charlevoix varsity girls' softball team ended their season on a bittersweet note as they claimed their final two regular season games only to fall short in their pre-district game.

Charlevoix swept Bellaire in their last home game of the season on Tuesday, May 26, winning the first game 9-8 and the second 17-2.

Couch Tony Zimmerman said he was pleased to see his team continue to develop their fielding skills while capitalizing on Bellaire's defensive miscues.

"We played well defensively and that gave us the opportunity to score some key hits," he said.

In the final at bat of first game, lady Rayder Sally Haselschwardt hit a game winning single to bring Leah Kelly in for the score.

Amber Hoffman led the Rayders from the mound with four strikeouts and one walk.

Leading Charlevoix at the plate were Genevieve Kochanny (2-4), Kelly (3-4) and Desi Faust (2-3).

In that evening's nightcap, Faust was able to pitch four strikeouts and no walks before the game was called in the fourth in compliance with the league's mercy rule.

The lady Rayders ended their season in East Jordan in a pre-district contest after losing 12-0 against Kalkaska.

Despite committing only three errors the Rayders were unable to overcome Kalkaska's aggressive offense.

Due to an uneven number of

teams in the conference, the loss resulted in the Rayders elimination from district play.

"We played well defensively, but we came out very flat and our pitchers had trouble locating pitches and that resulted in the end of our season," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said he remains proud of his team's effort, growth, and enthusiasm throughout the season.

"We started the season with a young squad, they gave me all that they had and in the end, we learned a lot from each other," he said.

Zimmerman added, "All in all it was a very good year and the girls should be proud."

The Charlevoix girls tallied a 12-12 overall record and an 8-6 record in the Lake Michigan Conference.

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Junior Golf registration to take place Friday, June 9

Official registration for this summer's Junior Golf instructional program is Friday, June 9 at the Charlevoix Golf Club.

To be eligible for the program participants must be at least 8 years of age and no older than 17. Registration requires a parent or guardian be present to provide a signature on the waiver of liability form and to learn of the family commitment necessary for players to successfully benefit from the program.

Golfers ages 11-17 will register at 1 p.m. and those 8-10 are signing up at 1:45 p.m. There is a per-lesson fee of \$5 or a \$50 season plan option that

pays for all scheduled lessons and play days.

This is the eleventh year that the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's program has been available to area youth. Sessions that teach golf fundamentals meet twice weekly and run through July 24.

Pros from local courses that will make up the teaching staff include, Steve Braun and Marty Joy from the Belvedere Golf Club, Joan Waltra from Ye Nynce Old Holes, Mark Styles and Harold Bertrand from the Charlevoix Country Club, and Scott Blechel from the Charlevoix Golf Club. The emphasis will be on learning golf rules,

procedures, proper fundamentals and techniques, as well as course etiquette.

Lessons rotate and will be held at the Belvedere Golf Club, Charlevoix Country Club, Charlevoix Golf Club, Antrim Dells and Dunmaglas courses. In addition, there will be a Sunday evening league at the Belvedere Golf Club for selected advanced players.

Adult volunteers are needed to work in the mentoring program. Those interested should attend the registration session or call, program director, Dean Davenport, at (231) 547-6433 or the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at (231) 547-3253.



CHARLEVOIX LITTLE LEAGUE BOX SCORES

MINOR LEAGUE									
MAY 31 - A's 13, Pirates 13					JUNE 2 - A's 12, Red Sox 11				
PIRATES					A's				
Adam Michaud	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	1B	2B	3B	HR
Matt Good	2	1	1	3		Noah Certa	2	1	
Noah Jeakle	3	1				Walker Drost	3	1	
Collin Turkelson	2	3				Brad Klingler	3		
Montana Tompaon	3	3				Mick Nesburg	2		
Cameron Clark	1	0				Hunter Cox	3		
Jake Seger	1	1							RED SOX
Nick Bradley	1								No Results
MAJOR LEAGUE									
MAY 22 - Giants 15, Tigers 4					MAY 30 - Cubs 10, Angels 8				
GIANTS					CUBS - No Results				
Myles Kerr	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ANGELS			
Keegan LaBlance	1					River Gauthier	1B	2B	3B
Corbin Turkelson	1					Isaac Klooster	1		
Joe Rich	1					Max Schwen	2		
Jeremy Dominey	1					Nolan Ager	2		
Sam Eaks	1					Tom Sutter	1		
PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO	W		Jon Bearas	1		
Keegan LaBlance	5	3	10	4		PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO
TIGERS - No Results					River Gauthier				
MAY 23 - Giants 14, Angels 12					Nolan Ager				
GIANTS					JUNE 1 - Giants 11, Tigers 7				
Myles Kerr	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TIGERS			
Corbin Turkelson	1	1				Myles Kerr	1B	2B	3B
Mike Perry	1					Jeremy Dominey	1		
Keegan LaBlance	2					Mike Berry	1		
Jeremy Dominey	1					Corbin Turkelson	1		
PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO	W		TIGERS - No Results			
Tommy Zipp	3	1	5	10		JUNE 1 - Cubs 15, Angels 7			
Mike Berry	1	1	7			CUBS			
Myles Kerr	1	1	2	1		Isaac Klooster	1		
ANGELS - No Results					River Gauthier				
MAY 25 - Giants 13, Angels 14					Tanner Geer				
GIANTS					Thomas Sutton				
Keegan LaBlance	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Vinnie VonLou	2		
Mike Berry	1	1				Brad Rizzo	1		
Jeremy Dominey	1					PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO
Morgan Stewart	1					Brad Rizzo	2		
Zach Hawkins	1					Nolan Ager	4		
TIGERS					CUBS - No Results				
Myles Kerr	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI				
Jeremy Dominey	1								
Mike Berry	1								
Tommy Zipp	1								
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Lady Rayder soccer team falls to Rams at districts

The Rams put the Rayders season to a sudden end at Ottawa Stadium on Friday night, June 2 claiming the district title with a 2-1 victory.

In a classic battle between two arch rivals with two totally different styles of play, Harbor Springs, playing on strong emotion, beat Charlevoix to the ball throughout the match and physically defended Charlevoix's key players to prevent the Rayders from getting any rhythm in their passing oriented game.

Charlevoix opened up the scoring in the first half when junior, Lori Zimmerman, headed the ball past the Harbor keeper on a chip pass from sophomore Becca Madison. Harbor tied the score a few minutes later on a similar goal, a header over Charlevoix keeper, Laura Nitchman, in a confused situation in the box. The goal turned up Harbor's intensity as the Rams drew Charlevoix into their air oriented, long ball game. The Rams center back and midfielders continued to win every 50/50 ball sent up the middle by the Charlevoix backs.

A few minutes into the second half, Harbor scored again on a breakaway goal caused by a defensive mistake at midfield. Nitchman was forced to come out of goal and came up empty on a good physical effort by the Rams attacker. Charlevoix kept up the pressure for the next 25 minutes and had several good opportunities to score but couldn't find the back of the net

on 18 shots.

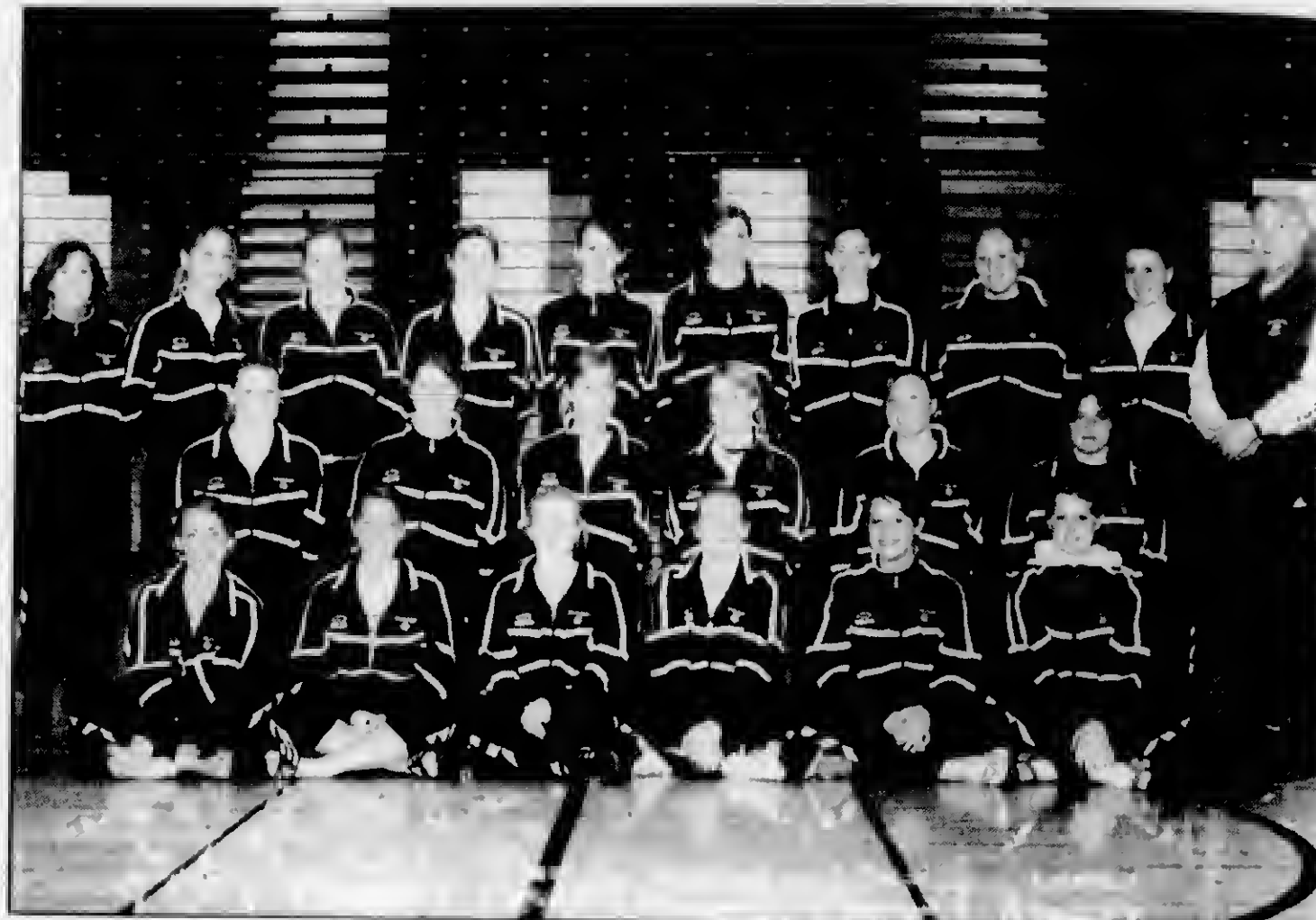
The Rayders played the last 10 minutes without their two leading scorers, senior, Madison Ramsey and Becca Madison who were taken out by injury.

"To say this is a disappointing loss is an understatement but Harbor earned the win with their unrelenting physical play. It's more important to recognize the achievements of the four seniors we will be losing, Laura Nitchman, the best keeper in Charlevoix soccer history; Stevie Murray, a four year starter and defensive anchor; Lisa Kuebler, Murray's steady left defensive back; and Madison Ramsey, a tough minded player who will end her career in the top five scoring," coach Carol Madison said. "They will be missed for their personalities and attitude as well as their skills on the field."

The Rayder 7-0 shutout over Boyne City June 1 was little consolation for the district loss.

At that game, senior forward Madison Ramsey led the way with two goals. Her younger sister Ariel put one in the net. Charlevoix's other scores came from Kaleigh Blanchard, Becca Madison, KC McCary and Meredith Rich. Zimmerman provided two assists on the night. Rich and freshman Katie Withrow also sent in assists.

Charlevoix ends the year 15-3-1 and 12-0 as Lake Michigan Conference champs.



File photo

The varsity girls' soccer team is (front, from left) Megan Cross, Zita Anderson, Ariel Ramsey, Madison Ramsey, Molly Braniecki and Lisa Kuebler. (Middle) Lori Zimmerman, Medidith Rich, Kaleigh Blanchard, Emily Foster, Brecklind Golovich-Keie and Kris Broman. (Back) Coach Carol Madison, Stevie Murray, Laura Nitchman, K.C. McCary, Katie Withrow, Becca Madison, Bridget Peters, Tammy Potter, Teresa Potter and coach Tom Conlan. Danni Bergmann, Gena Gaudio, Meighen Havens and Nicole Cyr are not pictured.

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EMPLOYMENT 086

SECURITY OFFICER - The Wackenhut Corporation is seeking qualified applicants for part-time positions in Boyne City at Honeywell, Inc. Security. Experience preferred but not necessary. \$8.50 and \$9.00 per hour. Health insurance benefit option. Uniforms furnished and paid OJT. Must have HS degree or GED and pass a background check and drug screen. Call 231-582-3977 M-F, 7AM-3PM at Honeywell Security at 375 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI. EEO. (06-07-2-086)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLICATION OF NOTICE FILE NO. 06-010959-DE

In the matter of Warren Earl Duplessis, Deceased.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Glen W. Duplessis, whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE:
1. ON 03/16/06 I was appointed

waived, a copy of an account including fiduciary fees and attorney fees charged to the estate, within 1 year of my appointment; and 3) a copy of the closing statement or settlement petition when the estate is ready for closing.

7. To avoid penalties, I must have paid any federal estate and Michigan estate taxes within 9 months after the date of the decedent's death or another time period specified by law.

8. The estate may not be closed earlier than 5 months after the date of my appointment except in limited circumstances. If the estate is not settled within 1 year after my appointment, within 28 days after the anniversary of the appointment, I must file with the court and send to each interested person a notice that the estate remains under administration and the reason for the continuation of the estate. If you do not receive such a notice, you may petition the court for a hearing on the necessity for continued administration or for closure of the estate.

June 7, 2006

Scott T. Beatty
111 State St., Ste. #1
Charlevoix, MI 49720.
231-547-4059

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Public Invitation

Please join us in recognizing
Ardeth Wieland's 32 years of service
on the Charlevoix Public Schools'
Board of Education.

A reception with cake and refreshments
will immediately follow Ardeth's last board meeting on
June 12, 2006 in the Charlevoix High School Commons Area
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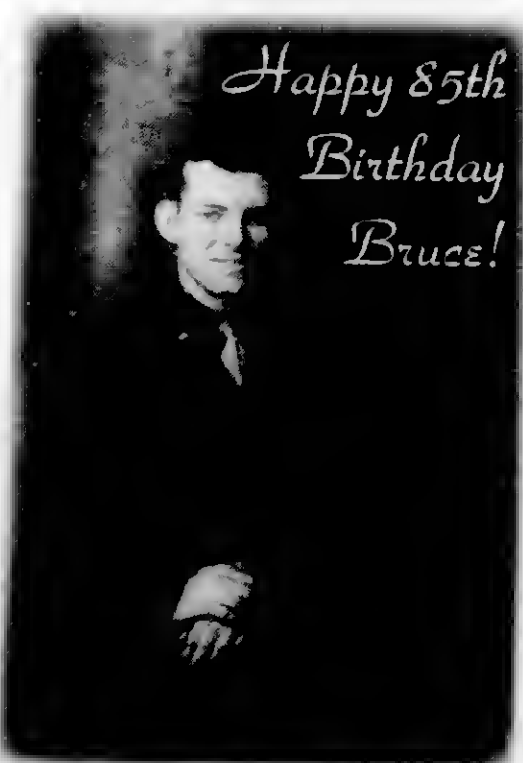
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Area events

June 8

U of M alumni event

The University Of Michigan Little Traverse Bay Spirit Group will host an event for all University of Michigan alumni on Thursday, June 8 at Town and Country Cedar Homes off U.S. 131, four miles south of Petoskey.

Retired University of Michigan faculty and natural resources expert Dr. Paul Nowak will discuss the topic "Water Quality in Northern Michigan."

The evening kicks off at 5 p.m. with a wine and cheese event. At 6 p.m. Nowak will speak about the influences that impact northern Michigan's water quality.

For more information, call (231) 348-0486. There will be a \$10 donation accepted at the door.

For more information on the University of Michigan Little Traverse Bay Spirit Group, visit www.umclubs.com/littletraverse.

June 10

90th birthday open house

Family and friends will gather for Lillian (Doctor) Sitzema's 90th birthday celebration from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 10 in the fellowship room at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church.

June 10
Gardening expo

The 2006 gardening conference and expo will take place on Saturday, June 10 at the Emmet County Fairgrounds in Petoskey.

The one-day educational conference will offer something for all gardeners. The annual event is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and Emmet County Parks and Recreation.

The Green Market Place shopping in the exhibition hall and outside will feature a wide variety of vendors from arts and crafts, nursery and landscape, garden and patio furniture and accessories, to bird and butterfly houses, pottery, painted clothing and more. The Green

Market Place will have a children's activity area and is free to the public.

The conference will be held at the community center and will feature many gardening experts.

The featured speaker will be Jane L. Taylor, founding and now retired curator of the Michigan 4-H Children's Garden at Michigan State University. Her programs are entitled, "The Colorful Kitchen Garden" and "Plants that Dazzle and Delight."

Other conference presenters are: Scott Reath who will discuss peonies; Dr. Duke Elsner, who will discuss the role insects play in gardening; and Steve Fouch who will present a program on crab apple trees.

The educational conference includes admission to the presentations of these four guest speakers, handouts and resource materials, morning refreshments, lunch and door prizes.

Registration is required. The cost to attend the educational conference is \$55. For more information or to register, call the Emmet County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 348-1770.

June 13

City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wujcik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

June 19

Vacation Bible School

The Ellsworth area churches are hosting a Vacation Bible School Fiesta from 6:15 to 9 p.m. June 19 through June 23 at the Ellsworth Elementary School.

Children age 4 through sixth-grade are welcome to attend. For more information, call Patsy at (231) 599-2194.

June 20

Retired federal employee lunch

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, June 20, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. The featured speaker will be

a representative of Castle Farms of Charlevoix. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

June 22

Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

June 24

USO dance

The Beaver Island AMVETS Post #46 and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a dance to celebrate the 65th birthday of the United Services Organization (USO).

This event will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 at Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island. If you can't attend, your donation to the United Services Organization may be made by mailing a check made out to "United Services Organization" to Betty Scoggin, P.O. Box 387, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

June 27

Tai Chi for Arthritis

A six-week session of Tai Chi for

Arthritis classes begins June 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. To register, or for more information, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Service people item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives

your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome.

Ardeth Wieland retirement event to take place June 12



Ardeth Wieland

has announced her retirement.

A reception with cake and refreshments will immediately follow Wieland's last board meeting on June 12 in the Charlevoix High School Commons Area. The estimated time of the event is 7:45 p.m.

In a previous interview Wieland told the Courier she opted to retire due to health concerns.

The public is invited to attend a recognition event for Ardeth Wieland, who after 32 years of service on the Charlevoix Public Schools' Board of Education, "We need some new faces there who are interested in educational changes and will spend some time helping our school systems maintain the quality that has been there for many years," she said. "The education that our children receive determines not only their future, but the future of everyone else in our community and our country."

Wieland said she will miss working with the dedicated people over the years. "There was a close working relationship that made us a school family," she said. "The fact that is that there was a close working relationship among the teachers, support staff and administration. That's what has made our school system a leader."

For more information about the recognition lunch, call Kelly at (231) 547-3200.

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Also on the program, soprano musician first class Lisa Taylor performs a medley of patriotic tunes in "America, Of Thee I Sing."

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information on the Coast Guard Band, visit www.uscg.mil/band.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

City receives infrastructure funds

Charlevoix mayor, Norman Carlson (left) and Charlevoix Scientific engineer, Kent Larsen accept a check for \$45,000 from Lydia Murray, account manager with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The grant will allow the city to make infrastructure improvements to Michigan Scientific Corporation to expand its operations into a 14,000-square-foot building.

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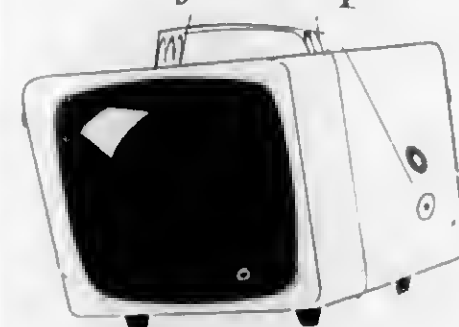
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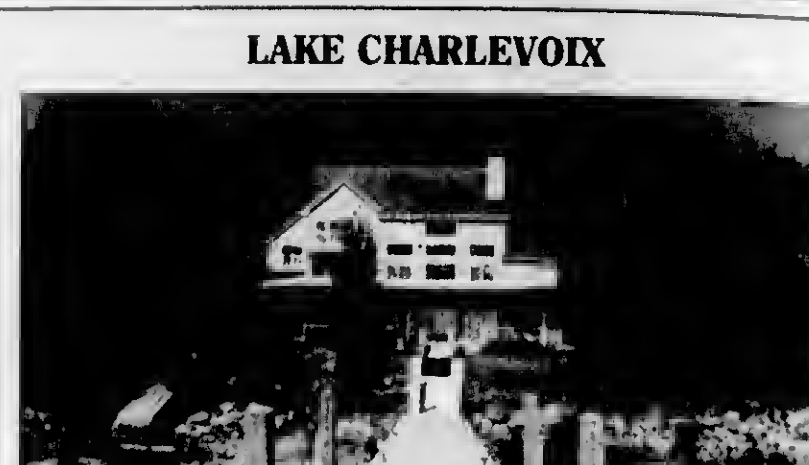
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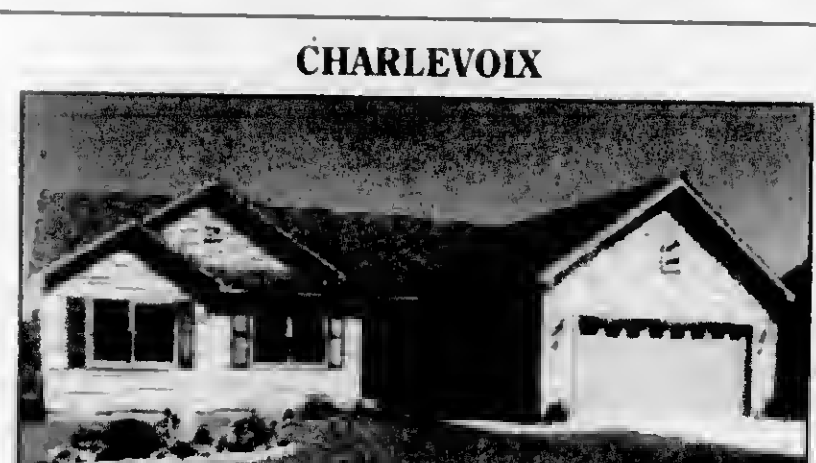
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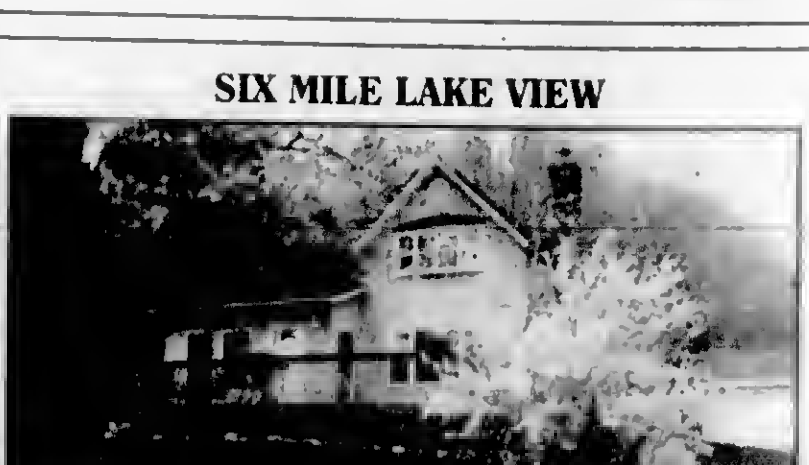
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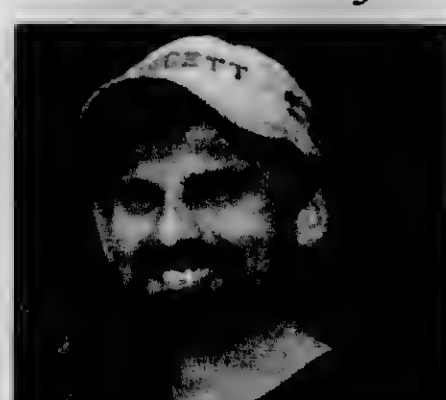
Taste of Charlevoix



The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Taste of Charlevoix event is this Saturday in East Park.

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Father's Day holds a special place in the heart of Brent Marlett who is recovering from a car accident.

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Students who vandalized Charlevoix High School face charges.

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City wins \$230,000 suit with insurer

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix tallied a major financial victory on June 2 in Charlevoix County Circuit Court reclaiming over \$230,000 it lost in a check writing mishap with a contractor.

That day, circuit court judge, Richard Pajtas, ruled in the city's favor, requiring its insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, to cover not only the \$222,978.36 cost of the check mix-up, but also \$8,566.94 in interest that money would have earned had it sat in the city's coffers. Pajtas also awarded the city \$4,616.80 for attorney fees incurred while defending a related lawsuit filed by United Fire

and Casualty.

"It was a complete victory for the city," said city attorney, Jim Young. "After oral arguments, judge Pajtas found that although it was a close case, the facts should really be characterized as an error which is covered by the insurance. Not payment for a breach of contract, which is not covered by insurance."

The legal battle started in October 2005, when the city served Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, with a lawsuit.

The suit claims the city's insurer should have compensated it for losses and defended it in a lawsuit filed by United Fire and Casualty.

The lawsuit the city feels should have been covered, stemmed from a check that was written on April 2, 2004

to CCMS and Associates, a contractor out of Sault Ste. Marie hired by the city in 2001 to work on roads and sidewalks.

However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

"The insurance company said when the city issued the check that check stemmed from a contract for improvements and insurance isn't intended to cover a breach of contract," Young explained. "The city's position was it was an honest mistake in issuance of the check made payable to CCMS only."

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi claims he was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead

of CCMS. United Fire claims they sent a letter to Brandi with check writing instructions, but Brandi says he never received it.

Brandi's stamped signature as well as that of deputy city clerk Stephanie Brown, appeared on the check. At that time, Brown was sitting in for former clerk Liz Gooch, who had resigned.

When Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late. CCMS owner William Montgomery had cashed the check.

"CCMS never turned over any portion of that money to the bond company (United Fire and Casualty)," Young said.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the city in June

See CCMS, page 3

Seelye resigns following e-mail use suspension

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

One of three Charlevoix Public School staff members suspended without pay two weeks ago over frivolous use of e-mail at the middle school has resigned effective June 30.

"Please accept this letter as my resignation of employment with the Charlevoix Public Schools effective June 30, 2006," states fifth-grade teacher, Stephen Seelye in his resignation letter. "I am resigning for personal reasons and to pursue other employment."

He further states, "I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to teach in this district and to serve the community and students of the Charlevoix school system. I will miss all of the many people that I have had the privilege of working with over the past seven years."

Seelye, eighth-grade teacher, Jane Garver and secretary, Kim Drost were suspended from May 30 through June 6, and it was suggested they undergo counseling after they violated the district's acceptable use policy by excessively and frivolously using their Internet privileges during class time. During the June 12 Charlevoix

Public Schools Board of Education meeting, several concerned parents spoke on the situation.

"I am here because I am unhappy with the way my daughter's teacher, Mr. Steve Seelye, was removed from her life without communication to me as a parent or her as a student in his class," said Nichole Zawisza. "My daughter went a week not knowing why her teacher would not be returning."

According to Zawisza, by the Friday June 2, rumors reached both her and her daughter.

"And hoy did we get a whopper of a story," she said. "If all he (Seelye) truly did was spend too much time on the Internet, as (middle school principal Keith Haske) told me, then why was him (Seelye) saying good-bye to his class not allowed?"

She added, "I am now left with a child who is emotional and unhappy about everything. The parents of Mr. Seelye's class are left to mop up the tears."

Zawisza said her child received all the help she needed in class and is sad so many don't know Seelye as a teacher and want to destroy him.

She asked the board to consider a

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Farewell Acacia

Acacia crew members salute each other prior to the decommissioning ceremony held, June 7 at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix. The Acacia is slated to arrive at the Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill. on June 30 and will be acquired by the American Academy of Industry. For more photos, see page 17.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Gregory Michael Webb, 37, Boyne City. Count one: Breaking and entering-illegal entry without permission. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 12 days, to serve eight days in jail, 73 days held in abeyance, submit to PBT/urine test; \$300 in fines and costs. Count two: Larceny-less than \$200. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 12 days, to serve eight days in jail, 73 days held in abeyance; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$300 in fines and costs.

John Hammond, 58, Twin Lake. Impaired driving. Serve 38 days in jail with credit for three days, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days of jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Annie Renea Morris, 42, East Jordan. Motor vehicle operator without security. Fines and costs totaling \$400.

Vernon Thomas Brown, 66, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve five days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 76 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$985 in fines and costs.

Greg David Saylor, 33, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in

jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; \$1,085 in fines and costs.

Jackson Levi Reger, 54, Mancelona. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; serve three months probation; \$300 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Blue Coyote, 220 South Lake St., Boyne City, by Christopher James Thiel

--Leg Evno Tile and Stone Work, 01548 Sunterra Trail, Boyne City, by Lee Evno

Z & R Services, 2266 South Advance Road, East Jordan, by Kale Zimmer and Mark Buhling J. Hunt Mobile Notary, 646 Boyne City Road, Boyne City, by Judith C. Hunt and John S. Hunt

Marriages
The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

John Joseph Shulick, 47, St. Louis and Barbara Ann Hurley, 51, Boyne City

Ricky Lee Wynkoop, 50 and Vida Anne Leadabrand, 43, both of Charlevoix

Randall Keith Moore, 29 and Melissa Lynne Charbeneau, 26, both of Boyne City

Shad Franklin Bruce, 33 and Lynn Marie Closs, 40, both of Ellsworth

David Wayne Suttle Jr., 25 and Stephen Mischel Vallance, 24, both of East Jordan

Keith Raymond McBee, 33 and Julie Elaine Fleming, 29, both of Boyne City

Gerald Lee Marquardt Jr., 22

and Valerie Mae Reiter, 23, both of Boyne City

Christopher Alan Donald Graves, 22 and Elizabeth Marie Shaw-Duffey, 23, both of Sumter, S.C.

Births

Landen John Slater weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born May 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to John Bradley Slater and Stacey Lynn Kenfeck of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Sandy Clark of Charlevoix, Steve Kenfeck of Port St. Lucas, Fla. and James and Penny Peterson of Petoskey. His great-grandparents are Carlo and Terry D'Angelo of Charlevoix. Dick and MaryAnne Tuebert of Wisconsin. Mary Clark of Reed City. Mary Patten-Slater of Texas. Mildred Follette of Petoskey and Allen Follette of Boyne Falls.

Tara Rowan Outman weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born May 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tom and Heather Outman of East Jordan. Her siblings are Matt, Zak and Tommie. Her grandparents are Bob and Ruby Dipziński of East Jordan and Tom and Starr Outman of Chesapeake Beach, Md.

Jordan Janel Huls weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born June 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Jennifer Huls. Sibling is Joshua Jayden. Grandparents are Mike and Joanne VanDyke of Grand Haven and Darrel and Ada Kirk from Georgetown, Texas.

Kerlystin Ann Wallace weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born June 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Kristina Wallace of Petoskey. Her grandparents are Jim and Barb Sterly of Petoskey and Scott and Debra Wallace of Indiana. Her great-grandparents are Lawrence and Grace Sterly of Petoskey.

One injured in two car crash June 10 in Hayes Township

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash which occurred at 8:43 a.m. on Saturday, June 10 in Hayes Township.

Anne Kantola, 44, of Charlevoix was driving westbound on C-56 near Susan Lake in a 1994 Chrysler when she crossed the centerline on a curve in front of Elizabeth Egler, a 49-year-old Charlevoix resident, traveling eastbound in a 1994 Geo Metro.

Egler avoided the oncoming Kantola vehicle but then crashed

into an embankment on the opposite side of the road. Egler was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by the Charlevoix City Ambulance where she was treated for a back injury.

Kantola told the investigating deputy she had glanced down while looking for an object in her vehicle and was into the other lane before she realized it.

The sheriff's office was assisted with traffic control by a trooper from the Michigan State Police Petoskey Post.

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Beach patrol

Lifeguards will appear on beaches this summer from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. starting on June 16 around Charlevoix. They are (back row, from left) Peter Londgren, Dan Sanchez, Bethany Pearson, Libby Campbell and Michelle Rowe. (Front, from left) Samantha Danbert, Michelle Hixelberger, Tina Clark and Jessica Nagel.

Parents chastise board for information handling regarding e-mail suspensions SEELYE

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policy to alert parents if teachers are to be suspended or otherwise removed from school and why.

Tom Barnes, father of two girls heading into fifth and eighth grades, voiced concerns over the lack of information given him by the board of education.

"It seemed as if it was very difficult to get any accurate information," he said. "It makes it very difficult on a parent to make a decision on how concerned you should or shouldn't be."

Barnes asked if a statement made by superintendent of schools, Dr. John Sturock, that use of the computers was not distasteful would stand. And admitting uncertainty about what he'd

heard, Barnes asked if more severe punishment was avoided because the board was fearful of possible litigation.

"This is one of those issues that you darn well better have enough money in the budget so that, if you need to, you can carry things through and have an employee terminated that does do something inappropriate," he said. "In the end, if you don't follow through on an issue where people are breaking the rules and acting inappropriately, then it harms our integrity and our reputation."

His last night as school board president, Dennis Halverson commented

on the e-mail related suspensions and \$10,000 in damage at the high school.

"We've had more things go on in a week or 10 days than maybe we would see in a period of years," he said. "I think this board wrestled on numerous occasions over these two situations to do the best we could with the information we had. To be honest, I think we could have handled a few things different in both scenarios. We stumbled a little bit on both of those, but through no fault or ours."

He added, "This is an opportunity for us to come out of two not so good situations and be better for that."

Jarema seeks venue to prosecute CCMS case CCMS

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2004. In December 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over \$220,000 it already paid CCMS.

Bob DeLong, an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC, out of Grand Rapids, represented the city in its claim against the Michigan Municipal League.

Judge Pajtas' decision may be appealed.

Tom Daniels of Pear, Sperling, Eggen and Daniels PC of Ypsilanti, who represented the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool in this case, said no decision has been made as to whether his client will appeal.

"It may happen and it certainly

may not happen," he said.

The incident may also lead to criminal charges against Montgomery.

Because the check was cashed in St. Ignace detective sergeant Robin Sexton with the Michigan State Police post there has investigated the matter.

Sexton issued a request for charges with Mackinaw County Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Graham.

According to Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney John Jarema, Graham opted not to take the case.

Jarema said he requested an opinion from the state attorney general's office as to whether he could try the case in Charlevoix. "The initial response was, 'Probably not.'"

He is now seeking approval from Graham to act as a prosecutor in Mackinaw County to allow him to travel and try the case there.

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Writer attends 10-year high school reunion



Julie Witthoef
'Just a thought'

"Ten years is significant," Tina Borlaza, a classmate of mine said at our 10-year high school reunion on June 10.

The last time I had seen Borlaza and the majority of my graduating class from Ann Arbor Greenhills was a sunny day in June 1996 when we slapped on forest green polyester gowns and matching caps at graduation.

As vice-president of the senior class I spoke to my classmates that day from the podium about our past and our future. We were handed diplomas and the Dr. Seuss classic, "Oh the places you'll go." And we went in 55 different directions.

As I planned the trip back to my old stomping grounds, plans to reunite with classmates were met with mixed reactions from those I talked to.

Many said, "The day I left high school was the last day I would ever step foot in that place."

Well, I didn't leave with any bad blood and my journalistic curiosity had me wondering what this blast from the past would be like.

At the afternoon picnic, I walked into the school through a corridor stretching between two gymnasiums hand-in-hand with my 3-year-old daughter. I soaked in the same school smell that had always been there. It wasn't dirty socks and sweaty teens, it was Greenhills.

As we peered at shiny trophies I was reminded of the district win our softball team secured my senior year when I stood guard at second base. Just above it hung a poster size black and white picture of the team.

"You guys look pretty tough," Eric Gajar, the athletic director from my era and current associate director of admission, said.

We had hiked under our eyes and wore shorts and tall socks, leaving just enough room for mean raspberries on our legs when we would slide.

Toward the end of the tour we came to the senior art court where shapes covered in green and blue carpeting dotted the landscape. As seniors we would lounge, talk and study there. I felt all 10 years flash by as I watched my daughter tumble around on the shapes within a few feet of my old locker.

That night, I left the lot with grandma and attended a two-hour reception where I hoped to see a few more familiar faces.

There were about 10 alumni from our class, mostly girls. While what was most familiar to the group were those long lost high school days, discussion was all about where we are now.

I found I was the only one from my class attending who had a child. Some were married but thoughts of children were put on the back burner while women and men pursued their graduate degrees.

This is a trend I've seen with college and now, high school friends. Many women are waiting until around 30 to get married and 32 to have children.

The place was packed with doctors, professors, lawyers, students and even a fellow journalist. Most had enough information on those who didn't attend, including run-ins with the law and other juicy details, to satisfy my inquisitive mind.

After two hours of talk, the group retired to Dominic's, an Ann Arbor seasonal hot spot where I spent plenty of time sipping sangria while attending the University of Michigan. I opted instead to retire to my hotel room to share the gossip with my mom and snuggle up



Courtesy photo

Greenhills alumni Debbie Kim, Emily Wilson-Tobin, Tina Borlaza, Stephanie Alstott and Eliza Prager pause for a picture with classmate and Courier editor Julie Witthoef (second from right) at the school reunion on June 10 in Ann Arbor.

with my toddler over a bag of pretzels and our zillionth viewing of Toy Story 2.

As I laid in bed watching Buzz Lightyear rescue Woody, I thought about what Borlaza had said. In 10 years, my classmates and I have attended college, gone on to pursue professional careers and bought our first homes. Some have lost a parent, some have married and

some have had children. These are life-defining milestones — but that district win, my senior prom and accepting my high school diploma are the moments that ushered in the big 10 and were worth revisiting.

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Naming successful angler requires more statistics



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

By the time you read these words the 22nd Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament will have ended and we will all know who the best fishermen or fisherwomen are. They are the ones pictured with the largest fish or the most fish. It seems the only fair way, but there are potential problems associated with that particular determination of "best fisher" — it's not very scientific.

I come to this problem with some credentials. A career as a scientist, some experience as an angler myself, and a set of in-laws from several generations help me speak to the problem of determining the best fisher.

My wife's grandfather was Sam Halverson, who was born and fished in Norway before turning his attention to the Great Lakes, where he fished, built boats, and captained for the rest of his life. One of Sam's sons, Martin, was widely known as "Fish" Halverson in honor of his prowess on the water. The family oral archives abound with tales of Sam or Martin. One reports that Martin "Fish" Halverson would often be fishing on one side of a small boat with a hand line, pulling in fish after fish, while his less fortunate companion on the other side wouldn't catch anything. I'm sure

all such stories are true. What they must mean is that Martin was a really good fisherman by the usual standards of catching more or larger fish than others caught. Or does it?

What we really need if we are to identify best fishers is a more scientific and statistical measure of success. I would suggest Fish Per Hour. Both Martin and Sam fished more hours than most, which could possibly explain why they caught so many fish. For sport fishing we might modify the standard to Legal Fish Per Hour. Even more comprehensive would be Legal Fish Per Hour Invested, which would include all the various periods spent on the water without any visible catch, and all the time spent fishing and learning the water, even back to youthful years. Two fishers, one who had fished for 1,000 hours and caught 500 fish, and

one who had fished for two hours and caught one fish would have the same Legal Fish Per Hour Invested score.

My suspicion is that measured as Legal Fish Per Hour Invested, everyone would have nearly the same score. Differences in Legal Fish Per Hour Invested would likely be minute or even insignificant. What this leaves is what we might call luck, which I suspect has something to do with who catches fish. All I need now is a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to measure success in a completely scientific way. We could separate luck from fishing skill and be able to confidently name a best fisher. I would certainly be willing to act as a subject for such research, putting in as many hours as possible, and carefully recalling all the hours previously spent learning. And I suspect that many others

would be equally willing, provided that the grant covered all incidental costs like gasoline, tackle and bait.

We could crown a Trout Tournament champion as the person with the highest Legal Fish Per Hour Invested, and maybe even have a State of Michigan Legal Fish Per Hour Invested champion. What fishing needs as a sport is more statistics. It certainly enhances interest in other sports like baseball or football. Tournaments and competition are all well and good, but the real need is for more statistics.

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Letters to the editor

Blood drive success

Editor:
 I have so many people to thank for the wonderful success of the American Red Cross blood drive on May 18 in Charlevoix.

The first group I need to show tremendous appreciation for is the donors who demonstrated their patience and amazing good humor.

The Red Cross collected 111 pints of life-saving blood. Up to four products can be made from each pint, therefore affecting as many as 400 patients.

I am grateful to the Community Reformed Church staff and congregation for allowing us the use of their fellowship hall.

All of my volunteers and hikers deserve a standing ovation for a job very well done. Thank you.

The American Red Cross will be back in Charlevoix for a community blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on July 20 at the Community Reformed Church. Please plan to donate for the sick and injured.

Ellen Breining
 American Red Cross
 Charlevoix coordinator

Vandals shouldn't walk

Editor:
 After reading many articles about the vandalism at the Charlevoix High School, I became more and more dismayed on how the vandalism is being portrayed by the school administration as a prank. Since when does criminal behavior equate to a mere prank? It's a felony. How are young people going to learn about consequences if their criminal behavior is being dismissed as a

childish prank?

I strongly feel that allowing those that were involved to participate in a graduation ceremony sends the wrong message. Even if you haven't identified all the guilty parties, allowing those that finally fessed up to participate in graduation is wrong.

I do not want one dime of my tax dollars to pay for the vandalism and key replacements. The cost of the investigation should not be the responsibility of the taxpayers either. The guilty should pay.
 Virginia Gambrell
 Charlevoix

Letter response

Editor:
 In response to Gretchen Tambellini's complaint (Clean up political signs, page 5, June 7 edition of the Charlevoix Courier) about the Park Avenue-Bridge Street storefront, I wonder if she would rather have yet another empty retail spot downtown.

I'm also surprised at Tambellini's lack of appreciation for freedom of speech. I may not like someone's storefront décor, but the last thing I would consider is open criticism of their decorating taste.

Fortunately, we've had many complaints on our position and display. In addition, we have an understanding with the landlord that, if a business opportunity that that storefront presents itself, we will move our headquarters to another location.

Does Tambellini have a viable business to situate in that spot in place of the smiling "shopkeeper" who now resides there?
 Margo Johnson
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Seelye support

Editor:
 I was very disturbed by the article in your paper regarding the suspended (Charlevoix) middle school teachers (Middle school teachers suspended, page 1 June 7 edition of the Charlevoix Courier). My son had Steve Seelye this year. Steve was his seminar teacher which meant his day started and ended in Steve's class. I was in that classroom at least once a week all school year. Steve Seelye was a wonderful teacher. A genuine "good guy," he has a gentle way about him that makes him a great teacher for boys and girls alike.

My son has his struggles with school, particularly math class. Math class consists of instruction time followed by the class working on what they just learned independently. Mr. Seelye would always stop what he was doing if my son needed extra help. What happened was unfortunate. Good people sometimes make poor choices. The school board and Mr. (Dr. John) Sturock handled this in an appropriate manner. Everyone makes mistakes. What disturbs me is the fact that maybe Charlevoix cannot forgive these three people. What kind of a message does this send to our children?

I have taught my son that if you make a mistake, no matter how big, you tell the truth, take your punishment, you're forgiven and we move on. You learn from your mistakes so you don't make them

again.

My son is having a very hard time understanding why some people in Charlevoix can't forgive. How do I explain attitudes such as that of Mrs. (Barb) Sheets? How do you explain a lunch mob mentality to an 11-year-old?

Mrs. Sheets has every right to request her child not have Mr. Seelye, just as I asked that my child have him. I felt he was the right teacher for my child and he did not disappoint me. I had my child in private school through second-grade. He has had good teachers and had, I have never regretted putting him into the public school system. Charlevoix schools are great and so are the teachers. Steve Seelye helped my son make that scary transition to middle school a good experience. My son is sad that he never got to say good-bye and thank you to one of his favorite teachers. I hope this does not cause Steve to leave teaching. That would be a loss to many children.

Please Charlevoix, deal with the faults of others as gently as you deal with your own.

Mary Black
 Charlevoix

'Thank you' supporters

Editor:
 On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank the community of Charlevoix and Beaver Island for its outstanding generosity and overwhelm-

ing support. Thank you especially to Shirley and Bill Roloff for their time and commitment. Thanks to John Fiedorek and Chad Odium and to all the local businesses for making the benefit a huge success. Special thanks to the Ya Ya's and all my great friends.

Branden Kanoff
 Charlevoix

Urban benefit

Editor:

We want to thank everyone who helped make the benefit dinner for Tom Urban's family such a great success. Last Friday night at the First Congregational Church 26 people came and offered to help served 152 spaghetti dinners.

The band played, we all had dinner, and we raised \$1,700 for Cyndee Urban, and daughters Colleen and Stacy. An anonymous donation of \$5,000 also went into the memorial fund that has been set up for Tom Urban. What great things we can accomplish when the Charlevoix community works together.

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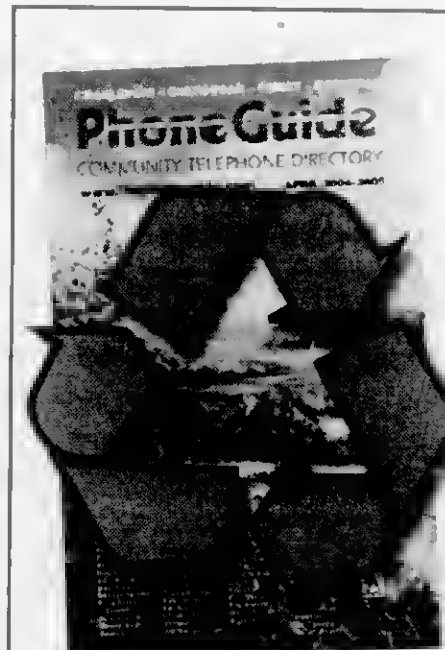
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Black Cat Concerts kick off with Rhythm Billies



By JULIE WITTHOEF Editor

The Rhythm Billies, a four piece band specializing in concert and square dance tunes, will kick off a family-friendly summer music series called Black Cat Concerts, organized by Charlevoix residents Carl and Cornelia Dhaseleer.

The show starts at 7 p.m. on June 18 in the Dhaseleer Taxidermy and Gallery barn at 15794 Paddock Road, three miles south of Charlevoix off Barnard Road.

"It will basically be a fun night out," Carl, who is also a taxidermist, said.

The two have spent the past 10 years revamping the concert venue, an 1880s barn situated on their three generation, 20-acre country estate. The huge undertaking included installing a gym floor from Harbor Springs Public Schools which now serves as a shiny dance floor, removal of storage, installation of a bathroom in the old granary and creation of pottery and taxidermy workshops.

"With each section we cleaned up, we realized the potential of it," Cornelia, who also is a potter, said.

Since securing the dance floor two years ago, the project has taken shape and the Dhaseleers, who are parents to



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Carl and Cornelia Dhaseleer of Charlevoix, pictured above, are the owners and organizers of the family-friendly concert series, Black Cat Concerts.

three girls, have ventured out to scout bands.

Concert attendees are asked to bring a chair, their beverage of choice and a dish to pass in order to participate in the intermission potluck. Water, coffee and place settings will be provided.

Tickets for the Rhythm Billies show are \$10 per person and will be available at the door. Kids 12 and under are ad-

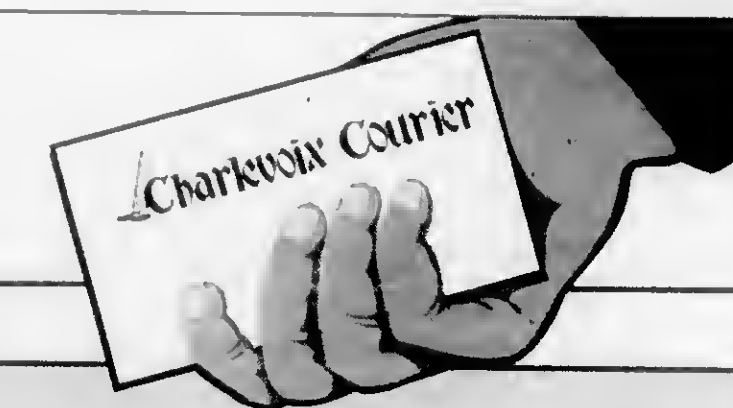
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The Dhaseleers will host a grand opening to include two free nights of music on June 23 when local country singer Chris Dominic will perform and on June 24 when Scott Stillings takes the stage.

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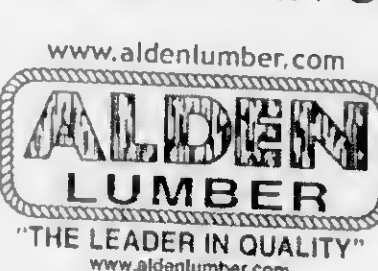
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By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council unanimously approved a contract to lease the old post office building located off Mason Street to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for \$1 a year for 10 years with an automatic five-year renewal.

"Council's decision was wonderful. We originally went over the lease in 2004. At that time the park plan was waiting to be done. Now, it's time to move — we aren't going to have a building, 408 Bridge St. will no longer exist," said Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The city has scheduled demolition of the chamber building and bandshell to take place on Nov. 5 in conjunction with the marina and East Park overhaul. During the East Park and marina renovation planning process, community members made it clear that there was no place in the park for buildings like the chamber office, not directly related to supporting the park and marina.

Merta, who has been chamber president for 25 years, said the pros of the new location are its increased size and updated accommodations. The major con she pointed to is its location which will reduce the office's visibility and access to the public.

"There are a lot of people that walk in this chamber office," she said. "Because we have such a great, visible spot and are so accommodating, we get a lot of inquiries. I don't know that we'll get as many when we are on the side street."

She is hoping directional signs will help route people to the new location. The move will require a \$75,000 renovation at the new site, Merta explained that the setup left by the police and fire departments who operated at the building during the renovation at city hall, including a barrier in the entryway and interrogation rooms off the entry, won't work for the chamber.

Fuller-Nichols Architects of Harbor Springs, the same group that handled the renovation at city

hall, is handling planning for the chamber's new building.

Merta said the \$75,000 needed was not included in the 2006-2007 chamber budget and fund-raisers will take place this summer to help fund the project.

Services at the new site may be augmented to include member use of meeting space and extended areas to review literature. Staff levels are not expected to increase. The chamber currently provides two full-time positions year-round and one full-time position in the summer. A part-time position and volunteer hours are also logged.

Staffing is the chamber's greatest budget expense with \$126,000 of the group's \$300,000 budget going to staff salaries and benefits.

"We pride ourselves on giving a personal touch answering the phones and doing the best job we can do for the business community and the entire community. You have to have people to do that," Merta said.

Under the agreement drawn up by city attorney Jim Young, the

chamber will be responsible for all maintenance and utilities related to the building with the city covering insurance which will cost about \$500 a year.

Maintenance and utility costs are a new expense for the chamber. Under the current arrangement the group pays the city \$100 a month to rent its Bridge Street location, above the harbor master's office, where it has been since 1944, and the city covers utilities and maintenance.

Merta said all new revenue sources have not been determined. However, the chamber has increased the number of tickets sold for the annual car raffle which was budgeted to bring in \$18,000.

Council's June 5 decision was initially tabled to allow city staff time to establish what the fair market value of the building would be should the city rent it to another commercial entity. Third ward council member Shirley Gibson also requested further budget information from Merta.

Under the miscellaneous business part of the council meeting, cham-

ber board chairman, Jim Berlage, approached council with a two page overview of the budget.

After further discussion, the motion to approve the lease was unanimously supported.

Gibson said that while she supported the motion she feels city council's decision was made too quickly.

"I was totally put on the spot. The lease portion of it is not over. The chamber needs to be self sufficient. They've been put on public assistance for too many years and that's what it is, welfare. It will be brought back up. The lease is too long to be locked into it," Gibson said.

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority bought the post office in 1986 for \$70,000. An insurance appraisal done in 1998 found the building's value to be \$208,927. This figure does not include the \$40,000 in renovations the city did to the building in 2003 to prep it for use as a temporary city hall and police and fire stations while renovations were done next-door.

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This year's annual Bike 4 Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Ride, in memory of Kathy McDonald returns on Saturday, June 17 to Veterans Park in Boyne City.

Cyclists of all ages and abilities will once again participate in the event that raises funds for local programs in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Circle of Strength Cancer Resources Program at Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Breast Health Fund at Northern Michigan Hospital, have utilized these funds to provide cancer education and free diagnostic tests and services to both patients and their support teams, as needed. To date, this Bike4BreastCancer chapter has donated over \$34,000 to assist in these northern Michigan communities.

The event is the legacy of Kathleen McDonald of Boyne City, founder of the Charlevoix/Emmet Counties Bike4BreastCancer Chapter, who herself succumbed to the disease shortly before the inaugural event in 2003. Her goal, and that of the many volunteers who participate each year, was to bring hope and valuable resources to breast cancer patients and their families, and to educate women on the importance of early detection. Nationally, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

The Pink Ribbon Ride itself has grown annually. This year's event will include routes of 65, 42, 20 and 7 miles, a true challenge for any cycling enthusiast. Those who do not ride are still encouraged to attend the event in beautiful downtown Boyne City, and enjoy a leisurely stroll along the banks of scenic Lake Charlevoix. Registered participants will be treated to a picnic lunch and other activities, including a bike raffle, prizes for individual fund-raising efforts, and fun for the whole family.

For those unable to attend, donations may be sent to Bike4BreastCancer, P.O. Box 242, East Jordan, MI 49727-0242.

Advanced \$25 discounted registration can be made online by logging onto the Bike4BreastCancer Web site at www.bike4breastcancer.org. On-site registration is \$30 per individual, \$50 per family and will begin at 7 a.m. in the park. Riders are free to begin their courses once they are checked in.

T-shirts, cycling socks, Bullfrog candles and other materials commemorating the event can also be purchased online, or the day of the event.

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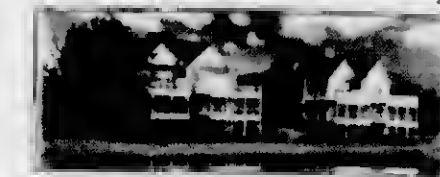
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BMZ Rudy Patten salutes during the opening ceremonies of the Acacia's decommissioning June 7 while Lt. Carey Godwin speaks to hundreds of well-wishers and dignitaries.



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The United States Coast Guard Color Guard marched while the Coast Guard band played patriotic tunes during the decommissioning of the "Ace of the Lakes," Coast Guard Cutter Acacia, which was stationed in Charlevoix for 16 years



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City of Charlevoix mayor, Norman Carlson (right), awards the Acacia's last captain, Commander Keith Bills, a plaque in recognition of the city's appreciation of the Acacia's years of service to the area. Bills was the last and longest serving commander of the retired ship.

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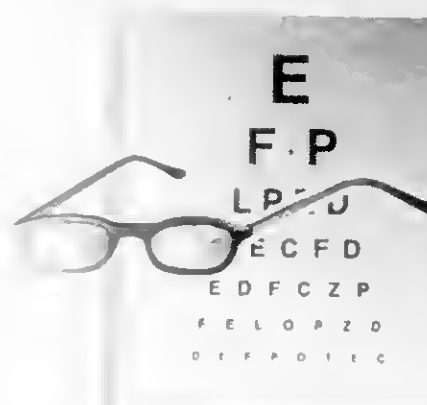
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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

3rd Annual Taste of Charlevoix

The 3rd annual "Taste of Charlevoix" will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2006, from 11am to 4pm in downtown's East Park. Charlevoix restaurants/food/beverage vendors will showcase one or two of their specialties, which range in price between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsula wineries and area breweries will be featured along with local entertainment and activities for the children.

Vendors and Their Fares:

- Acorn Café: Assorted cold salads and carrot cake.
- Cross Fisheries: Smoked whitefish sausage and smoked whitefish pate served with crackers.
- Duke's Deli: Assorted deli sandwiches and deli wraps quartered.
- Ferry Beach Inn (Formerly Nanny's): Blackened whitefish Caesar salad.
- Friske Orchards: Strawberry shortcake made with homemade biscuits with fresh strawberries and whipped cream topping and fresh strawberry cups.
- Giuseppe's Italian Grille: Tiramisu (liqueur-soaked lady fingers layered with cream filling).
- Grey Gables: Snickers cheesecake (creamy cheesecake with chunks of Snickers, chocolate covered peanuts & drizzled with chocolate) and mushroom bisque soup.

- Harwood Heritage Gold: Ice cream with Maple syrup.
- Kilwin's: Caramel apples and assorted fudge.
- Scovie's Gourmet Deli: Creamy tomato basil soup and Vi's chocolate turtle brownies with Kilwin's caramel.
- Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant: Great Lakes chowder and morel bread pudding with hordelaise sauce.
- Terry's Place: Key tart with raspberry sauce.
- Village Inn Pizza: Variety of pizza slices.
- Villager Pub: St. Louis cut marinated BBQ ribs.
- Whitney's of Charlevoix: Made-to-order pasta (rotini, bowtie & tri-colored) and sauces (alfredo, marinara and pesto) with chicken, shrimp or vegetables and seafood chowder (tomato-based).
- Woolly Bugger Roaster of Fine Coffee: Fresh roasted gourmet coffee and iced chai tea.

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Jun 17	3rd Annual Taste of Charlevoix 547-2101
Jun 17	4th Annual Pink Ribbon Bike Ride 536-7066
Jun 18	Sundaes in the Park Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation 547-8502
Jun 23-24	Amelia Tria with Sean Curran at Crooked Tree Art Center 347-4337
Jun 24	Strawberry Social at Friske Orchards 599-2604
Jun 24-25	8th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show 547-2101
Jun 25	Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at Castle Farms 237-0884
Jun 30-Sep 4	Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant exhibit at the Depot 547-0373
Jul 03	Bier Gallery Art Demonstration, 10am - 5pm 547-2288
Jul 04	4th of July Parade, 10am 547-2101
Jul 04	Horton Bay Parade 582-6222

The next Retail meeting is June 15, 2006 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant at 8:45 am.

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Statewide wind turbine legislation proposed

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Two bills introduced into the Michigan House of Representatives which would have annulled local zoning as it pertains to wind turbines will be altered to allow for township and county oversight if passed.

Authored by more than 15 representatives, including Rep. Howard Walker, on April 21, 2005, House Bills 4648 and 4649 continue to create controversy.

"Basically the concern is over the loss of local control over the wind turbine generators and the siting of them," said Charlevoix County planner, Larry Sullivan. "Part of those bills, from my understanding, would remove all ability of (local) zoning to control the location of wind turbine generators."

The language in the original house bills states, "System shall be built at a distance from all property lines not leased or owned by the owner of the system that is not less than the height of the system tower including the top of the blade in its vertical position; minimum vertical clearance from the blade tip to the ground shall not be less than 20 feet; and sound created by the system shall not exceed 60 decibels at the closest property line of property not served by the system."

The bills further state, "The owner of a system shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance if the system complies with the requirements notwithstanding: a change in ownership; temporary cessation or interruption in producing electricity; and, new technology."

The proposed amendment to the bills includes a change in setback to 1.5 times

the height of the generator including the tip of the blade at its vertical most position, the sound created could not exceed 55 decibels and local jurisdictions could designate up to 10 percent of land which could not be used for the turbines.

The changes also include allowing local jurisdictions to require a, "bond or security to cover the costs reasonably associated with the installation, maintenance or removal of a wind energy system."

Sullivan said the Charlevoix County Planning Commission is not in any way opposed to the generators.

"Again, the concern is the loss of control," he said. "If people would like to see local control retained over this issue, they should contact their legislators and urge them not to support it and take measures not to override local authority."

He added, "And, if they are in favor of wind turbine generators, then they should urge their local government to provide language in their zoning to provide for them."

If adopted, the bills would be consolidated and referred to as House Bill 4649.

"We're trying to give locals some control without the ability to set the standards themselves," said Rep. Walker's legislative director, Eric Dean.

The changes to the proposed bills have come about due to concerns expressed by citizens throughout the state, Dean said.

Concerns range from flickering marker lights and the noise created during operation, to heights sometimes into the hundreds of feet.

Local resident and owner of one of the few wind turbine generators in the area,

Michael Buttigieg, supports the implementation of windmills, but doesn't like the government's attempt to remove local zoning control from counties and townships.

"There are some guidelines that they're talking about that I don't agree with and yet there are some others that I do agree with," Buttigieg said. "Some townships are so restrictive in their zoning that you can't put one (turbine) up, so there's pros and cons on the whole statewide zoning."

And, he said, "They (house bills) don't show a difference between residential and commercial (turbines), they're two different things."

Buttigieg lives "off the grid," which means he draws no power from municipal sources. He instead uses his wind turbine generator and solar panels.

There have been claims by some the

blades of wind turbines gather ice which can then be thrown, possibly harming property and people.

"A lot of people get so emotional about this issue they become like horses with blinders on," he said. "As far as the ice flinging, I would like to see some documentation where that has occurred."

He added, "I've never had any issues like that. Wind turbines are designed to be aerodynamic and when they build up ice, they don't spin like usual and they slow way down. I think emotions on a lot of this stuff has gone way out of control."

Some of the information wind turbine opponents use, Buttigieg said, is outdated and deals with old commercial turbines.

"There were some cases where towers fell and blades came off, but the new ones are different and better. It's like

night and day," he said. "They're making them so big now, like the ones in Traverse City and the ones in Mackinaw (City), that they need less of them."

He added, "I saw a picture of one where they landed a helicopter on it."

Buttigieg said the really big wind turbines are designed to be built offshore. "The technology is so different now that it's allowing them to go bigger and bigger with them. The theory is, the bigger they get, the less you need," he said.

"I'm a firm believer in wind power. I believe you have to do something because fossil fuel and nuclear power aren't going to make it for us anymore. We can't eliminate them now, but we have to work on it."

Buttigieg said if you use electricity from municipal sources, you don't really have much to say about how the electric-

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22nd Annual Lake Charlevoix Trout Tournament winners



Photo by G. Randall Goss, Petoskey News-Review

Over 440 people registered for the 22nd Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament which took place June 9, 10 and 11 in Charlevoix. The event is hosted by the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament Association. Participants fished for brown trout, steelhead, lake trout and salmon on both Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan. According to anglers, windy weather made for difficult fishing conditions forcing many to stay on Lake Charlevoix where few trout were caught. Pictured at left are winners in each category. They are: Brown trout winner Joe Powell with his 9-pound fish, lake trout division winner Chris Mikulski with his 13-pound fish, steelhead division winner Bill Mathers of Petoskey with his 14-pound fish and Matthew Mikulski, the salmon division winner with his 23-pound salmon. The brown trout is the only division winning fish caught on Lake Charlevoix.

Officials: Wind turbine bills threaten local control

TURBINES

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ity is produced.

"Would you rather have a coal powered plant with burning and fumes?" he said.

Buttigieg wouldn't want to live next-door to an industrial size wind turbine due to the flickering and noise, but he said there are some reasonable setbacks to prevent the generators from being too close to residential areas.

"There are a lot of good things proposed, but it still needs some tweaking,"

he said.

Convincing people a change is needed, Buttigieg added, will be one of the most difficult tasks in changing perceptions on energy use and production.

"Yes, they do stick out in the middle of the woods like a sore thumb, but there is a purpose for them," Buttigieg said. "And I don't care what people say, I think they're beautiful and I think they're graceful."

He added, "I would rather see the countryside covered with turbines than one coal burning plant."

Buttigieg is a board member on the Charlevoix County Planning

Commission.

With sufficient wind, a 10-kilowatt turbine can generate enough energy to power one household annually, while a 5-megawatt turbine can power approximately 1,400 homes.

According to the American Wind Energy Association's Web site, some wind power generators are comparable in cost per kilowatt hour to new coal-fired and gas-fired power plants, while utility-scale wind power plants are the lowest cost of all renewable energy sources.

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Challenger celebrates 100 years of service

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

Charlevoix has its own little piece of history — if you consider a 551-foot cement carrier to be little.



Norm O'Neill

The St. Marys Challenger has been sailing the Great Lakes for more than 100 years.

And since she has been docking locally for nearly 40 years, Charlevoix is an important part of the Challenger's history.

To commemorate her 100th year of active service, on June 6 the Charlevoix Historical Society presented a "History of Cement Carrier Challenger" program.

A crowd of more than 50 gathered at the historical society's Train Depot to hear stories about the Challenger's life since her construction as Hull #17 and her launch as the William P. Snyder in 1906.

The program was presented by Norm O'Neill, manager of vessel services for St. Marys Cement Company.

"She's a good boat because of her strength," O'Neill said.

The ship was originally built as an oil carrier by the Great Lakes Engineering Works for the Shenango Furnace Company.

In 1950, ownership changes brought about a change in her engine. She was outfitted with a Skinner Marine Uniflow four-cylinder reciprocating steam engine.

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two remaining vessels still in active service on the Great Lakes with this type of engine.

"Even today, she's more efficient than any other cement handling vessel in the world," O'Neill said.

Then in 1967, Medusa Cement Company converted the ship to a cement carrier, and she was thus christened the Medusa Challenger.

The Challenger's trade routes included Charlevoix, Detroit, Chicago, Ill., Milwaukee and Manitowoc, Wis., Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio and the City of Owen Sound in Ontario Canada.

For the next 32 years, the Challenger was operated under Medusa's name.

Since then, she has been known by the name of each successive plant owner and is currently the St. Marys Challenger.

The Challenger is also a unique part of local history in that three captains of the ship, Edwin McCain, Jack Bradley and Bud Left, have lived or live in Charlevoix.

Nayfe Jabara was among those who attended O'Neill's presentation.

In the mid 1990s, Jabara won four tickets aboard the Challenger in a City of Charlevoix auction.

"It was interesting," Jabara said of the trip from Charlevoix to Owen Sound.

Jabara, a North Palm Beach,

Fla., resident and condo owner in Petoskey, took his wife and friends John and Linda Fryman.

"I think it's fascinating," he said. "How many ships on the Great Lakes can even compare? And to be steam operated at that."

Despite the ship's legendary past, O'Neill is unsure how much longer the Challenger will be in service.

The cost to keep the engine supplied with heavy oil is one problem on the Challenger's horizon.

Even though heavy oil is cheaper, the four-cylinder engine still consumes between 300 and 360 gallons an hour. The cheaper oil doesn't offset the increase in usage compared to a diesel engine, O'Neill said.

He is also concerned with the cost involved with keeping the Challenger manned. With a 26-person crew, the expenses add up.

"I would say the next few years, she'll keep going," O'Neill said. "But in the long term, I really don't know."

The historical society videotaped O'Neill's speech. Anyone who could not attend the event or wishes to watch the program again can visit the Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix for more details.

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Marlatt family celebrates life this Father's Day

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

While many fathers expect to receive breakfast in bed, homemade crafts and new tools this Sunday, local dad, Brent Marlatt, is just thankful to be alive and walking.

When the husband and father of two girls traveled home on Nov. 6, 2005, he had no idea his existence would soon undergo a drastic change.

"I was over in Atlanta, Michigan visiting relatives and working at the hunting camp," he said. "I was heading back to Charlevoix when my life was put on hold for awhile. Somebody tried to pass two vehicles in a no passing zone and I was the unlucky person on the receiving end."

Traveling at about 35 mph, Marlatt took a pounding from an SUV traveling at more than twice that speed.

"I was cruising along enjoying the moment and the next thing you know, I was wondering about the future," he said. "I suffered 13 broken bones, a number of contusions, it knocked out six of my teeth — the list of physical conditions was about seven pages long. It was pretty wild."

In spite of chronic pain and limited mobility, Marlatt is thankful and hopeful about his situation.

"I used to be a very active person, but (the accident) has limited me to a lot of things. It's tough, but I'm making the best of it," he said. "Even though I have a lot of healing to take place, I'm lucky not to have worse injuries like paralysis or closed head wounds. I'm about 60 percent based on what I used to be able to do. I did meet a number of people down in Ann Arbor who did have those injuries though, my injuries were large in number but they weren't as severe."

He added, "I'm glad to be able to do at least 60 percent of things by myself."



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Father's Day for the Marlatt family of Charlevoix is a time to celebrate life. Brent (far right) is still recovering after an automobile accident he was involved in on Nov. 6, 2005 which left him unable to walk until the middle of this winter. He is pictured above with friend of the family, Nick Gotshall, his daughter, Courtney Chamberlain and his wife, Erica Marlatt.

Marlatt was finally able to walk again by the middle of last winter and he can now move unaided by a cane or walker.

"Running is out of the question, but I would just like to be as active as I used to be with hiking and backpacking, my love of the outdoors in general," he said. "I just want to be more physical in general, like being able to do stairs again one day easily instead of one thing at a time. It's amazing all the little things you look at in life when your abilities are diminished that they are quite big."

While many people claim a renewed sense of what life is worth after a life altering experience, Marlatt said his attitude is the same as before the accident.

"I've never been one to take for granted the little things in life, but one thing for sure, if (people) have plans to do something, whether it's travel or spending time with kids, do it, because you never know when a vehicle will show up at the top of your hill. Life is uncertain. Live for the future, but also live for the present," he said.

It was his family — wife, Erica and daughters, 14-year-old Bailey and 16-

year-old Courtney, who inspired him to get better.

"It was very, very frustrating for me not to be able to contribute to the household. They took care of a lot of business and took care of me," Marlatt said. "My wife and daughters deserve a lot of credit. They did a wonderful job."

Marlatt returned to work this May at Camp Daggett where he is the adventure education director.

"I'm not doing as much physical activity as I would like, but hopefully I will be able to do that," he said. "Before in my job, I would rarely sit down, but now it's more clerical and office work than I would like."

One of the difficulties Marlatt faced due to the accident was the loss of a beloved hunting dog.

"She didn't make it, but luckily there wasn't another person with me," he said.

Now, seven months later, Marlatt must undergo physical therapy three times a week, while the driver of the other vehicle sustained only a broken leg.

"It was a poor decision. Unfortunately there were some pretty severe repercussions because of that decision," he said.

But, Marlatt refuses to focus on the negative.

"About the moment you think, 'This hurts and that hurts,' I remember how lucky I am to be here. There's a higher power that thinks I have a better purpose," he said.

Marlatt will spend this Father's Day undergoing surgery for issues related to the accident. But, he said, there are worse things he could be doing.

"There was a time when I didn't know if I would see my family again," he said. "Our holidays have kind of taken the back seat this year. Unfortunately we had other things to tend to. It was different, but we made the most of it."

"We're heading in the right direction," he added.

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ally not connected to you made me want to work with children and make a difference with them in some way," Troppman said. "My husband and I trying to have a family made us realize that each child is a unique gift from God."

Wife of Dale and mother of three, 15-year-old Garrett, 13-year-old Tyler and 12-year-old Jenna, Troppman said she will miss all the people at St. Mary.

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Atchison named county public defender

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As the consortium of four public defense attorneys in Charlevoix says good-bye to Robert Banner, they say welcome attorney Michael Atchison.

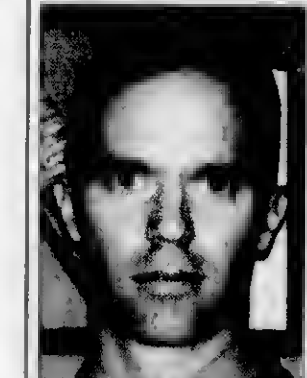
While Banner enjoyed the work he did helping defend those who could not afford an attorney, his private practice needs more attention.

"I'm just too busy to continue doing that work," Banner said. "Working as one of the four members on the consortium is very time consuming. It wasn't unusual to pick up three to four cases a week and they had to be addressed immediately."

He added, "I had to make a choice, either reduce the size of my private practice or give up being a member on the defense consortium."

In Banner's 15-plus years of practicing law, his practice, Robert Banner PC in Boyne City, has continued to grow.

"I've been spending so much time on public defender work that I've been neglecting my private stuff," he said. "It's just the right move for me at the right time."



Michael Atchison

Most of the work Banner has done with the consortium has been worthwhile and rewarding.

"It's a community service, which I get paid for, but by and large, the compensation falls short of the service that's provided," he said. "You really have to make a choice — you either have to like doing it or don't do it, because you cannot make a living at it."

He added, "People fail to realize the service that those four people provide to the (Charlevoix) county. In my opinion, those four people managing that workload keep the courts functioning. I very much enjoyed working with the other members of the consortium, they are all dedicated to what they do."

Atchison, whose official start date was June 1, joins Chris Turkelson, Kraag Lieberman and Kerry Zahner on the consortium.

Born and raised in Petoskey, Atchison, who received his law degree from Wayne State University in 1999, is an active member of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan. He said he can't wait to get to work with the consortium.

"I'm excited about it. I enjoy helping people who are experiencing serious problems in their life," Atchison said. "The work is interesting and I enjoy being in the courtroom."

He added, "I also believe that our constitutional protections and liberties have been seriously eroded over the last 30 years, and that the pendulum will only begin to swing the other way through effective representation of the accused on a case-by-case basis."

The interesting work and ability to be self-employed lured Atchison into the law profession and he said he will continue to practice privately in addition to his consortium duties.

Over the barrister's seven years in practice, he has seen the law profession from both sides.

"I enjoyed serving the good people of Charlevoix County as an assistant prosecutor, and will enjoy serving them again in this role," Atchison said. "The consortium system is a good way to ensure quality representation for everyone

who is accused of a crime, whether they can afford to hire an attorney or not."

He added, "(And,) the other three attorneys on the consortium are all excellent."

Atchison is married to Catherine and has two children, 3-year-old Ava and 2-year-old Van.



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SPORTS

Charlevoix native named MSU track director

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier



Walt Drenth

Charlevoix native Walt Drenth was named director of men's and women's cross country and track and field on June 2 at Michigan State University.

The news comes shortly after Michigan State University athletic director Ron Mason announced Drenth as the new head men's track and field coach as of May 11.

As part of his new promotion to director, Drenth oversees the hiring of coaches, deals with policy issues, coordinates schedules for both men's and women's teams, and helps decide where scholarship dollars go.

"My primary responsibility is to change the culture," he said.

By changing the culture, Drenth has plans to increase pride, give the entire program a sense of purpose and

raise expectations of the athletes both athletically and behaviorally.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how this evolves," he said.

With previous coaching jobs at Central Michigan University, William and Mary and Arizona State University, Drenth is no stranger to the field of coaching.

His credentials, acquired from

more than 20 years of collegiate coaching experience, speak for themselves.

Drenth helped Central Michigan University win three consecutive Central Collegiate Conference titles from 1987-1989.

He led the William and Mary cross country team to the District 11 championship in 1998.

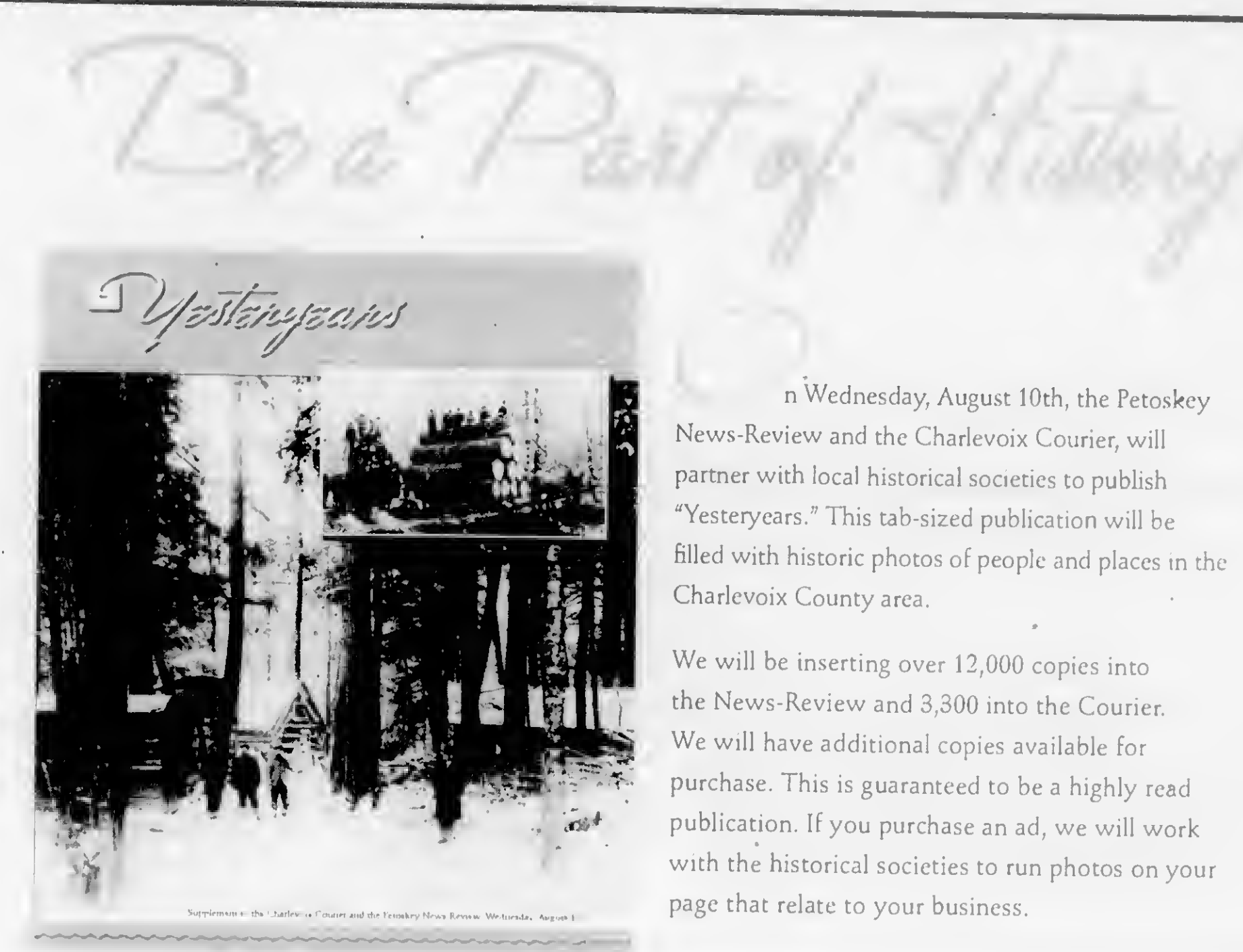
And in 1999 and 2000, Drenth was named Pac-10 Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year for his work at Arizona State University.

He attributes some of his success to the great mentors he's had in his life.

At the top of his list of influences are his parents, Bob and Maxine Drenth.

Drenth also learned a considerable amount from his assistant coaching position helping out Hal Evans and Pete Spieles at Charlevoix High School.

"I think my experience as an athlete and as a coach (at Charlevoix High School) helped me get to where I am today," he said. "You don't do it by yourself, that's for sure."



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SPORTS

Girls on the Run promotes fitness and life skills

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"They didn't know if they could do it. But they did and they were so excited to accomplish something. It was wonderful," Volovsek said. "It's a symbol that you can accomplish anything you want."

A fall program will be offered if a coach is secured. A new coach is needed to assist Wittmers with the program. Volovsek's husband, Tim Volovsek, the current chemistry teacher at Charlevoix High School, has accepted the assistant principal's position at Onsted High School and the family plans to move.

For more information about the position or registering a child for the program, call Debbie Esposito at (231) 526-8751.



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Girls on the Run members participated in three 5k runs during the spring session, two of which were a prelude to a 5k non-competitive run May 20 in Bay Harbor. Pictured at the Bay Harbor run are (from left) Lily Matchett, Emily Chapdelaine, Emily Volovsek, Abbie Romano, Mariah Zawisza, Erin Stebe, Amber Way, Hannah Fraley and Sara Seeger. Girls on the Run is an interactive running and life skills program for girls in third through fifth-grades. A session may be offered this fall. A second coach is needed.

CHS baseball team members honored



Eddie Waldron

Members of the Charlevoix High School varsity boys' baseball team were recently honored by being named to the all-conference and all-district teams.

All-conference first team members are Matt Teuscher and Eddie Waldron.



Matt Teuscher

given to Teuscher, Waldron, Logan Niswander, Shannon Gillespie and Zach Schärenbroch.

All-conference honorable mention is Cliff Jones. Jones also made the all-district team along with Teuscher and Waldron.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF SALE**

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice NINETY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$99,677.57) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, July 21, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court-house, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85 degrees 54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1 degrees 35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress

and utilities; thence continuing North 1 degrees 35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1 degrees 35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39 degrees 54'29" East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1 degrees 35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1 degrees 35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85 degrees 54'10" West 33.3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79 degrees 43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62 degrees 36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1 degrees 35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62 degrees 36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79 degrees 43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said 3 line North 85 degrees 54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0 degrees 54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: June 06, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 11, 2005, by Tamera Meadows, a/k/a Tamera Laurie, and Mark Follette, wife and husband, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 24, 2005, at Liber 668, Page 780, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$52,249.32 principal, \$998.46 interest, and \$60.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, July 14, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL 1: The South 1/4 of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 20, Township 33 North, Range 5 West.

PARCEL 2: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 29, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPT a

strip of land 30 rods wide East and West and 80 rods long North and South, off the East side.

center line to the intersection with the North eighth line; thence East along said eighth line to the point of beginning.

PARCEL 3: That part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 5 West lying on the East side of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road. EXCEPT for the following described parcel: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; thence West along the North eighth line 490 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 215 feet to an iron stake; thence West, parallel with the North eighth line, to the center line of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road (Old State Road); thence Southwesterly along said

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 7.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. D6-010971-DE**

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Area events

June 15 Golf outing

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will host a golf outing on June 15 at Ye Nye Olde Hollies, located off Ferry Road in East Jordan. Tee off time is 2:30 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. For more information, call (231) 582-7609.

June 17 Singles for Christ

"Singles For Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to its monthly dinner to take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

This is a potluck picnic, attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, table service and beverage. Those who wish to attend are asked to contact Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

June 17 Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is continuing its free weekly gardening classes on Saturday, June 17 with "Vines and Climbers." On Saturday, June 24 the class will be "New and Underused Perennials." Classes will take place at 11 a.m. To register, call (231) 599-2824 or visit www.pinehill-nursery.com. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

June 18 Father's Day Fun Fly

The public is invited to the Charlevoix Area Buffs 28th Annual Father's Day Radio Controlled Fun Fly.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 18 off Sequanota Road, just south of Ferry Road.

Flyers from other clubs will be in attendance and a radio controlled trainer will be available for those who wish to fly a radio controlled airplane. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be served.

June 20 City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wuejick at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

June 19 Vacation Bible School

The Ellsworth area churches are hosting a Vacation Bible School Fiesta from 6:15 to 9 p.m. June 19 through June 23 at the Ellsworth Elementary School.

Children age 4 through sixth-grade are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Patsy at (231) 599-2194.

June 19 Vacation Bible School

St. Marys Church is hosting Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon June 19 through June 23 at the church, located at 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

Children in preschool through fifth-grade are welcome to attend. There is no charge for this program.

For more information, call (231) 881-3528.

June 20 Retired federal employee lunch

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, June 20, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. The featured speaker will be a representative of Castle Farms of Charlevoix. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

June 21 Norwood speaker

The Norwood Area Historical Society will host a talk by Mick Smith at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 21 in the schoolhouse in the Village of Norwood. Smith's topic will be "Norwood Anecdotes and News Items." Smith is a longtime resident of the area, and is currently working on a book about Charlevoix and the surrounding area, including Norwood. For more information, e-mail josette@costolo.com.

June 22 Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children, educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

June 24 USO dance

The Beaver Island AMVETS Post #46 and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a dance to celebrate the 65th birthday of the United Services Organization (USO).

This event will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 at Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island. If you can't attend, your donation to the United Services Organization may be made by mailing a check made out to "United Services Organization" to Betty Scoggin, P.O. Box 387, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

June 24 Library book sale

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will sponsor the group's seventh annual used book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at the library, located at 109 Clinton St.

Proceeds from previous sales have purchased over 3,000 new books for the

Charlevoix Public Library.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

June 27 Tai Chi for Arthritis

A six-week session of Tai Chi for Arthritis classes begins June 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. To register, or for more information, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

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Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing

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DivorceCare for kids

DivorceCare for kids sponsored by the Community Reformed Church will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Feb. 2 at the Charlevoix Elementary School. DivorceCare is for children ages 5 to 12 whose parents are divorced or separated.

A snack is provided. Call (231) 547-9482 for more information.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

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The history will be told through photographs, documents, plaques, hands-on displays, a cutaway model of the plant, and videos, one of which features Ronald Reagan.

The exhibit will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through Labor Day weekend, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from early September through Oct. 14.

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For more information about the exhibit, call (231) 547-0373 or visit www.chxhistory.com.

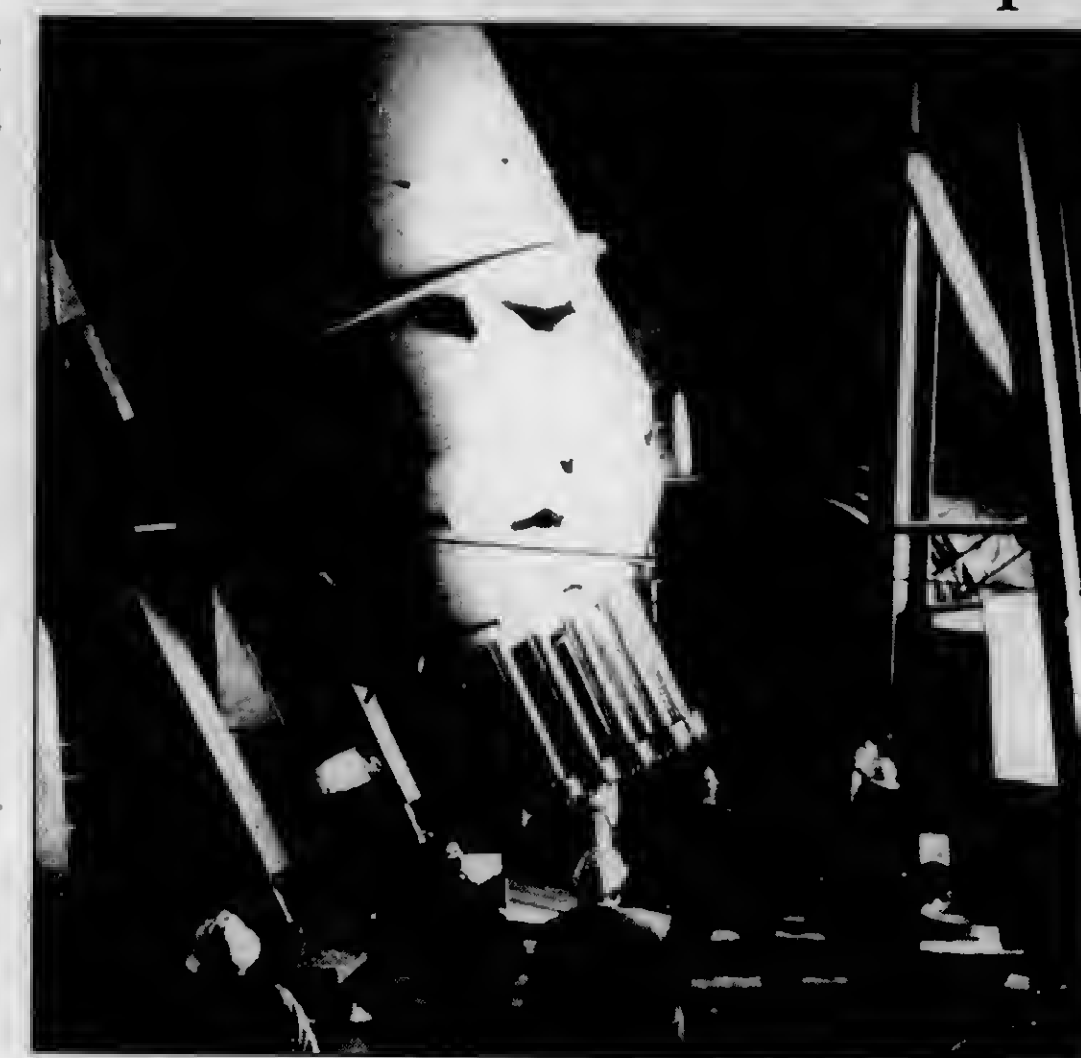


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The reactor vessel of the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant (pictured above) was installed on Feb. 9, 1962. Designed to withstand temperatures up to 650 degrees, it was 30-feet long, 9-feet wide with steel walls over 5 inches thick, and weighed 120 tons. The reactor was in service from late September 1962 to late August 1997 when the plant was shut down and decommissioned.



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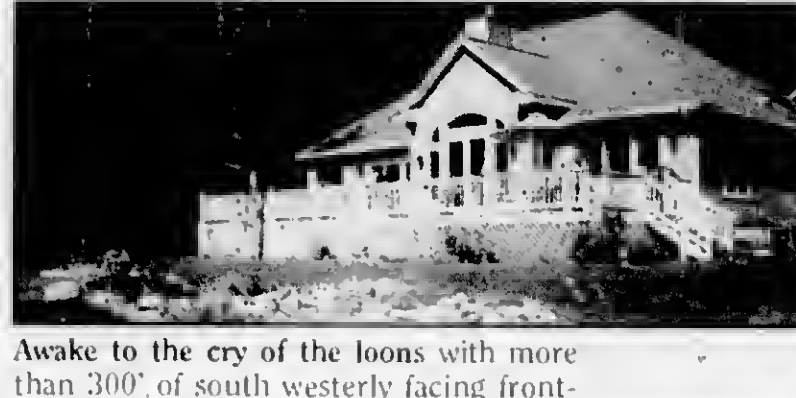
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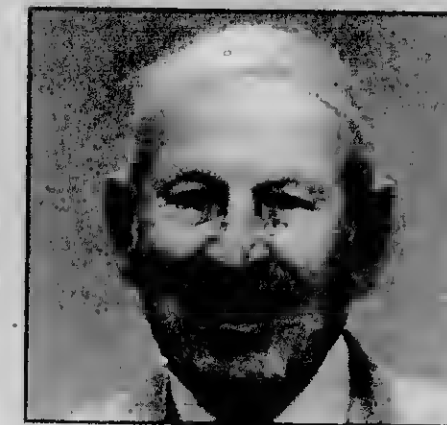
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Farewell John



John Gaskin, an active member of the community, died June 15 from health complications following a car accident.

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Illegal meeting?



A Charlevoix County meeting notice, posted in an unlocked glass case, displaying an incorrect time prompted a local man to question the legality of that day's meeting.

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Sturock top pick at Allen Park

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Dr. John Sturock

Superintendent of Charlevoix Schools, Dr. John Sturock, was recently selected as the top candidate to fill the superintendent slot at Allen Park Public Schools to be vacated by retiring superintendent, Douglas Pretty on July 31.

Sturock, who has worked in Charlevoix for eight years, is originally from Allen Park where he graduated from high school, taught industrial arts and was even the head football coach.

Sturock said, "So, when this job came open I realized that it's an opportunity that I'd never get to do again."

"There's a lot of things I'm personally involved in and number one is that Allen Park is where I grew up and worked and I know a lot of people that live down that way."

Sturock's mother and children live in and around the Allen Park area. "I mean, Charlevoix is a great place and it would certainly take a lot to get me to leave. This is probably the only job in the state that I would have applied for at this stage of the game," he said.

Sturock was selected 7-0 over Cheryl Wojas, the assistant superintendent of Port Huron Schools because of his experience.

If he accepts, Sturock will go from overseeing 1,374 students in Charlevoix to 3,700 in Allen Park.

"Now it's just a matter of work-

ing out the details," he said. "I'm assuming we'll be able to work that out in the next week, and as soon as we work out the details, we can start setting time frames of when transition would take place."

This is the second time Sturock, who currently makes \$105,794, has applied for a position as superintendent of another school system.

In May 2003, Sturock withdrew from a five-person candidate pool for a superintendent's position in St. Clair Shores while in the first round of interviews because he said the position wasn't right for him.

Wage law increases city's marina renovation costs

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Concerns from City of Charlevoix administrators about rising steel costs impacting the upcoming overhaul of Charlevoix's Municipal Marina were recently reduced to mere troubles when the reality of Michigan's Prevailing Wage Law sank in.

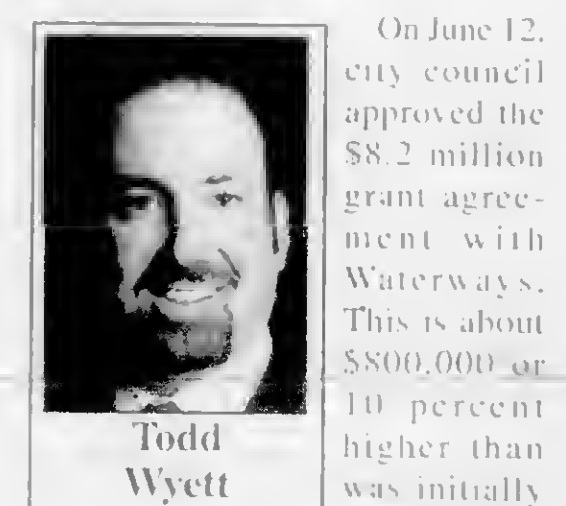
In an interview early this month with city manager Mike Wiesner he said the only looming unknown that could impact the cost of the marina project, is the price and availability of steel to be installed along the 900-foot sea wall which is scheduled to be replaced.

But on June 12, Charlevoix City Council learned an oversight in the contract with the Michigan Waterways Commission, the state body funding 75 percent of the project, could mean big money. About two weeks ago, Wiesner learned that the wage law has the potential to tack on as much as 20 percent to the \$12 million park and marina project.

According to Waterways Commission chairman, Todd Wyett, this is the first year Waterways' standard contract language includes Michigan's Prevailing Wage Law requirements.

The law covers construction workers employed on state financed or sponsored construction projects. Rates range from a deck equipment operator who would be paid \$23.28

an hour to a crane or backhoe operator, mechanic or welder who under the law must be paid \$43.28 per hour.



Todd Wyett

On June 12, city council approved the \$8.2 million grant agreement with Waterways. This is about \$800,000 or 10 percent higher than was initially budgeted. The

Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will fund most of the \$4.7 million East Park project. In a memo to city council Wiesner states that United Design Consultants, the company handling the marina design, are not concerned with the wage rate requirement as it applies to the docks and sea wall replacement.

"The piling contractor is likely to pay the state rates already. The docks are being constructed off-site so the state wage rates are not required. The work effort on site to assemble the docks would be affected by the requirement to pay higher wage rates. The project costs though would not be dramatically affected," he states.

The marina project will include replacement of the sea wall, removal

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Beau Andrew Tillotson, 26, Walloon Lake. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Brittany Jean Ward, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Serve 60 hours of community service, to attend zero tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Steven C. Murray, 23, Boyne City. Operator no license-multiple license. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Matthew Leo Hunt, 42, Swartz Creek. Child support-failure to pay. Sentenced to seven days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve seven days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$12,334.98 in fines and costs.

Melissa Jo Kondrat, 34, Petoskey. Controlled substance-obtained by fraud. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 14 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$770 in fines and costs.

Terry Lee McKay, 45, Holly. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture-narcotic or cocaine, less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; \$520 in fines and costs.

Everett Thomas Roof III, birth date unknown, East Jordan. Count one: Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 38 days, to serve 120 days in jail. Count two: License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed suspended person to operate. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 38 days, to serve 90 days in jail. Count three: Controlled substance-inducing a person to violate. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with

credit for 38 days, to serve 120 days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

A. C. E. Carpentry, 6797 Ellsworth Road, Ellsworth, by Gregory S. Waterman and Cassandra R. Gibbard

Michigan Landscapes, 1515 Clark Road, Central Lake, by Joseph M. Reedy

A & H Enterprises, 334 Hannah St., Boyne City, by Sandra K. Argue

Hart's Services, 210 Jordan St., East Jordan, by Shirley Hart

The Barber's Construction Company, 706 Division St., East Jordan, by Irvin R. Pelton Jr.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Keith Raymond McFee, 33 and Julie Elaine Fleming, 29, both of Boyne City

David Jacob Tripplehorn, 41 and Heidi Joy Lowell, 36, both of Charlevoix

Randall Keith Moore, 29 and Melissa Lynne Charbeneau, 26, both of Boyne City

Adam Jeffrey Brege, 25 of Millersburg and Heidi Marie Knapp, 31, of Charlevoix

Jason Michael Roy, 32 and Sarah Lynn Warner, 29, both of Chicago, Ill.

Jason Matthew Clontz, 27 and Amanda Rose Revitzer, 22, both of Charlevoix

William Robert Chambers III, 26 and Linda Marie Stewart, 21, both of Augusta, Ga.

Daniel James Hinton, 24 and Cammie Lynn Knehl, 21, both of East Jordan

William Norman Anderson, 54 and Anna Ruth Anderson, 44, both of Charlevoix

Ryan Lloyd Beaver, 27 and Jennifer Leigh Blissett, 23, both of Charlevoix

Births

Austin Ray Notestine weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces was born June 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chris and Shannon Notestine of Boyne City. His grandparents are Ray and Kathy Notestine of Charlevoix, Shirley Hughes of Spanaway, Wash. and Wayne Hathaway of Grand Prairie, Texas.

Kadance Marie Miller weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born June 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Josh Miller and Suzy Vrandan of Charlevoix. Her sibling is Micayle Vrandan. Her grandparents are Nora Miller of Charlevoix, Carl Miller of Barryton and Maurice and Rosemary Dixon of Charlevoix.

Her great-grandparents are Margaret Lot of Lansing and Doris Ervin of Barryton.

Landon Scott Swanson weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces was born June 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kraig and Karry Swanson of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Richard and Judy Seibert and Kevin and Barb Swanson, both of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Clifford Seibert of Wisconsin and Helen Meggison of Charlevoix.

Evan Michael Rapin weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces was born June 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Mona Rapin of Ellsworth. His sibling is Ana Irene. His grandparents are Deborah Rapin of East Jordan, Walt and Kim Rapin of East Jordan and Dennis and Pat Chapman of Ellsworth. His great-grandparents are Barbara Kimbler and the late Don Kimbler of Boyne City, Irene Phillips of Whitmore Lake and Joe and Angela Chapman of Lakeland, Fla.

Peyton Joshua Scott weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces was born June 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Josh Scott and Krystal Meredith of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Dale and Sandy Meredith and Winfield and Caytee Scott, all of Charlevoix.

Allison Renee Peters weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces was born June 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Emily Peters of Alanson. Her siblings are Zack, Brendan, Michael and Griffin. Her grandparents are George and Barb Peters of Jeddo, Terry and Karen Young of Alanson, Pat Pilg of Alanson and Kathy Pilg of Pellston. Her great-grandparents are Jack and Bev Weber of Harbor Springs, Kathleen Pilg of Omaha, Neb. and Dorothy Peters of Boyne City.

Clementine Violet Wolf-Hall weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces was born June 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joshua Hall and Sara Wolf of Boyne City. Her sibling is Gwendolyn Lily Wolf. Her grandparents are Scott and Lynn Hall and Tom and Barb Wolf, all of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Bud Neidhamer and Joe and Norma Grusczyński.

Clarification

In an article entitled, "Statewide wind turbine legislation proposed," which appeared on page 20 of the June 14 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, it was stated that Charlevoix resident Michael Buttigieg would not want to live next-door to an industrial size wind turbine due to flickering and noise. Buttigieg said under the proposed legislation, he would not want to live next-door to an industrial size wind turbine because he feels the proposed setbacks are not great enough.

Call the Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan office at (231) 347-9692 to make an appointment.

Planned Parenthood offers free HIV testing

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will offer free HIV counseling and testing on Friday, June 23 for National HIV Testing Day.

Tests will be available, subject to availability, at Planned Parenthood's health center located at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins will be accommodated if possible. Testing will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"HIV antibody counseling and testing is a critical step in one's decision to take control and responsibility over one's health," said Shelley Paulsen, Petoskey Health Center nurse practitioner.

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan offers confidential or anonymous testing. It is done orally, which means there are no needles involved.

Paulsen said while infection rates for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, are relatively low in northern Michigan, anyone having unprotected sex or sharing needles is at risk.

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City considers new funding sources for marina project

MARINA

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of the existing 17 docks which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake and replacement of those docks with a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point.

However, projects in East Park that support the marina, like the harbor master's building and other marina related infrastructure improvements, will take a major hit.

In an e-mail to Wiesner, Brian Barrick, the East Park project manager for Pollack Design and Associates of Ann Arbor, states that the city's share of the project may increase by about \$310,000 while

the state share could go up by an estimated \$540,000.

In terms of funding for the project, city treasurer Rick Brandt said it could be a big problem.

The bond request the city approved for \$5.5 million gives the city \$4.9 million after costs for bonding, to spend on the project.

"It's a problem. We went as far as we could go (with the bond). We upped it a bit so we would have a contingency. Now, we're hoping bids come in below. If not, we'll have to look at alternative financing sources," he said.

One possible source is called Act 99, a lease purchase arrangement the city used for Bridge Park when construction costs there exceeded the budgeted amount and for the airport terminal building. The city owes \$800,431 on Bridge Park and

\$146,000 for the airport terminal. The city can finance a total of \$1.8 million through Act 99 which is 1.25 percent of the city's taxable value.

"We have a cushion there but hopefully the bids will come in under what our bonding ability is," Brandt said.

While Act 99 may be used to cover the cost, Wyatt said the city may also return to Waterways for assistance.

"We will look at and evaluate it. If they present it properly I don't think they would be out of line asking for an increase. They have plenty of supporters on the Waterways Commission and I'm one of them," he said.

According to the preliminary project schedule, construction will begin with sea wall replacement preparation starting on July 23. Project bids are expected to be released soon.

Reward offered for information related to larceny from church

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor



Pastor James Green

a recent incident of grand larceny.

According to sheriff George Lasater, the reward stems from an incident that is believed to have occurred the morning of June 11. At that time, thieves broke into Bible Baptist Church, located off M-66 in Marion Township, and stole an undetermined amount of cash and checks from a safe box.

"The money that was taken, was given to God. Our people are very disturbed that anything like this could happen in Charlevoix, as

well as in a church," said James Green, pastor at Bible Baptist Church.

Lasater said details from the incident, including the amount of money taken, are not being released in an effort to secure leads.

Green said a stranger had been apprehended and escorted out of the church a week prior to the incident.

"Of course we can't speculate as to the intruder at this time, but we do know the all-seeing eyes of God know and the intruder will some day stand before him," Pastor Green added.

Those with information about the larceny are asked to contact Lasater, deputy sheriff, Jim Pettis, or deputy corporal, Chuck Vondra at (231) 547-4461.

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Time capsule buried

On Tuesday, June 13, these three Boy Scouts and a Girl Scout gingerly lowered a time capsule into a six-foot-deep hole on the grounds of the new Charlevoix Public Library. The capsule, which contains names of library, township and city officials, a Michigan quarter, Charlevoix postcards, photographs of the old libraries, library cards and articles from the Charlevoix Courier pertaining to the millage campaign for the new facility, a cell phone, an Ipod and a Charlevoix Art Fair t-shirt, is scheduled to be opened in 2056.

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Fudgie II: Top 10 reasons to visit Charlevoix

Despite the miniature heat waves in recent weeks, today is the official beginning of summer.

And with this sunny, money season comes a wave of tourists also known as those lovable fudgies.

Now, before I go any further, I'd like to clarify that this isn't an attack on fudgies — I can't take another truckload of hate mail.

Those of you familiar with last year's column, "Fudgie not a four letter word," should know this is merely a follow-up to those noble creatures.

When the editor said I should revisit the premise, I flinched. It's the middle of June and I don't have the energy for angry letters and threatening calls.

After a few scowls and angry snorts from her side of the office I was convinced it was a great idea — because I didn't have a choice in the matter.

As I schemed on ways to get back at my editor, I struggled over what to say about the geographically-challenged; they like fudge, that's a given. They're fond of khaki, straw hats and t-shirts which read, "I'm with stupid," or "My parents were abducted by aliens and all I got was this lousy t-shirt."

And, their differences don't stop there. While northern Michiganders may have

bumper stickers which read, "Git er done," and "Summer's just three months of had sledding," the hillboards on the fudgies' gargantuan, moveable living quarters read, "I break for festivals," or "My Greyhound bus is in the shop."

Just look for vanity plates like "SLEEPS50," "CAMPZILA," and "SMORES#1" attached to vehicles speeding down the northbound lane of some highway.

But these leisure seeking migrants, flush with cash on arrival, don't stay long. By August's end you'll see them on street corners, pockets inside out, pan-handling for Petoskey stones and autographed photos of the city manager. And then, like the swallows of Capistrano, they're gone until next year.

Ever in search of answers to the great mysteries in life, I compiled a list of why people flock to northern Michigan, Charlevoix in particular, each summer.

10. Fudge. I'd put it higher on the list, but c'mon, nobody travels hundreds of miles just for fudge, even the fudgies know that.

9. Clean beaches. Heck, it beats spending the dog days cheek-deep in a kiddie pool near downtown Saginaw.

8. The world's second largest cherry pie pan. Though some people become

irate when they discover the pastry was gone years ago.

7. To get on my uncle's nerves. Just ask him, he'll tell you.

6. Charlevoix is a haunt for famous people like actor Brian Dennehy and writer Ernest Hemingway. My Editor swears she once spotted Dennehy at Village Inn Pizza and Hemingway got the license for his first marriage here.

5. We're the only city, quite possibly in the world, with a mayor named "Boogie."

4. The City of Charlevoix is located on an isthmus between Lake Michigan and Round Lake, and who doesn't like saying "isthmus?" Isthmus, ladies and gentleman, isthmus. But don't say it with a mouthful of fudge, it's messy and just plain rude.

3. Petunias. Even in midsummer, when our population swells to 30,000 or so, the petunia to people ratio is like 4:1, which makes this one of the best smelling cities in Michigan. Ironically, unlike Rose City, which is overpopulated by dairy farms and smells nothing like roses.

2. Venetian. What other time of the year can you walk around town holding deep-fried bread and spun sugar without drawing dirty looks?



Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Staff writer Benjamin Gohs goes undercover for this column to discover what makes a Charlevoix tourist tick.

1. And the number one reason people flock here each summer, as told to me by an old Irish train engineer — (no, this isn't the beginning of a joke) we have the largest natural air conditioner known to man — Lake Michigan. And the town is clean, quiet and beautiful.

I couldn't have said it better myself.

Here's to you Charlevoix. May this be your best summer yet.

P.S. Last one in the water is a rotten egg.

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Soaking in the sights and sounds of summer



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

June 21 marks the beginning of summer but I already knew that without looking at the calendar.

I've already earned one parking ticket, waited 20 minutes in line for an oil change and paid my \$3 dues to cross the Ironton Ferry. Yep, summer is here and with it come bugs, baby strollers and hikers as well as tickets, tolls and tremendous traffic. I'm really not complaining even though it may sound like it. It just

takes me a little more time getting used to it when it's so quiet the remaining nine months of the year.

I need to remind myself as I side-step someone taking in the sights as I patiently walk across the bridge that I visit other small resort towns too and I'm certain they feel a bit put out by my presence in their otherwise serene surroundings.

Money spent by tourists and summer residents have a positive impact on Charlevoix the Beautiful and once in awhile I need to step back and remind myself of just that.

Without the financial support from some of our summer residents we wouldn't have the classy Charlevoix Public Library which will soon open its doors this fall. With its beautiful windows and architecture reminiscent of times past, it's a facility large enough

to house enough research books that would be the envy of any Ivy League institution.

We also wouldn't have a top notch medical facility such as Charlevoix Area Hospital. I was amazed at the new additions made available with large donations from locals but many summer residents as well. The Sleep Center attracts patients from miles away and is as comfy as a four star hotel. While caring for my father the staff in physical therapy went out of their way to provide me with items needed to keep my dad comfortable during his extended stay. I am grateful there are generous donors supporting both of these entities even though they may only live here during the summer months.

When I walk downtown, the stores both old and new seem to be attracting visitors and locals alike. Hopefully, this will be a booming summer to keep

Charlevoix merchants out of the red. The addition of the deck at the Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant has brought in flocks of individuals looking for excellent dining with a view. The recent remodeling and adding space to the downstairs area will make it especially appealing for weddings and large gatherings. I hope this thought process continues.

As I walk the shores of Lake Michigan and dip my hand in to test the water temperature, I am always in awe at how clean it is and how beautiful the shoreline appears next to the texture of pine trees and bright blue sky. I again remind myself that I am lucky to live in such a pristine area and have such excellent facilities so close at hand.

So I'll try not complaining when I have to wait a little longer to cross the bridge, pay for groceries, or stand in line at the Post Office. After all, it's summer

and this is what it's all about. I had to chuckle this morning as Linda Wertz was taking her morning stroll and passed our home. She paused for a brief moment and took in her surroundings — a beautiful blue, clear northern Michigan sky and grass as green as turf. She turned to me and said, "I can't believe I live here," which she then followed up with, "I say the same thing in the winter but the inflection it quite a bit different." We agreed and we went on with our day but the thought didn't leave me right away. She's right, and I knew exactly what she meant.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. Her column, "A look at life," appears first and third Wednesdays of the month. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

'Thank you' school staff
Editor:

This is an open letter to thank the teachers, administrators, staff, support staff and everyone involved in the Charlevoix Public School system. My three sons have been raised and educated in this special Charlevoix community. With my youngest graduating this week, I have been reflecting on the past 20 years of collaboration with you on their education.

I have been blessed with bright and healthy kids. We have gone through the many trials of adolescence with exhilarating ups, and excruciating downs. Joys and sorrows are the constant companions of any parent. Raising kids is not for the timid.

The point is that I have felt consistently welcome whenever I have come to you for help. Your reassurance, partnership, understanding and flexibility regarding my boys helped present a caring, united effort in their lives. Many of you have gone far out of your way to lend a hand during especially difficult times. I appreciate your support and advice more than you can ever know.

I know from my brief opportunities observing, volunteering or working in the schools what an enormous job you do and how little appreciation you receive. If all you had to do was educate, by that I mean the actual reading, writing and arithmetic information, I think that is great enough challenge in itself. Of course, more and more is expected as each year goes by. The state, parents, the community, business leaders and others all have their own agendas. You are also expected to teach self-respect, respect for others, self-discipline, basic manners and hygiene, appropriate social

interaction, nutrition, physical health, responsibility, consistency. Need I go on? The amazing thing to me is that so many of you are willing to stand in as mentors, sometimes even surrogate parents, to a great many kids who are in need.

Was all that in your job description?

I am so very proud of my young men and how they have matured. You have played an important part in their development and I thank you for that. I really just want to tell you that what you do is appreciated, that your efforts are noticed, and that your dedication is truly inspiring.

Linda Jelinek
Charlevoix

'Thank you' hospice supporters
Editor:

On June 2 Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.) sponsored another successful benefit auction using the theme, "An Evening In Camelot with Hospice of Northwest Michigan." A sincere thank you to all the artists, crafters and businesses in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties who donated to the auction. I want to thank all of the volunteers, especially those of Hospice of Northwest Michigan and its board of directors.

This is our major fund-raising event for the year and many others should be thanked personally for their generosity. Thank you to all who attended and made generous bids. Your support allows us to continue to provide volunteer and grief and bereavement services to those in our communities. Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan

Community Health Agency, provides a comprehensive hospice program to those with a life-limiting illness. We are very grateful to all of the people who supported us, in any way, that evening.

Patricia A. Johnson
Volunteer administrator
Hospice of Northwest Michigan

Cost of prosecuting vandals
Editor:

I believe the coverage of the current legal difficulties encountered by the Charlevoix High School students, needs to be expanded. As Paul Harvey would say, "The other part of the story," I, like most other area individuals, was appalled that graduating students would show their appreciation to their town and school by committing vandalism. I had read initially that the graduates involved would not be allowed to walk at the graduation. Then, I heard a rumor that "Because of who they are" they would be walking at graduation. Then I read about the arrests.

Since restitution was offered and rejected by the school system, it appears to me that this is a vindictive effort to persecute these particular young people in a misguided effort to prevent future graduation pranks. These students went into the school to move furniture around. My understanding is there is very little actual damage and most of the cost is in rekeying the locks.

Should these young people be punished? You bet. Should they have to do community service to pay back the damage? You bet. Should their parents have to pay for any and all damages? You bet. Do we the taxpayers really want to pay the cost for 14

or more separate prosecutions to send our recent graduates into the world as criminals? I don't think so.

Wes Westhoven
Ellsworth

Fond farewell to Troppmans
Editor:

It was with genuine regret that we learned of Janet and Dale Troppman's plans to leave Charlevoix for Traverse City.

A Charlevoix Courier article drew an inspiring portrait of Janet, retiring principal of St. Mary School, and her encompassing love for children.

Praise should also be heaped on Dale for his role in the completion of the community indoor pool. At a point in the early 1990s with the pool project temporarily stalled for lack of a contractor, Dale came to the rescue by volunteering his engineering skills to supervise construction.

He gave uncounted hours to this project which has become such a boon to the community. Children, especially the mentally and physically handicapped, are the greatest beneficiaries of his dedication.

Along with many others in Charlevoix, we are grateful to Janet and Dale and join in saying a heartfelt "thank you." Truly, they will be missed.

Bruce and Barbara MacArthur
Charlevoix

Wind energy

Editor:

I had the good fortune this week to listen to a technical paper by professor Angus Rockett of the University of Illinois on "Photovoltaic technologies options and implementation." Although his major thrust was solar

energy conversion, he had a very credible assessment of most of the other energy sources including: biomass, wind, coal, gas and nuclear. I'll touch here only on the renewable sources of biomass, wind and solar. He showed maps of how much land area would be required by each of these to provide all of the U.S. energy needs. In the case of biomass, he showed that it would require half the world. For wind generation, he showed that an area about the size of North and South Dakota was needed. For solar energy, it needed only the area of Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. I was encouraged by the prospect of being able to cover all of our energy needs with these renewable sources, and to not be dependent on any foreign sources of energy.

With respect to wind turbines, in crossing Germany last September, I was impressed with the fact that large turbines, of the type we have in Mackinaw City, were all over the countryside, and the locals are happy with that. I was told this week that they love them in the Netherlands. I said, "Well, that's logical, it is part of their tradition." But I was told that they like them because they see energy being harvested without needing oil. A gentleman from Denmark said they put most of their turbines off shore, over the water.

We have heard a lot of arguments against wind turbines as being unsightly and hazardous because they are tall. However, I have not heard those kind of arguments against cell phone towers which already pave our countryside and have the same characteristics.

Ron Willey
Charlevoix

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Engagement

Gibbard — Waterman



Cassie Gibbard and Greg Waterman of Ellsworth are announcing their engagement and plans for an Aug. 5 wedding at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan.

Cassie is the daughter of Gale Thorman of Kalamazoo. She is employed by Bill Gengle Insurance Agency in Charlevoix.

Greg is the son of Charles and Peg Waterman of Kalkaska and Linda and Lou Rogalmer of Eastlake, Ohio.

Andy Tuck to perform at free chamber orchestra concert June 25

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform a free summer concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 25 at Castle Farms, located off M-66 just outside of Charlevoix.

According to Dale Hull, executive director of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, "Castle Farms is one of the more elegant and historically significant concert venues in northern Michigan. We are privileged to be invited by the Mueller's of Castle Farms to perform this free concert."

The performance will feature works by Grieg, Vivaldi, Rosau, as well as a Concerto for Two Violas and Orchestra by Wranitsky. The solo elements in the viola concerto will be performed by Charlevoix's own Andy Tuck, the young virtuoso who began his short but exciting career on the viola with the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Beginning Strings program just six years ago.

Tuck is about to enter his second full year at Interlochen Arts Academy where he studies under David Holland

who will play the other viola in the Concerto for Two Violas.

Fortunately, he has again been awarded a scholarship for another academic year. Members of the community are collecting the \$14,000 necessary to cover the difference between the cost of a year at Interlochen and the scholarship.

Contributions may be made by sending a check to Crooked Tree Arts Center, 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, MI 49770, making a note on the memo line that it is for Andy Tuck.

Ian Sullivan will perform the Marimba Concerto by Rosau. Sullivan is 17 years old. He graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy in May 2006, winning the Fine Arts Award in Percussion and also honored

as a Concerto Contest Award Winner for 2005-2006. This year, Sullivan was also awarded the Arts Merit Award in Percussion by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts.

The performance of Vivaldi's Concerto for Piccolo and Orchestra will feature Nancy Stagnitta, the virtuoso flute and piccolo performer who teaches at Interlochen Arts Academy.

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Golden anniversary

Rudolph and Virginia Scharschmidt



Rudolph and Virginia (Smith) Scharschmidt of Charlevoix celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 16.

They were married June 16, 1956, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. Rudolph is a retired food technologist with General Foods and Virginia is a retired preschool director. They resided in Modesto, Calif., until moving to Charlevoix in 1999.

The Scharschmidts have three



daughters, Cynthia Morrison and her husband, Dave, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Kara LaRossa and her husband, Joe, of Fallbrook, Calif.; and Melinda Hollis and her husband, Dave, of East Grand Rapids. They also have four grandchildren, Sara and Anthony LaRossa and Jack and Ruby Hollis.

Mr. and Mrs. Scharschmidt will celebrate their golden anniversary in July with their children and grandchildren.

Gospelmen Quartet to perform July 2 at Church of the Nazarene

The Gospelmen Quartet will be in concert at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 2.

Originating from Genesee, The Gospelmen are a gospel quartet with a southern flavor.

There will be a free will offering received for the quartet. A refreshment fellowship time will follow the concert.

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene is located at 12023 Waller Road.

For more information, call (231) 547-5711.

Preservation society's annual meeting to focus on Ironton

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society annual meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 26 at the Eveline Township Hall, located at 08525 Ferry Road in East Jordan.

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society president, Carol Goodenough, will lead a program entitled "The History of Ironton and the Ironton Ferry." The program will include a slide presentation, prepared by Robert Morgridge as an introduction to a book being completed highlighting Ironton and the surrounding area. Books are also being written on Eveline Township and Advance.

Those with information on these areas are encouraged to attend the meeting and share their stories and memorabilia. Interviews will be conducted throughout the summer with those having personal knowledge of the area.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Goodenough at (231) 582-7042.



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Four generations of Ormsbys

Four generations of the Ormsby family recently gathered following the births of twins. Logan Chase Strozewski weighing 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and Gavin Connor Strozewski weighing 5 pounds, 7 ounces were born May 16 to Rich and Sara Strozewski of Richmond. Their grandparents are Terry and Ellen Ormsby of Shelby Township and Richard and Peggy Strozewski of Quincy. Their great-grandparents are Bill and Shirley Ormsby and Clyde Cunningham of Charlevoix. Pictured above are (front, from left) Rich and Sara Strozewski holding their children, Logan and Gavin and (back, from left) Bill, Shirley, Ellen and Terry Ormsby.

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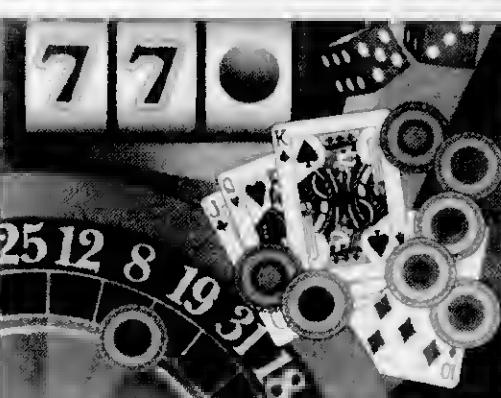
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Obituaries

Clara Lou Glenny: July 3, 1924 - May 28, 2006

Clara Lou Glenny, 81, of Bellaire, beloved wife of Dr. Wilmer C. Glenny, passed away Sunday, May 28, at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.

Clara Lou was born on July 3, 1924 in Rockford, Ill., the daughter of Charles and Gertrude Stiles.

She attended Rockford College and at 19 became a World War II bride, working at home for the war effort while husband Bill was serving our country overseas. The couple celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in March.

Clara Lou was an avid reader, world traveler, bridge player, and concert cellist. She took an interest in general

ogy and loved music. For years, Clara Lou handled the bookkeeping for Bill's medical practice. She was a dedicated member of the Bellaire United Methodist Church and Bellaire's Literary Club. She was a past member of the BPW, Meadowbrook Hospital Auxiliary, Eastern Star and Traverse City Symphony Orchestra.

Clara Lou will be lovingly remembered for her great love of family and friends, her giving spirit and her wonderful sense of humor.

In addition to her husband Bill, surviving are her brother, Richard; daughters, Karen (Bob) Joslyn, Barbara (Tom) Naumes, Mary Beth (Mark) Arwady and son Jeffrey

(Kate) Glenny; grandchildren, Wendy (Derek) Pilling, Rob Joslyn, Bryan and Scott Naumes, Bethany Wissner and Grace and Charlie Glenny; and great granddaughters Sophia and Anna Pilling.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Dorothy and Carolyn; and brother, David.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 2 at the Bellaire United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name can be sent to: The Bellaire United Methodist Church or the Antrim County Commission on Aging (COA), P.O. Box 614, Bellaire, MI 49615.

Jack Schoof: July 30, 1926 - June 12, 2006

Jack F. Schoof, 79, of Charlevoix, died on June 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born on July 30, 1926 in Plymouth, the son of Norman and Myrtle (Greenman) Schoof.

Jack earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Michigan State University then went on to earn his Ph.D. at Ohio University. He was a college art professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for 25 years and also taught at State University of New York in Plattsburgh, New York.

After living in Wisconsin for many years, he moved to Charlevoix in 1996.

He loved to travel, enjoyed fine arts, flower gardening, reading and quilting.

On June 14, 1958 in Villa Park, Ill., he married Alice (Thomas) Schoof who preceded him in death on March 23, 2006.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, Robert Schoof, and his parents.

He is survived by two daughters, Barbara (Mark) Kwasny of Columbus,

Ohio, and Martha (Stanley) Kupka of Charlevoix; a sister Helen (Max) Richards of Bellaire; and three grandchildren, Samantha Kupka, Katie Kwasny and Michael Kwasny.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 24 at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Nancy Rohde will officiate. Interment will take place in Lakeview Cemetery in Bellaire.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Kenneth Balch Sr.: Aug. 1, 1916 - June 14, 2006

Kenneth A. Balch Sr., passed away on June 14, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Ken was born Aug. 1, 1916, to Albert and Mary (Dixon) Balch in Marion Township.

On Oct. 17, 1936, he married Edith M. O'Neill and they lived their entire married life in Charlevoix.

Ken retired from the Charlevoix County Road Commission in 1978 after 31 years of service. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting

and fishing. He also enjoyed camping, gardening and following the local and state sports teams.

Ken was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps effort during World War II and enjoyed meeting with fellow Civilian Conservation Corps members in his later years. He was also a member of the Barnard Grange.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years; sons, Kenneth Jr. (Kaye), Ronald (Deanne) and Garry (Teresa); five grandchildren; and six great-

grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Archie; and sisters, Reta, Florence, Flossie and Ethel.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. James Mort will officiate. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

The family asks that donations to Ken's memory be made to a charitable organization of choice.

Peter Joyce: March 10, 1919 - June 17, 2006

Peter L. Joyce, 87, of Charlevoix, died on Saturday, June 17, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

A funeral will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, at the Community Church of God in Charlevoix. The Rev. Neil Turner will officiate and interment will be in Brookside Cemetery.

Pete was born March 10, 1919, in New Bedford, Mass., the son of Peter and Alta (Loper) Joyce. He attended local country schools in the Charlevoix area, before attending high school in Clio, and

completing Pontiac Motor Trade School in Pontiac.

Pete was a sergeant in the U.S. Army and served during World War II. On April 20, 1946, he married the former Elsie M. Hilton in Charlevoix. They made their home in Pontiac, where Pete was employed by Pontiac Motor Company as a tool and die maker.

He and Elsie retired to Charlevoix in 1977. Pete was a member of the Community Church of God in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife,

Elsie of Charlevoix; sons, Donald Lee (Brenda) Joyce of Columbia, Tenn. and Dennis Allen Joyce of Ortonville; daughter, Alta Walker of Pontiac; three grandchildren, Jennifer, Mike and Mark; and two great-grandchildren, Abigail and Caden.

Friends may meet the family from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Church of God.

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Car accident claims the life of John Gaskin



By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Charlevoix resident John Gaskin spent the morning of June 15 with his wife Pat performing the couple's summer ritual, preparing a flat of strawberries for freezing.

As he set out that afternoon to buy his favorite edibles from Cross Fisheries he had no idea it would be his final tour around town.

"The circumstances were so sudden. He just deserved better than that, we all did. He's going to be sorely missed all over town," said Dave Miles, Gaskin's close friend and co-director of the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum.

Gaskin, 91, died June 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital from internal injuries he sustained in a traffic accident he was involved in at around 3:45 p.m. that day.

As Pat arrived at her husband's bedside, just before he succumbed to his injuries, she whispered, "I'm here."

He responded, "I knew you would be."

"I couldn't have asked for any more of an opportunity to be with him at a time of need and ending," she said.

Gaskin was driving his 1995 Buick Park Avenue and turned left onto M-66 from the Charlevoix Estates driveway into the path of Claudia Libbey, 57, of East Jordan, who was traveling south on M-66 in a 2001 Ford Taurus.

Libbey wasn't injured. But the crash resulted in full impact to the driver's side of Gaskin's vehicle and his death.

The next morning, at 6:30 a.m. Pat, who usually isn't an early riser woke and peered out the back window of the Gaskin home. A bright, red sun broke through the clouds at that moment.

"It was triumphant. I could hear John, 'I'm here,'" she said. "The material circumstances don't matter. It was his time. He'll always be with us — the inspiration he gave us, his zest for life, his determination to keep doing — I know we'll go on with a lot

of grace. He always said, 'I have no regrets about my life.' I can say that with him and for him."

Gaskin was born on Sept. 1, 1914 in Charlevoix to James and Constance (Iddings) Gaskin. His grandfather, Harvey Lee Iddings, was the first mayor of the City of Charlevoix. Iddings was in office from 1905-1907.

His full life included service with the United States Coast Guard during World War II and a successful professional career as owner and operator of Arrow Saw and Tree in the greater Detroit area. He marched during the 2006 Memorial Day parade and stood at attention during the lengthy decommissioning ceremony of the Coast Guard cutter Acacia early this month.

While he spent many years in the Detroit area, since returning to Charlevoix in 1981, Gaskin has made immeasurable community contributions.

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Obituary

John Gaskin: Sept. 1, 1914 - June 15, 2006

John Iddings Gaskin, 91, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, June 15, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

John was born on Sept. 1, 1914, in Charlevoix to James W. and Constance (Iddings) Gaskin. He served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. In June 1940, he married the former Ruth M. Rolston, and she preceded him in death in 1979. John married Patricia M. MacKenna on March 22, 1979 in Franklin and they made their home in Royal Oak.

A lifelong salesman, John owned and operated Arrow Saw and Tree in the greater Detroit area. He and Pat returned to Charlevoix 1981, where he became involved in community life. John was a member of the Christian Science Church; past president of the Charlevoix Historical Society; charter member of the "Crunkin T's" — Model T Ford Club International, the Michigan Antique Arms and Ohio Gun Collectors; a member of the Charlevoix Lions Club; Charlevoix Yacht Club; Three Fires Muzzle Loaders; and Friends of Greenfield Village.

John is survived by his wife, Patricia of Charlevoix; brothers, Peter L. (Charlene M.) Gaskin of Charlevoix and Edward Harvey Hills of Albany, N.Y.; sister, Helen K. Gaskin of Royal Oak; nephews, Jamie Gaskin and Jonathan Hills; nieces, Cheryl Patterson, Robin Hills, Heidi Hatton and Tracey Hills.

A Christian Science memorial service took place on Sunday, June

18, at the Greensky Hill United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Science

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The proposed amendments are outlined as follows:

- Amendment to delete Section 5.194, Dwellings in Nonresidential District
- Amendment to delete Section 5.222, Restoration and Repair
- Amendment to Section 5.225, to eliminate text "provided the cost of such work shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the true cash value of such building at the time such work is done."
- Amendment to Sections 5.225 adding the text "damaged by fire, wind, an act of God or criminal act"
- Amendment to renumber Section 5.225 to Section 5.222.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Planner/Zoning Administrator's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planner's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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Friends say goodbye to ardent historical society supporter

GASKIN

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Many knew him well for his involvement with the Charlevoix Historical Society where he was a life member and a past president. Over the past four years, he went door-to-door selling calendars packed with historic photos to help fund society projects.

"He was one of the best and most staunch supporters we've (the society) ever had," Miles said. "For a man his age he was phenomenal. His mind was sharp, he was enthusiastic and he loved people. You don't really know how much you are going to miss someone until they're gone."

In August 2005 Gaskin donated a framed picture of Iddings kicking off the mayoral gallery to be hung in council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall.

With his nine decades of knowledge about Charlevoix and a unique ability to restore artifacts, he also contributed to the wealth of information available to the community.

Gaskin restored the railroad express cart at the Depot Museum and in November 2005 steered a project to display the historic significance of the bridge over the Pine River Channel.

Due in part to his efforts, Hoffman Park, located just half a block from

downtown off of Park Avenue, now commemorates the rich history of the bridge by displaying some pieces of its past.

Gaskin's contribution is a bridge key comprised of a 16-foot oak handle and a four-and-a-half foot steel shaft. It was used for bridge number three, the first swing bridge, built in 1879 and operated until 1899. It took two people to turn the key and bridge number three took eight minutes to open and close.

Gaskin was also a key player in the revitalization of the Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission. Other organizations in which he was a member include the Christian Science Church; the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom; the "Crunkun T's" - Model T Ford Club International; the Michigan Antique Arms and Ohio Gun Collectors; the Charlevoix Lions Club; the Charlevoix Yacht Club; Three Fires Muzzle Loaders; and Friends of Greenfield Village.

A Christian Science memorial service in his honor took place on Sunday, June 18, at the Greensky Hill United Methodist Church.

Pat said when winter comes she may consider following through with the couple's plan to move to Virginia. But for now, she said she feels blessed to be in Charlevoix, where the community has reached out to her in a number of cherished ways in the wake of her husband's death.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Farewell Ardeth

Former Charlevoix Public School Board member, Ardeth Wieland (right), ends nearly 32 years of service by saying goodbye to well-wishers at the close of the Monday, June 12 school board meeting. Wieland opted not to run in the May 2 election due to health reasons.

Waltonen pleads to drug and prostitution charges

Criminal sexual conduct charges could still be handed down

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



Lloyd Waltonen

Arrested in February, 42-year-old, Lloyd Waltonen of Charlevoix pled to five charges on Thursday, June 15.

According to chief assistant Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara, Waltonen pled to five charges in all.

"He pled to two counts of delivery of oxycontin, which are 20-year felonies, he also pled to attempted maintaining a drug house, which is a one year, attempted eavesdropping, installing a device, which is a one year for video taping (the alleged victims) and prostitution, which is a 90-day misdemeanor," she said. "The reason that we offered a plea this close to trial was to eliminate the victims and witnesses hav-

ing to testify twice."

Fanara added, "I didn't want the victims or witnesses to have to go through that. It's hard enough to go through it once, but to have to do it twice is definitely not fair."

Waltonen was originally charged with four felony counts of delivery of drugs, each of which carry possible 20-year prison terms, four felony counts of maintaining a drug house, each of which carry two-year possible prison sentences, four misdemeanor counts of prostitution and one felony count of eavesdropping with a video, which carries a possible five-year prison sentence.

According to summaries of testimony by two women in an affidavit of probable cause given by to Charlevoix County Sheriff's detective corporal Chuck Vondra,

"The reason that we offered a plea this close to trial was to eliminate the victims and witnesses having to testify twice."

Shaynee Fanara,
Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor

Waltonen forced oral and vaginal sex in exchange for oxycontin and methadone.

A search warrant executed at Waltonen's residence on Feb. 9 resulted in seizure of pill bottles labeled Lloyd Waltonen containing methadone, oxycodone, amphetamines and Adderall XR pills.

Waltonen is scheduled to be sentenced on June 30.

While Waltonen received a plea deal on the former charges, Fanara said this will in no way limit the prosecutor's office from going forward with possible criminal sexual conduct charges if the court of appeals finds in their favor.

Circuit Court Judge, Richard Pajtas originally quashed four, first-degree criminal sexual con-

duct charges which were appealed by Fanara on April 13 when she filed an objection and a motion to reconsider.

Pajtas then issued an April 19 order denying the chief assistant's motion for reconsideration.

"The issue presented to the court in the defendant's motion to quash is whether or not criminal sexual conduct can be charged where a person engages in consensual sexual intercourse in exchange for illegal drugs," Pajtas stated in the order. "The answer is obvious. There can be no criminal sexual conduct where the sexual conduct is between two consenting adults."

Pajtas, in his order, further stated,

"This court has reviewed the entire preliminary examination transcript. The complainant's testimony was unequivocal that while she didn't desire to have sex, she voluntarily did so to obtain illegal drugs. While there may be probable cause to charge the supplier of the drugs with prostitution, he or she does not commit CSC first degree," he states in the order denying reconsideration. Waltonen is being held in Charlevoix County Jail with bond set at \$50,000.

He was charged as a habitual offender for two prior felony convictions from the early 1990s when he was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon and a felony firearm violation. This means if found guilty of these charges he could face twice the maximum sentence prescribed.

Fanara awaits a decision from the court of appeals on the alleged criminal sexual conduct aspect of the case.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, June 12, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members present except Council members Haggard and Campbell.

The following proceedings took place:

- Resolution adopted to approve Resolution 2006-06-04, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways commission, Waterways Grant Funding.

Council adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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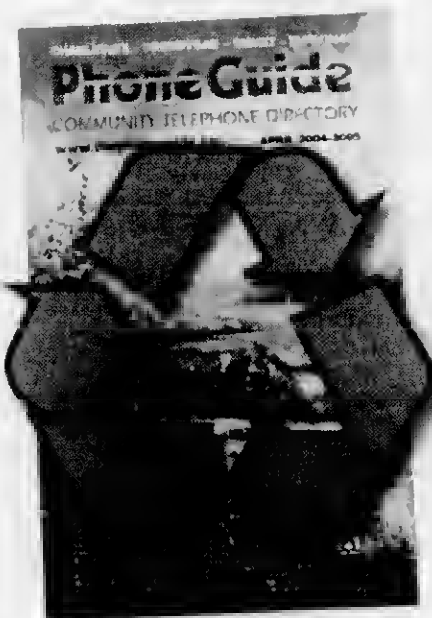
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Legality of commission meeting questioned

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Unofficial watchdog of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, Boh Taylor, scrutinizes, aids and forewarns them to avoid potential violations.

During the May 10 meeting of the board, Taylor, a concerned Bay Township resident, cautioned the board on properly posted and upheld meeting times — 12 days later, an incorrect meeting time of 7 p.m. was published in the Petoskey News-Review for the June 14 meeting which actually took place at 3 p.m.

"I told them the requirements during the (May 10) meeting," Taylor said.

During the June 14 meeting, Taylor identified an incorrect time posted on the county building and challenged the legality of that day's meeting.

Sixth District Commissioner, Shirley Roloff and chairman of the board, Vic Patrick, followed Taylor to witness the notice which stated, "Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m."

"(First District Commissioner) Connie Saltonstall is my representative for district one in Bay Township and I was hopeful that she would pursue this issue in order to get the postings proper," Taylor said. "I would have felt better if she would've at least gone out and checked the posting and shown more interest."

Taylor added, "(County Clerk) Jane Brannon has ignored this information and so has the county commission, and I believe there is intent here because they were notified at the same time what had to be done to properly post the meeting information."

According to Brannon, a correct committee meeting roster is located in a locked case in a conspicuous place in the county building.

"It's on the county's Web site and it's published, normally, in five newspapers," she said. "It's not like they're (board) trying to hold secret meetings."

Brannon, who wasn't aware of the incorrect time posted in the Petoskey News-Review, said she isn't too worried about the outcome of this event.

"It's not like it wasn't posted at all," she said. "But Mr. Taylor, of course, is ever studious on the law and ever sure about it, I'm sure he will find something."

When you're dealing with the volume of notices her office does, it's not out of the ordinary to make mistakes once in awhile, Brannon said. "When you type over things it can happen. Sometimes a date is wrong. Sometimes a time is wrong. But it's not done on purpose," she said.

Saltonstall, who said she did respond to Taylor during the meeting, alerted Patrick and the clerk's office as soon as she realized the time was incorrect.

"On June 7, we took that notice down to the clerk's office and nobody took responsibility for how that notice got up and why it was wrong. We assumed the clerk's office would correct it," Saltonstall said. "There was no malice involved. We weren't trying to, as the News-Review said, (pull) 'Shenanigans.'"

She added, "(There were) important issues that went on at our meeting and for the newspaper to only cover 'the mistake' is unfair to the commissioners and the public. I think the (Thursday, June 15 News-Review) headline 'Illegal Meeting?' was unfair."

Saltonstall, who said she will do anything she can to maintain proper meetings, said, in context, this isn't as big of a deal as some are making it out to be.

"I was told that, because it (incorrect time) wasn't deliberate, the meeting did not have to be redone," she said. "If you'll notice, everyone seemed to be at the meeting, so somehow he (Taylor) found out the meeting was at three o'clock."

Taylor said he hopes to see Saltonstall and the other commissioners work toward correcting this issue for the benefit of the public.

"They've had meetings in the past that were canceled at the last minute because they were not properly posted," Taylor said. "I let them know how they should be posted and no action was taken by the county board of commissioners."

He added, "I've talked to the prosecuting attorney's office on this issue as well as others and he is waiting for me to file a letter with him on what we need to do to correct these issues."



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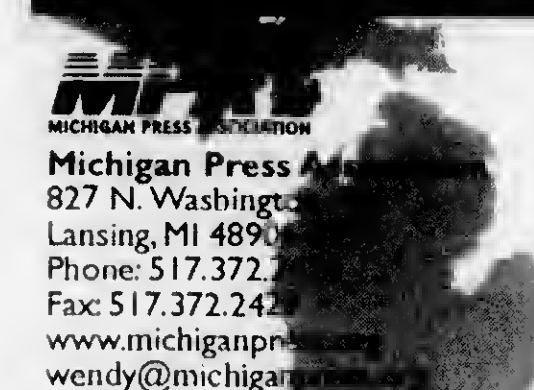
Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has cancelled their regular monthly meeting that was to be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioner's Room, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Jane F. Brannon,
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Lions Club announces scholarship winners

On Monday, June 12, three of five college-bound winners of the Charlevoix Lions Club's annual youth scholarships were honored guests of the club's meeting at the Weatherlane Restaurant.

Winners of the two Stewart "Irish" E. Coleman Scholarships for outstanding student-athletes are Sally Haselschwardt, who will attend the University of Michigan and Matthew Novotny, who will attend Western Michigan University.



Sally Haselschwardt

The two Don Meggison Community Service Award winners are Shannon Dibble and Nathaniel Sotuyo.



Matthew Novotny

The Lions in attendance applauded when Charlevoix High School principal Gary Grundman recounted the near perfect classroom records of each of the five honorees.

Charlevoix Junior Golf League executive director, Dean Davenport described the impressive golfing career of Parker over his eight years in the youth golf program.

Then, Haselschwardt, Novotny and Parker gave short presentations on their future plans and answered club-member questions about the activities that lead to their selection.



Nathaniel Sotuyo

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Benefit dinner planned for Harmon children

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix residents Reva Scott and Robert Harmon are facing the greatest challenge parents can endure, a 1-year-old daughter suffering from multiple ailments and a 3-year-old son diagnosed with lymphoma.

Scott fought back tears as she spoke June 16 from a rest stop on her way home from the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

"It sears you to death. It's your children and there's nothing you can do to help them," the 23-year-old mother of two said. "We've done a lot of crying and a lot of praying."

Her daughter, Meghan Harmon was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid within cavities of the brain.

"She's really happy. She goes to physical and occupational therapy each week. Her life's different but socially she's doing great. Doctors are hopeful some day she'll learn to walk," Scott said.

Now, 14 months after Meghan's birth, as the couple has become accustomed to caring for her, they've been met with Troy's diagnosis of lymphoma.

After Scott began noticing the lymph nodes in her son's body were all abnormally swollen, testing confirmed her greatest fear, her son has cancer. Troy underwent surgery to remove two lymph nodes in his neck on May 25 at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

"The doctors are hopeful so that's reassuring. They (doctors) think it's (the prognosis) pretty good. He's so

young and active and it's not to his spleen yet and from there it spreads rapidly. The surgery could be all it takes," she said.

However, more testing is needed and the trips to and from Ann Arbor continue to produce medical and travel bills beyond the family's means.

Scott, is a certified nurse's aid at Boulder Park Terrace. The children are covered by her Priority Health medical insurance plan. The children's father, Robert, is a maintenance worker at Charlevoix McDonalds.

A group of supporters, including Charlevoix business owner Mary Faculak and Boulder Park Terrace admission coordinator, Danielle Clark, have organized a spaghetti dinner benefit for the family.

Faculak, whose mother is a Boulder Park Terrace resident, said this of Scott. "She's an inspiration to all of us. With all she has on her plate, when she's at work, her compassion and care for her patients is phenomenal. She's an example for everyone she comes in contact with."

The event will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 29 at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located off Norwood Road. The menu will include salad, bread, spaghetti and dessert. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Scott is touched by the efforts of her friends and co-workers.

"Here, the community pulls together when people have problems. The atmosphere is beautiful and the people are really caring. It's nice to know there are still some people out there that care about other people," she said.



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

A benefit dinner is being planned for the children of Reva Scott (center). Her daughter, Meghan Harmon (right) was born 14 months ago afflicted with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Her son, 3-year-old Troy Harmon (left), was recently diagnosed with lymphoma.

Those that cannot attend but would like to offer the family support can do so by sending donations payable to Reva Scott Children's Benefit Fund, Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State St. Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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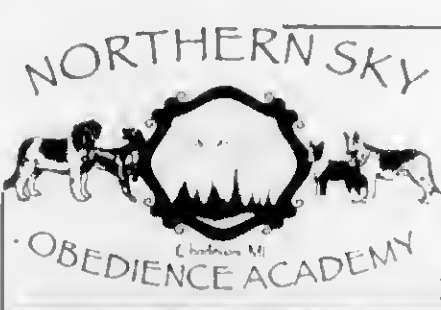
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(From left) Gudrun and Rick Bailey of DeWitt and Patty Vanderveen of DeWitt and Charlevoix sip wine from some of the eight regional wineries in attendance at Taste of Charlevoix.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

An estimated 2,000 people packed East Park on Saturday, July 17 for the 3rd Annual Taste of Charlevoix in spite of temperatures climbing to over 90 degrees. The event included Charlevoix restaurants and beverage vendors as well as Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsula wineries and area breweries. The 4th Annual Taste of Charlevoix will take place on June 16, 2007.



Live music, provided by solo act Carl Behrend and Charlevoix's own high energy blues act, Charlie's Root Fusion, kept Taste of Charlevoix participants on their feet. (Above, left) Sisters Heather and Amber Swartz of Cincinnati, Ohio move to the music. (Above, right) Root Fusion front man, Charlie Witthoeft jams with guitarist Jeremy Biggerstaff.



(Left) The children's activity area offered two inflatable fun houses, cookie decorating, coloring, face painting and balloon making with Charlevoix's favorite clown, Kookie. (Left) Jon and his son Westley Purdy learn the joys of patriotic sprinkles together.



Jason Simpson, sous chef at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, and Jeff Sprecksell, Weathervane manager, serve Great Lakes chowder and more bread pudding with bordelaise sauce to Taste event lovers.



Erin Murphy of Chicago, Ill. and Laura Kendall of Grand Rapids use their Taste of Charlevoix tickets for treats from Kilwin's. Charlevoix resident Kris Way manned the Kilwin's booth.



Here Paul Geyer of South Lyon takes a turn with Kookie's balloon crafts.

Send-off planned for final departure of Acacia

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Who: The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Acacia and crew
What: Final departure and community send-off
When: 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 25
Where: Pier along the Pine River Channel and Round Lake

June 25 marks the end of an era. At 4 p.m. that day, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Acacia leaves Charlevoix for a new home in Chicago, Ill. never to return.

The Acacia was the last of her sister ships to be decommissioned on June 7. Acacia will depart her home port, Charlevoix, under the direction of Commander Keith Bills, the last captain of a 180-foot class buoy tender.

According to president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Jacqueline Merta, Bills and the crew of Acacia have been an important part of the Charlevoix community.

"They have volunteered their time in so many areas of the community, including projects and activities at the schools, parks, and the chamber of commerce. Each year, children and adults had spooky fun as they toured the 'ghost ship' that was created by the Acacia crew. Luckily, for Charlevoix, many Coast Guard

personnel have made Charlevoix their retirement community," she said.

"Charlevoixians need to bid farewell with the same enthusiasm in which they welcomed the Acacia when she arrived in 1990."

Boaters are requested to be part of the good-bye fleet which will meet on Round Lake at 3:30 p.m. to line the right-of-way to the bridge. Boaters are asked to monitor VHF Channel 71 for instructions on how to signal their good-bye. Organizers, which include the chamber of commerce, want as many boats as possible on Round Lake for this event.

Everyone is invited to be part of the good-bye ground force by lining Pine River Channel before 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 25 to wish the crew well and say farewell to the Acacia. Those in attendance are asked to bring an American and/or Coast Guard flag to wave.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.



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A send-off for the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Acacia and her crew will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 25. The Acacia has been stationed in Charlevoix since 1990. Whether Charlevoix will receive a replacement vessel has not been confirmed.



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BUSINESS

Businesses adjust to meet high gas prices



By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

With every trip to the pump, it seems gas prices keep rising. And with no relief in sight, local businesses are keeping a watchful eye on how it will affect the economy.

Way Transportation is one Charlevoix company that would seem to be affected drastically by the increase in fuel costs, but the company's controller, DJ Way, said he has things under control.

"Trucks have to move and fuel is a huge part of our business," Way said.

So every Monday morning, he receives an e-mail from the U.S. Department of Energy that lists the national average for a gallon of fuel.

Then he determines what Way Transportation should charge in what is known as a fuel surcharge based on that national average.

By tacking on the extra surcharge, which currently sits at around 20 percent, Way Transportation isn't seeing a huge dent in their pocket from fuel costs.

"The fuel surcharge will make or break you," Way said. "Anybody who's not charging a fuel surcharge, frankly, is going to have a hard time staying afloat."

"Most guys realize fuel is money. It used to be the saying, 'Time is money.'"

DJ Way,
Controller for Way Transportation

But charging more is only half the battle. Way Transportation is taking huge steps to increase fuel economy in all of their 41 trucks.

They have installed a computerized system that automatically inflates tires if they fall below 100 pounds per square inch and have put a cap on the speed of the trucks. Now the maximum speed is 65 mph.

"Most guys realize fuel is money," Way said. "It used to be the saying 'Time is money.'"

By ordering trucks made of aluminum and buying wider tires, Way Transportation is increasing fuel economy.

They have also implemented a 30-second rule. If the truck is going to be idle for more than 30 seconds, the driver must turn the engine off.

"Everyone's working harder, and everyone's getting smarter," Way said.

But even with cutting back, Way Transportation can only do so much.

"Companies are not having to swallow the cost of fuel, it's the end user

unfortunately," he said. "And that's in every industry."

The lodging industry is also making the best of the gas price situation.

"We haven't seen too much of an affect as of yet," said Chris Kowal, general manager of the Edgewater Inn.

Kowal did consider offering a gas voucher to customers, but decided business was not being affected as much as originally thought.

"We determined it's probably not worth our while," Kowal said. "It could possibly have a negative effect by bringing people's attention to the higher gas prices."

Even without offering a gas voucher, the Edgewater Inn has seen an increase in business overall compared to last year.

As far as other industries are concerned, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline Merta is positive this summer's business won't be affected by gasoline prices.

"I think we're going to have a wonderful summer season even though gas prices are higher," she said.

Photo by Kimberly Agnello
DJ Way, controller for Way Transportation of Charlevoix, stands by one of the many trucks in the Way fleet. The company has made several adjustments to account for rising fuel costs. Businesses in the hospitality industry haven't seen an impact from gas on the tourist season.

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Site Planning names landscape director

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He received a bachelor of science in landscape construction management degree from Michigan State University. He also is a Michigan certified nurseryman.

Prior to employment with Site Planning Monteith was employed in Denver, Colo.

He is well versed in all phases of the landscape industry from aeration of turf to zoological organism in soils; and many of the systems involved in outdoor living spaces.

Zazen Gallery to host opening reception

Zazen Gallery is hosting an opening reception for Meredith Krell and Steve Toornman, to take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 24.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The show will be featured at the gallery from Saturday, June 24 to Friday, July 21.

Zazen Gallery is located at 405 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 237-0648.

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Chamber brings Summer Solstice Art Show

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has organized the 8th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show, to take place this weekend in East Park.

The well-rounded art show will feature high quality art from carefully selected artisans.

The two-day event, will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

Who: Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
What: Summer Solstice Art Show
When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 24
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 25
Where: East Park in downtown Charlevoix

Saturday, June 24 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 25. Mediums to be showcased include paintings in oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as sculpture, photography, pottery,

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The new division will provide paving services for driveways, parking lots, roads and other small jobs for private, commercial and governmental applications.

"We're a locally owned company that's been doing business in the area for years," managing partner, Jim Manthei said. "We buy our asphalt locally so we can give our customers the best price and the highest quality product possible."

MDC Paving's primary goal is to provide "Quality pavement for smaller jobs in a timely manner," project manager, Mike McCain said. McCain has more than 20 years of experience in the paving industry, having worked for a local paving company, the Asphalt Institute and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

MDC Contracting's parent



Courtesy photo

An MDC Contracting paving crew aims to provide quality work for smaller jobs.

company, Manthei Development Corporation, was founded in 1968 by Petoskey native Ernst Manthei along with his sons Jim, Mark and

Ben Manthei. For more information, call (231) 547-6595.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

High tech laptop

The Cyber Shire has this high tech laptop from M-Tech Laptops in its store in the Oleson's Plaza for customers to test drive. It features a 19-inch screen and acts as a desktop replacement unit. Above, shire manager, Alex Busman displays the laptop.

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Michelle Witthoeft joins Synergy Investments

Synergy Investment Group is pleased to announce the addition of Michelle Witthoeft to their staff.

Witthoeft will be working as a financial planner along with Dan Koffman, president of the northern Michigan group, and Colby Mahan, vice-president and registered options principal. Witthoeft will be specializing in family and personal financial planning with a primary focus on insured annuities and life insurance.

"Many people feel they need to have money set aside to invest in order to work with a financial advisor, but that just isn't true," Witthoeft said. "We offer free, no-obligation consultations that help you determine whether you are on the right path to meet your financial goals, and the best part is there's no guilt involved. Even if you have done nothing up until this point, the fact that you are ready to work with someone who can help you look at the big picture is all you need to do to get started. That's the whole reason why I decided to get into this business. A lot of people could really use the peace of mind you get from knowing that you are taking care of both your immediate and long-term financial needs."

Witthoeft will be filling the position of life settlement advisor.

"Synergy has had a tremendous response to our recent addition of life settlements to our product line and Witthoeft will be spearheading the marketing and client education for this line of business. Life settlements offer customers the opportunity to sell their unwanted or expiring life insurance policies for cash. We have seen worthwhile term policies sell for significant cash using life settlements, and cash value policy holders are receiving huge multiples above their current surrender value," Koffman said.

"Teaching people to avoid the common pitfalls in financial planning is tremendously rewarding," added Witthoeft. "Most people just don't know these opportunities exist. Selling an expiring term policy for cash or reducing someone's premiums by as much as 85 percent can provide the otherwise unknown means to a more comfortable retirement."

Witthoeft brings to Synergy a broad background in sales and service. She received a master's of business administration from Northern Michigan University and has worked at LexaLife International Corporation as administrative services manager and most recently for Sprox, Inc.

"Synergy Investment Group strives to be a total financial services solution under



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix resident Michelle Witthoeft (center) recently joined Synergy Investment Group where she will work as a financial planner along with Dan Koffman (left), president of the northern Michigan group and Colby Mahan (right), vice-president and registered options principal.

one roof," Koffman said. "Our services include direct investments with stocks, bonds, mutual funds, options, IRA's, tax-free investments, FDIC insured CD's, tax deferred annuities, domestic and foreign securities, and estate and business planning. We also offer extremely competitive insurance rates for life, disability

and long-term care insurance. As a non-captive agency, we can search dozens of carriers to best meet your needs."

The Synergy office is located at 6677 U.S. 31 South, Suite C in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 237-9280 or visit www.synergyinvestments.com.

Book shop to host Liliane Colburn book signing on June 23

Liliane Colburn, author of "The Green Room: A Mother's Truth," will be signing her book at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 23, at the Bridge Street Book Shop, in downtown Charlevoix.

Mark Colburn, Liliane's son is the subject of this autobiography.

In May 1997, Mark, a Navy SEAL with the elite Leap Frog parachuting team, was involved in an accident during a jump.

His mother, author Liliane Colburn, tells his story of hope, despair, triumph, and the powerful bond between mother and son.

Both Mark and Liliane Colburn will be at the book signing. The Bridge Street Book Shop is located at 407 Bridge St., in Charlevoix.

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SPORTS

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results

The Charlevoix Yacht Club's June 17 Pine Lake Regatta night race was sailed in heavy winds shifting to moderate by the end of the evening.

Five boats participated in the race, which consisted of a course from Charlevoix to Boyne City and back in one evening. Because of the steady winds, all boats were able to finish in three to four hours.

Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

Single Class — Spinnaker Fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — Windswept (Smolensky); 4 — Windrunner (Pirie); 5 — Artemis (Bowerman).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 14 are:

The fifth race of the spring series was sailed in dying winds. A shift in wind direction called for a change of course, which made the race into a triangle and three windward-leeward legs. As a result of the light winds, P-26 and Spinnaker A fleets did not finish within the required time limit and were not scored. Next week's race results will determine the final standings for the series.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 2 — Flash (Gordon); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — Exitus (Pung).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 4 — Windrunner (Pirie); 5 — Northern Light (Orlow); 6 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 7 — Hoi Polloi (Attee).

Spring series results after five races with one drop:



Photo by Kim Taylor

These boats were neck-in-neck at the June 14 finish of the fifth race in the Charlevoix Yacht Club's Wednesday night spring racing series.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Booma (6); 2 — Sail La Vie (7); 3 — Exitus (12); 4 — Flash (13).
P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (6); 2 — Original Sin (9.33); 3 — Apothecary (14).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Paleface

Lite (3); 2 — Four at Play (7); 3 — M3 (9).
Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Moxie (7); 2 — Affinity (10); 3 — Gotcha! (12); 4 — Hoi Polloi (13); 5 — Northern Light (14); 6 — Padawan 2 (21); 7 — Windrunner (24); 8 — MJ2 (28).

Registration underway for Rayder Youth Football Camp

Registration is open for the Charlevoix Rayder Football Youth Camp.

The camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 8 at Kipke Field, located at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Camp is open to kids entering

third through eighth grades. The camp cost is \$10 and includes a t-shirt.

Charlevoix High School varsity football team coaches and players will act as youth camp directors.

For more information, or to register, call Don Jess at (231) 237-9490.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark opens for season

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark opened its doors on June 17.

The park will be open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

A grand opening celebration is being planned for an undetermined date in July.

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Rec league softball team scores from June 13 and 15

Men's and women's rec league softball teams continued their season on June 13 and June 15.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 13 games, How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating beat the Flight Deck team 5-2. Matt Burt of How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating had three hits.

In game two that night, Carlson's Home Improvement beat Ace Hardware 20-13. For Carlson's, Dave McKenzie had three hits, one of which was a triple and Shawn Putman had five hits, two of which were doubles.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 15 games, Boss Engineering won 21-13 over Ace Hardware. For Boss, Jer Teuschler had three hits, one of which was a triple, and four RBIs. For Ace, Brad Waldron had two hits, one of which was a triple, and three RBIs.

In game two that night, Carlson's Home Improvement won over How

About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating by a score of 28-23. For Carlson's, Jim Lentz had four hits, one of which was a double, six RBIs, and a home run. Putman had four hits, three RBIs and a home run. For How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating, Dustin Moore had a triple and a home run. Mike Kochanny had four hits, one of which was a double, and three RBIs.

For the Chain-O-Lakes Girls' 10 and Under league, Central Lake bested Charlevoix 2-1.

In game one for the Girls' 14 and Under league, Charlevoix beat Kalkaska 14-3. For Charlevoix, Nikki Speigl, Meghan Golovich and Maddie Zimmerman each had one hit. Jenna Kirby knocked in three RBIs and Ericka Faust had two hits.

In game two for the Girls' 14 and Under league, Charlevoix beat Kalkaska again by a score of 14-1. For Charlevoix, Faust, Kirby and Speigl each had one hit and Celina Wanek had two hits.

Belvedere Golf Club to host Hickory Open

Charlevoix's own classic golf course, the Belvedere Golf Club, will host The Hickory Open, an antique golf tournament, June 30 through July 1.

"The Hickory Open is a great gathering of 'like-minded' souls who appreciate the game for all of the good things about it," said Fred Muller, founder of the Hickory Open.

Contestants in the event's low-gross division must use authentic, pre-1935 golf clubs with wooden shafts and leather-wrapped grips. Golfers in the low-net division may use approved reproductions, often shipped in from England.

Muller is head golf professional at the esteemed Crystal Downs Country Club in Frankfurt.

"We started the event at the Kingsley Club and then endeavored to move the event around to really good golf courses while keeping the Kingsley

Club in the rotation," Muller explained.

The Kingsley Club is a traditional-style golf course, located in Glen Arbor.

"We are honored to host the Hickory Open," said Tom Conlan, general manager at Belvedere Golf Club. "Our top-rated, classic course is a natural fit for The Hickory. The players will enjoy a round of golf surrounded by history and serene beauty — the way the game was meant to be played."

The Belvedere Golf Club was designed by Scotsman Willie Watson and constructed by 150 men with five teams of horses in 1927. It is a 6,715-yard, par-72 course Tom Watson, almost every summer.

Participation in the two-round, two-day tournament is limited to 36 players. A \$240 entry fee includes one practice round. Those interested in play-

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MINOR LEAGUE

JUNE 14 - A's 16, Red Sox 9

A's	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Hunter Cox	2	1			
Will Talegenoff	2	1			
Justin Vanloo	3				
Brad Klingner	3				

RED SOX - No Results

MAJOR LEAGUE

JUNE 13 - Giants 9, Cubs 6

GIANTS	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Myles Kerr	2	1			
Keegan LaBlance	2				
Tommy Zipp	1		2		
Sam Eakar	3				
Morgan Stewart	2		2		
Zach Hawkins	1				
Nick Snabes	1			2	
PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO	W	
Keegan LaBlance	6	7	8	6	

CUBS

CUBS	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Bret Ludwig	1				
Alex Waha	2		1		
Dylan Putman	2		2		
Jordan Farmer	2		2		
PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO	W	
Bret Ludwig	4	4	5	2	
Charlie Hamilton	1	3	2		
Dylan Putman	1	0	1		

JUNE 15 - Angels 14, Giants 13

ANGELS	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Isaac Klooster	2				
Brad Rizzo	2				
Max Schwalm	1				
Nolan Ager	1				
Vinnie VonLau	2				
Jordan Jelinek	1				
PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO	W	
Brad Rizzo	2	4	7		
Vinnie VonLau	1	3	1		
Nolan Ager	1	1	2	1	

GIANTS

GIANTS	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Nick Snabes	1			1	
Tommy Zipp	2	1		4	
Morgan Stewart	1			1	
Myles Kerr	1			2	
Keegan LaBlance	2			1	
Jeremy Dominey	1				
PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO	W	
Sam Eakar	1	2	0	5	
Morgan Stewart	1	1	1	4	
Corbin Turkleson	1	1	0	1	
Nick Snabes	1	2	0	2	

JUNE 15 - Cubs 16, Tigers 9

CUBS	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Bret Ludwig	1				1
Alex Waha	1				1
Dylan Putman	1	1		1	3
Jordan Farmer	1				1
Justin Ersklin	1				1
Charlie Hamilton	2				1
JJ Bottomley	2				1
Devan Uralin	1				1
Logan Eckhardt	1				1
PITCHING INFO	IP	HA	SO	W	
Logan Eckhardt	3	5	4	1	
Jordan Farmer	1	1	0	3	
JJ Bottomley	2	3	3	4	
Charlie Hamilton	1	2	3	1	

TIGERS - No Results



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Bible Baptist Church to host weekend revival

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Those looking for refreshment of the spirit may enjoy the Bible Baptist Church of Charlevoix's old time revival themed, "Something Real."



Pastor James Green

At 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 25 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday June 26 to June 30, the Charlevoix Middle School grounds behind the American Legion building will be the scene for a 250-person tent packed with

Friske Orchards' Strawberry Social is June 24

Friske Orchard's Farm Market showcases the start of another fresh fruit season at their annual Strawberry Social, to take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24.

The day begins with a strawberry pancake breakfast at the Orchard Cafe and u-pick strawberries at the farm off Doctor Road.

Besides strawberries, the highlight of the event is the gathering of northern Michigan Early American Handcrafters. Handcrafts which will be demonstrated include quilting, weaving, chair caning, basket making, crocheting, hand stitching, soap making and more.

Other activities will include wagon rides, feeding the barnyard animals, completing the rope maze and enjoying live music both in the cafe and outdoors. Miss Strawberry will greet you and even give "strawberry tattoos" to all the young and young at heart.

Strawberry recipes and lots of strawberry sampling will be available. Homemade treats like strawberry shortcake and strawberry-rhubarb pie will be served all day long.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31 at Atwood. For more information, call (231) 599-2604.



singing, music and old time evangelizing.

"A revival is a series of meetings to renew spiritual interest," said Baptist pastor, Jim Green. "We have a lot of gospel music with various groups performing."

Green and evangelist Jason Kendrick from Pensacola, Fla. are the featured speakers for the week.

"The main difference between a revival and a regular church service is, a revival is typically more upbeat and of an evangelistic spirit," Green said. "And the neat thing about an open air tent revival is that it's on

neutral ground and people feel more like it's open to the public than if it were on church grounds."



Pastor Jason Kendrick

The event is hosted by the Bible Baptist Church of Charlevoix. There is no cost for admission.

"This is an area wide meeting that invites all public to at-

tend, regardless of faith," Green said.

This revival will be similar to the annual events held by other congregations in Boyne City, Wolverine and Gaylord.

Green's father has put on revivals for nearly 50 years and Green, who has been with the Charlevoix church for 19 years, said it just comes natural.

"I come from a long line of preachers, I'm a fourth generation preacher," he said. "It's something that's a tradition in our family."

Green said his church decided

they needed to bring a spiritual renewal to the people of Charlevoix via this revival.

"I would like to see people find real peace," he said. "The theme of the whole week is something real — we want people to find something real in their spiritual walk in life."

He added, "Any faith is welcome. We would like for people to come and enjoy some good old-fashioned music and some good old-fashioned preaching."

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NOTICE OF SALE	

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice NINETY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$99,677.57) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, July 21, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85 degrees 54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1 degrees 35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1 degrees 35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1 degrees



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PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85 degrees 54'10" West 33.3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: June 06, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company

Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC

by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)

109 E. Front Street, Suite 300

Traverse City, MI 49684

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE	

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 11, 2005, by Tamara Meadows, a/k/a Tamara Laurie, and Mark Follette, wife and husband, as

mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 24, 2005, at Liber 668, Page 780, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$52,249.32 principal, \$998.46 interest, and \$60.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage, and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, July 14, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301-State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL 1: The South 1/4 of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 20, Township 33 North, Range 5 West.

PARCEL 2: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 29, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPT a strip of land 30 rods wide East and West and 80 rods long North and South, off the East side.

PARCEL 3: That part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 5 West lying on the East side of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road. EXCEPT for the following described parcel: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; thence West along the North eighth line 490 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 215 feet to an iron stake; thence West, parallel with the North eighth line, to the center line of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road (Old State Road); thence Southwesterly along said center line to the intersection with the North eighth line; thence East along said eighth line to the point of beginning.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 7.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: June 14, 2006

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgagee

406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)

Joel D. Wurster, PLC

Attorney for Mortgagee

P.O. Box 2450

Petoskey, MI 49770

(231) 347-4988

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-010987-DE

Estate of JOYCE P. NELSON, Deceased

Date of birth: November 11, 1911

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Joyce P. Nelson, who lived at 04041 Miles-Road, East Jordan, Michigan, died May 26, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Clara Prevo, 08974 Ellisworth Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 12, 2006

Kevin G. Klevorn (P35531)

215 S. Lake Street

Boyer City, MI 49712

231-582-7911

Clara Prevo

08974 Ellsworth Road

East Jordan, MI 49727

231-536-2827

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-010986-DE

Estate of Agate P. Santele, Deceased

Date of birth: August 11, 1915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Agate P. Santele, who lived at 104 Oak Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, died July 28, 2002.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Genianne Dietze, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 7, 2006

Kevin G. Klevorn (P35531)

215 S. Lake Street

Boyer City, MI 49712

231-582-7911

Genianne Dietz
P.O. Box 333
Boyer City, MI 49712
231-582-6690

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** -- Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas A Carson, a Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 6, 2005 in Liber 708 Page 761 Charlevoix County Records; Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$140,392.02) including interest 9.51% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, July 21, 2006. Said premises are situated in City of Walloon Lake, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a T-iron Stake at the West Quarter Corner of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence South 88 degrees 50 minutes 17 Seconds East along the East and West Quarter Line of Said Section 2648.26 feet to a 3-4 Inch Iron Bar at the Center Quarter Corner of Said Section; thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West along the North and South Quarter Line of Said Section 1313.91 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on the South Eighth Line of Said Section, as monumented; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West along said Eighth Line 491.59 Feet to a Point which is 801.90 Feet South 89 Degrees 0 Minutes 42 Seconds East of an Iron Stake at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section, as monumented; thence North 1 Degree 147 Minutes 21 Seconds East 33.0 Feet to a One-Half inch Rod on the Northerly line of Highway M-75, Being the Point of Beginning of this Description; thence Continuing North 1 Degree 47 Minutes 21 Seconds East 259.50 Feet to a T-iron Stake at the Southeast Corner

of the Alan L. Deneau Property, as Monuments; thence North 0 Degrees 34 Minutes 31 Seconds West Along said Deneau Property 176.17 Feet to a One-Half Inch Rod; thence South 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds East Parallel with said Eighth Line 142.57 Feet to a One-Half Inch rod, thence South 0 degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West parallel with said North and South Quarter Line 435.60 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on said Highway Line; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West 144.44 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Being a Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 4405 M 75 North, Wallon Lake MI 49796 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JUNE 12, 2006 Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Poltestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-49106 ASAP# 776077 06/21/2006, 06/28/2006, 07/05/2006, 07/12/2006

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Area events

June 21 Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will open the 2006 season with a noon luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 21, at Evelyn Hall in Bay View.

Following a short business meeting conducted by president Connie Burt, a program will be held. Board members will host the event.

All Panhellenic women of the area are welcome to attend and new members are welcome. To make a reservation, call (231)347-1819.

June 21 Norwood speaker

The Norwood Area Historical Society will host a talk by Mick Smith at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 21 in the schoolhouse in the Village of Norwood. Smith's topic will be "Norwood Anecdotes and News Items." Smith is a longtime resident of the area, and is currently working on a book about Charlevoix and the surrounding area, including Norwood. For more information, e-mail josette@costolo.com.

June 22 Serendipity meeting

A serendipity discussion group will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 in the Ransom Hall at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at 101 State St.

The group will view movies by Rob Bell, a young pastor from Grand Rapids, who put together a series of videos to be used to spark serendipity discussions.

At this meeting those in attendance will discuss how often the group will meet and when and where those meetings will take place.

Interested participants of all ages are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided for and breakout group discussions for youth and adults will take place.

A potluck dinner is planned. For more information, call (231) 547-9122.

June 22-24 Garage sale

The Charlevoix Senior Center will hold its annual spring garage sale fund-raiser on June 22, 23 and 24 at the center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix.

Featured items include hundreds of books, antiques, linens, appliances, rugs and lamps.

Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

June 24

Tauber speaks at temple

Joel Tauber will be the featured speaker at an event to take place at 11:30 a.m. on June 24 at Temple B'nai Israel in Petoskey.

Tauber will host a presentation on "Specific Steps for a Two-State Solution in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." Tauber is an industrialist, international philanthropist, former chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and a founding member of Coalition for American Leadership in the Middle East.

He maintains significant personal and professional contacts in Washington D.C., Israel and the Palestinian Authority. He has played a key advocacy role within the United States and has extensive information on the current political situation in the Middle East.

Temple B'nai Israel is located at 420 Waukazoo in Petoskey.

June 24 Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery offers a free gardening class at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 24 entitled, "New and under used perennials." To register, call (231) 599-2824. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

June 22 Grief and loss support

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will sponsor a six-week support group for those coping with loss. A group will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays beginning on June 22 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

These programs will be facilitated by hospice family counselors. Other services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children.

educational in-services, a pregnancy and infant loss support program, a Survivors of Suicide group and caregiver support. All services are free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

June 24 USO dance

The Beaver Island AMVETS Post #46 and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a dance to celebrate the 65th birthday of the United Services Organization (USO).

This event will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 at Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island. If you can't attend, your donation to the United Services Organization may be made by mailing a check made out to "United Services Organization" to Betty Scoggin, P.O. Box 387, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

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June 27 City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjick at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

June 27

Tai Chi for Arthritis

A six-week session of Tai Chi for Arthritis classes begins June 27 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. This class is sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. The cost for those over 60 is \$12. For those under 60 there is a \$40 charge. To register, or for more information, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

July 2 Gospelmen Quartet

The Gospelmen Quartet will be in concert at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 2.

Originating from Genesee, The Gospelmen are a gospel quartet with a southern flavor.

There will be a free-will offering received for the quartet. A refreshment fellowship time will follow the concert.

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene is located at 12023 Waller Road. For more information, call (231) 547-5711.

July 4

African Children's Choir

The African Children's Choir will perform from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, in the East Park bandshell.

The concert is sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association. A free-will offering will be received at the concert. The choir is made up of orphans from Uganda, located in central Africa.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Big Rock Point exhibit opens on June 30

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

While it may have taken 14 months to complete an exhibit on Big Rock Point nuclear power plant, its history, from groundbreaking to deconstruction, was more than 45 years in the making.

Grand opening of the exhibit is at 1 p.m. on June 30 at the Depot at Depot Beach in Charlevoix. The exhibit will last all summer long from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays until Saturday, Sept. 2. It resumes Friday, Sept. 8 through Oct. 14 on Fridays and Saturdays only.

"We began working on the exhibit in April of 2005," said Harsha House Museum co-director, Dave Miles. "We think this is the biggest thing we've ever done and we think this is going to be one of the best things we've ever done."

He added, "It's going to be enormously informative and that's what we want...to tell people the life and times and impact Big Rock has had on northern lower Michigan."

The exhibit will offer photos, models, representations of parts used in the plant and even some genuine pieces from Big Rock.

The seven-and-a-half by four-and-a-half foot, near scale model of the plant from the old Big Rock Point visitor center will be on display.

"This was always out there and I think we'll have three or four phones that we'll have the original taped message that people could listen to telling them how the plant operated," Miles said.

In chronological order, the Depot will feature every aspect of the plant, from dedication and construction to an explanation of the fuel pellets and how they were transferred to and from the reactor.

The 200 photos in the exhibit range from the turbine, the dedication speech on May 21, 1963 by then Michigan Governor, George Romney and even the first computer at the plant.

"The first computer that went in had nothing to do with plant operations, it was only used for fuel analysis," Miles said. "The memory drive weighed 800 pounds and was driven by a one-horsepower motor. It had a memory of 300,000 bytes."

Karen Lewis, exhibit chair for the Harsha House Museum and the Depot, said her husband was the man who programmed it.

"He punched holes into a paper tape, and he didn't do it byte by byte, he did it hit by bit," Miles said.

The history will range from 1968 to 1997.

"It set national and world records for longevity and production for a plant of its size and type," Miles said.

"And, from 1963 to 1985 the strategic air command (SAC) used it for a test bombing site. Now, not real bombs, electronic ones. If you talk around town you'll have a lot of people remembering that in Bay Shore there was



Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

Pictured above is the 49,600-pound reactor vessel head removed during decommissioning after Big Rock Point was shutdown on Aug. 29, 1997. This is one of several photos to be included in the Big Rock Point exhibit detailing the construction, operation and decommissioning processes at the local nuclear power plant.

a radar station. That they would score the success of their dropping bombs down the emission stacks by radar and a camera in the bomb bay would score the accuracy."

He added, "While flying over, however, in January 1971, a B-52 blew up in Little Traverse Bay heading for the plant. They still don't really know why. Five lives were lost. It was only 11 seconds away from the plant."

In 22 years there were 10,000 flights over Big Rock.

"When they would take off again, they would break the sound barrier and all of Charlevoix would shake," said Lewis. "In fact, some of the store windows in Charlevoix broke."

Miles said, he too, remembers the sonic booms created by the bombers.

"I was living in Florence, Italy and my mother would write to me once a week," he said. "One time I got a letter and the pen point went right off the paper. Sure enough, one of the planes had



Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

Pictured above is the pressurized personnel lock, the primary entry point into Big Rock Point's reactor containment sphere. The exhibit where this and other photos will be on display opens June 30 at the Depot.



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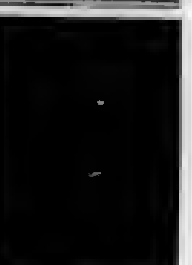
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McLean retires



Chief John McLean Jr. of Coast Guard Station Charlevoix has announced his retirement. His replacement will be inducted on June 30.

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Sturock to resign



Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, has accepted a position at Allen Park Schools.

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Next week
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Ventilation issues at county jail

System repairs to cost the county at least \$200,000

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix County may be facing at least \$200,000 in repairs to the heating and cooling system at the county jail.

According to Rhodes Engineering of Traverse City, which recently studied the jail's

air quality, various elements of the heating, air conditioning and ventilation system at the jail need to be fixed, replaced or removed.

"Before we get to that step (paying for repairs) is there something to look at through perhaps insurance through the contract that was awarded initially to do the build-ings," questioned Second District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Randy Frykberg. "Has that even been considered or thought about before we go out and spend \$200,000?"

Members of the Charlevoix County Building and Grounds committee then asked John Jarema, the county board of commission-

ers' civil counsel, to review all the information which deals with the case and determine what, if any, action can be taken on the matter.

"What I would propose to the board is to look at the insurance or contract aspect of it and prioritize," Jarema said. "We need to do something soon, and if you're going to just authorize the whole ball of wax, then have at it, but I think you need to prioritize it."

Fifth District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Dennis Jason, said he wants Jarema's office to look into possible retribution from the contractor, engineer or architect.

"We're not out to spend

\$200,000," Jason said.

Sixth District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, said this has been going on for more than two years.

"The report is very clear," said First District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall. "It has the recommendation of what needs to be done and it's also very clear that the work was not done to specification."

She added, "The statute of limitations is six years. I don't know what the contract says, but I think we definitely need to try this. The work needs to be done and I think we should attempt to have this

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July 4 activities for Charlevoix, Horton Bay and Beaver Island

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Beaver Islanders and mainlanders from Horton Bay and Charlevoix will celebrate independence day with jets, parades and fireworks.

In the City of Charlevoix, entries in the annual Fourth of July parade will march down Bridge Street at 10 a.m.

The parade, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 and all veterans, will start at the American Legion Post 226 off East Garfield Street and will end in Charlevoix's East Park where a ceremony will take place. Parade participants will include the Charlevoix City Police, a World War II troop carrier truck, the U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard, the combined Color Guard of both the VFW and American Legion, the combined VFW and American

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix bids teary adieu to Acacia

On Sunday, June 25, the "Ace of the Lakes," Coast Guard Cutter Acacia left Charlevoix for the last time as hundreds of people waved, shouted their good-byes and even cried. Decommissioned on June 7, the World War II era icebreaker headed off for Chicago, Ill. where it will become a floating museum. On Tuesday, June 27, the House of Representatives voted unanimously on a bill, which if approved by the Senate, would require the Coast Guard to maintain ice breaking assets in northern Michigan with an understanding that the asset would go to Charlevoix. A complete story will follow in the July 5 Courier.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Devin Michael Davenport, 20, Grandville. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Samuel Scott Drenth, 19, Ellsworth. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Yvette Candy Lutz, 40, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Roland George LaPierre, 73, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Roland Louis Hachey, 26, Charlevoix. Weapon-switchblade, possession/sale. Forfeit weapon; \$400 in fines and costs.

equ Andrew Tillotson, 26, Walloon Lake. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Steven C. Murray, 23, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Brittany Jean Ward, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend Zero Tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Mathieu Jerome Paquette, 25, Boyne City. Domestic Violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, 91 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,350 in fines and costs.

Sally Ann Marr, 34, East Jordan. Tele-use device/ID to avoid paying, less than \$200. Serve four days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Felicia Diane Burks, 17, Boyne Falls. Larceny, less than \$200. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, 83 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; \$440 in fines and costs.

Ruth Lela Follette, 19, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 35 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; not to have contact with the victim; \$350 in fines and costs.

Gregory Gerling, 60, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in

jail; serve one year probation; attend Impact weekend; \$1,285 in fines and costs.

Lacey Corrynn Monroe, 23, DeWitt. Operating while intoxicated; and no proof of insurance. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

Donovan William Schuil, 23, Boyne City. Failure to report an accident. Serve 10 days in jail; \$575 in fines and costs.

Randy James Miller, 41, East Jordan. Motor vehicle operator without security. Fines and costs totaling \$500.

Scott Malcolm May, 48, Almont. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 60 days in jail, to serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 275 days in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,680 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Printed Images LLC, 05511 Barber Road, Boyne City, by Stacy B. Reinhardt and Bethany Revoir MacNaughton's All Pro Pest Control, 01395 Zink St., Boyne City, by Shawn A. MacNaughton Grant Writer, 1214 State St., Charlevoix, by Dianne Clifford DuPont

T & S Lawn Care and Maintenance, 2192 Lewis Road, East Jordan, by Steven Lake and

Timothy Willson Razor Entertainment, 9019 Whippoorwill Lane, Charlevoix, by Christopher Copeland Ames

Marriages
The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Kevin James Kosten, 29 and Jennifer Margaret Ricks, 26, both of Huntersville, N.C.

Hugh J. Lambert Jr., 35 and Kathie J. DeVries, 35, both of Charlevoix

Michael Ryan Bingham, 22 and Lauren K. Anthony, 20, both of Boyne City

Lucas Cyle Porath, 32 and Jane Alice Peterson, 32, both of Charlevoix

Michael David Gee, 35 and Charity Ann Aller, 26, both of East Jordan

Births

Kasey Michael Blanton weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born June 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kenneth Blanton and April Herba of East Jordan.

Adelia Anne Lombardi weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces was born June 18 to Jim and Cathy (Mills) Lombardi. Her grandparents are Frank and Charlotte Mills of East Jordan and Guy and Carol Lombardi of Troy.

William Porter James weighing

6 pounds, 9 ounces was born June 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chad and Amanda James of East Jordan. His grandparents are William and Mary James of Ellsworth, Steve and Nancy Weber of Boyne City, Gino and Kathy Longo of Boyne City and Robert and JoAnne Quick of Colorado Springs, Colo. His great great-grandparents are Mary DeNike of East Jordan, Sibyl Wynsma of Ellsworth and John and Evelyn Quick of Hobbs, N.M.

Cade Maddox Turovaara weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces was born June 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Eric Turovaara and Leslie Matthews of Boyne City. His siblings are Jaden and Alisa. His grandparents are Roger and Deh Knutson of Boyne City, Harold and Tina Matthews of Charlevoix, Russell Turovaara of Boyne City and Kathy Turovaara of Midland.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 18	94	72	.02
June 19	75	63	.40
June 20	73	53	—
June 21	70	55	.05
June 22	77	61	—
June 23	73	49	—
June 24	66	51	—



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

An air quality analysis at the Charlevoix County Jail (pictured above) led to a recommendation that repairs to the heating and cooling system be made which will cost at least \$200,000.

Rectifying air quality issue at jail could prove costly

JAIL

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compensated from the contractor, the subcontractor and possibly the architect."

Rhodes engineering will do none of the repairs, they only gave recommendations for areas which the air quality was assessed.

"It doesn't include the whole building, so I think that number is going to be considerably higher," said Charlevoix County Jail Administrator, Babette Meggison. "And truly, there is almost nowhere in that building where it (air quality) isn't a problem."

Jarema, who advised the board to begin gathering bids on the

project, met with the renovation committee at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, at which time he was given all contracts, correspondence and other materials related to the case.

"I think the plan of attack is to try and immediately address the problem with the air quality in the jail and to try and remedy this situation," Jarema said. "The second part of the attack is to try and figure out how we got in this position in the first place."

Roloff added, "We can't wait any longer or it's just going to be another year."

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Parades, fireworks and more planned for July 4

JULY 4

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Legion Women's Auxiliary, the Charlevoix City Band, veterans and community groups.

The annual Horton Bay Parade, orchestrated under the direction of "parade czar," John Rohe, will make its way down Boyne City-Charlevoix Road at 1 p.m.

This wacky procession of individual and float entries will begin at the intersection of Horton Bay and Boyne City-Charlevoix roads and will proceed toward Boyne City, ending near the town limits.

Rohe was excited to announce that early this week, two entries had already officially registered. He is expecting about 30 to make the final count.

"The distinguishing feature of the Horton Bay Parade is there are no commercial entries allowed. It is a tribute to the resourcefulness and ingenuity and good cheer of the people of Horton Bay," he said.

When asked if entrants are required to be Horton Bay residents or if he himself is a resident, Rohe replied, "Horton Bay is more of a state of mind at this time of year than a geographic location. We are all from Horton Bay."

The parade will carry the theme "Unearthing our time capsule."

"There is a great deal of excitement. We've had discussions with many people. There is a lot being dug up out of Horton Bay's past. The bay's deep, dark secrets, once

securely shrouded by the time capsule, will be unveiled. Cherished relics from this crucible of history will be exposed," Rohe said.

The new "Fat Lady" from Dallas, Texas who was crowned at the 2005 parade is expected to return marking the parades official end.

The four float judges are Marilyn Kelly, a Michigan Supreme Court Justice, Julie Greenwalt, Kathleen Glynn and John Tanton, M.D.

Right after the parade, Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater will host a book signing for his work, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," at the Horton Bay Methodist Church.

For Horton Bay Parade entry information contact Rohe at (231) 347-7327.

While mainland visitors and residents celebrate the birth of the nation at these two parades, Beaver Islanders will be celebrating island style — with a parade, sky divers, jets and fireworks.

"Beaver Island is the most patriotic place in the world," said Steve West, executive director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce.

Festivities there will start and end with a boom.

At around 2 p.m., festivities will kickoff when a full-sized civil war

canon replica is fired and a pair of F-16s with the Michigan Air National Guard huzz the island.

The mile-long parade will take its cue from the jets, making its way through downtown St. James.

In conjunction with parade activities, Luther Kurtz, owner of Sky Dive Harbor Springs, will perform an exhibition sky dive over the harbor.

A kids carnival, jam packed with activities, will immediately follow the parade.

Island activities will end with a bang — fireworks will begin at dusk, around 10 p.m. over the harbor.

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Fate of library should be publicly debated

EDITORIAL

After years of squabbling, posturing and thousands in attorney fees over who really owns the \$600,000 109 Clinton St. property, the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees and the Charlevoix Public Schools Board have decided to have a sit-down. For that, we applaud.

What's got us giving a whole other hand gesture is the fact that these two groups decided to discuss such an important issue without public attendance.

Both the library and school created pseudo subcommittees. One consists of school board members Dean Spenceley, Bill Trubilowicz and outgoing superintendent, Dr. John Sturock. The other features library director, Val Meyerson, and board members Rick Brandi and Cynthia Postmus.

Since there was never a resolution to create these groups, they aren't "public bodies," and therefore are exempt from Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

The clandestine coalition has met at least three times at Charlevoix City Hall to discuss the matter. Hmm... tax funded workers meeting in a tax funded building to discuss a piece of property donated by a taxpayer to the taxpayers, and the public doesn't have a right to bear witness.

Did we miss something? Groups making the decisions behind the scenes is a frequent occurrence in city, state and federal

government, but that doesn't make it right.

We fear this blunt and concerted effort by two public entities, who've grown fond of the idea of ownership, to restrict the public's right to know.

The last thing we want to see are ideas hatched during secret summits to be later fast-tracked during some puppet public hearing.

We would like to believe the school and library "subcommittees" have our best intentions in mind during their covert meetings, but without minutes kept, recordings available or public attendance, who knows what transpires?

Supporters of the clandestine councils say a few people can better work toward resolution than in meetings between full boards. That might sound good if the most important player in the equation, John Q. Public, wasn't omitted.

Why not let the real owners of the building step forward and speak? It's their right and duty to at least witness discussions over their property.

These two bodies are spending thousands of tax dollars on attorneys to threaten each other over an issue that is clearly moving toward litigation.

Open up your meetings and let the people speak.

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Legend in local boating community relocates to Les Cheneaux Islands



Edith Gilbert
'Behind the news'

Gone, like the old railroad bridge and the water tower, a hit of Charlevoix history got underway last week, gliding through the channel and past the lighthouse, heading for her new home port in the Les Cheneaux Islands.

But while the 42-foot Express Cruiser was still tied up at the city docks in Charlevoix, Charlie Bergman, Alvin Ranger and Paul Weston paid their final respects to the Boss, the fastest boat of its era.

Originally commissioned in 1921 by Alvin Goldman, a well-to-do cotton broker from St. Louis, Mo. for a mere \$14,880, she had to be no taller than 9 feet from the waterline so that she would fit under Charlevoix's Pere Marquette railroad swing bridge when it was in closed position. The bridge, in case you don't remember, was removed in 1985.

The mahogany fishing boat brought back a slew of memories to the small group assembled at the dock last Friday. Bergman, who left the Navy after World War I, became part of the crew and remembers polishing the brass on the Boss until it shone like gold. Ranger's father, Art, was the captain and his pilot's license, to this day, is still hanging in the large engine compartment that has full headroom room to provide light, ventilation and easy accessibility to the power plant.

When Goldman first took possession of the Boss, he hired 19-year-old Art Ranger of Charlevoix, who was recommended to him, "Just because he knew where the best fishing holes were." From 1921 until 1965, Ranger served as captain of the Boss. Ranger's son Alvin, named after the boat's owner, fondly recalls the days when Mr. Goldman dressed in his suit and tie, sat reading the Wall Street Journal and smoking his pipe, while trolling for steelhead off

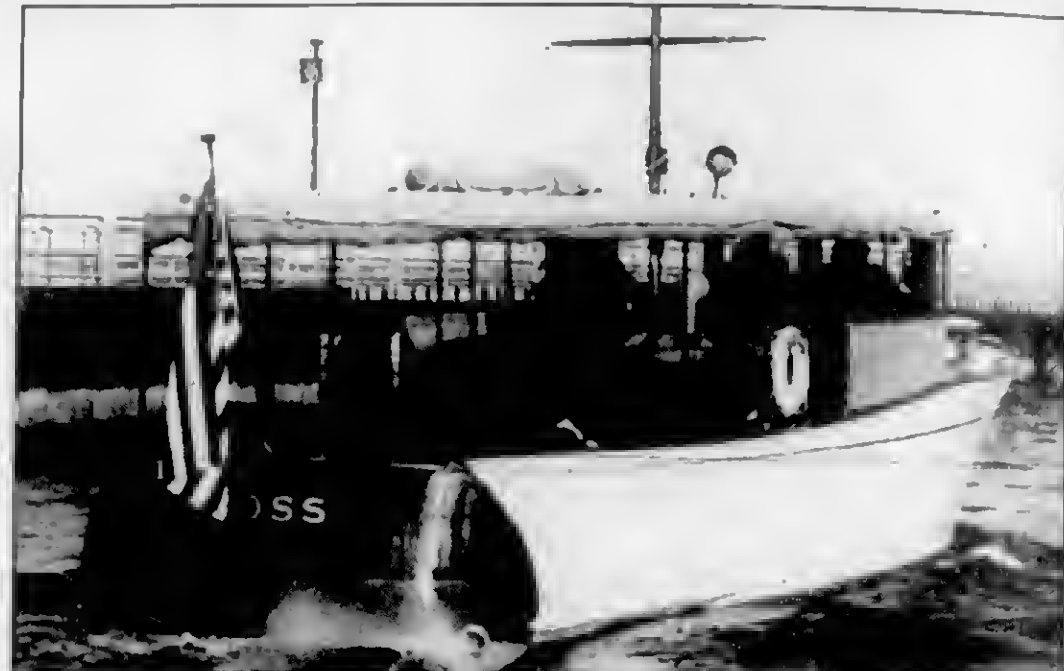


Photo by Paul Weston

The Boss (pictured above), a 42-foot Express Cruiser commissioned in 1921, left Charlevoix last week for its new home in Les Cheneaux Islands.

Hemingway Pointe.

Bergman remembers Goldman as a "peach of a fellow" who raised a ton of money for the benefit of the Charlevoix Hospital. When Goldman's wife, Blanche, gave him the boat for his fiftieth birthday, rumor has it that he named her "Boss" after his strong-willed wife, and also because at 24 miles per hour the cruiser was the boss of the lakes.

In 1937, the Boss was re-powered with a new Sterling Dolphin engine of the same design but higher horsepower. The new engine powered the boat up to 26 mph and it still remains on the boat today.

Goldman had a two-slip boathouse constructed on the north shore of Round Lake in 1923. Here the Boss rocked gently in her slip in the summer, while in the winter she was lifted up to hang in her slip in the boathouse. The boathouse was sold in the 1980s and the cruiser was moved to the Les Cheneaux Islands. The Boss was welcomed home again in 2004, when by this time the boathouse was owned by Dr. Eugene Chardout, who had spent a small fortune restoring the sagging structure. Chardout was sentimental about keeping the historic flavor of Round Lake.

Only one other family owned the cruiser until it was recently sold to its third owner. In 1968 Goldman's son, Jack, sold the Boss to Bob Brandt and his partners, Bill Dykstra and Herb

Lantinga of Grand Rapids. Lately however, young John Brandt and his wife, Katy, used it as their "floating summer cottage," while John kept the boat in mint condition by constantly refinishing the mahogany.

Alvin Goldman summered in Charlevoix since he was a boy and in time, he built a pillared, three-story brown cottage at 525 Michigan Avenue overlooking Lake Michigan, which was recently purchased and repainted a soft sage green by Helen and Ken Merrill of Plymouth.

My personal memory of the Boss is like visiting on someone's front porch, while cruising down the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. Seated on its spacious aft deck, where 10 or more people can sit comfortably on wicker chairs, sipping iced tea in monogrammed glasses, is a memory one doesn't easily forget.

The Boss' proud third owner plans to keep her at Les Cheneaux in a brand new specially built boathouse. Here, she will continue to draw admiring crowds just as she always has and always will.

There will be more information about the Boss in a forthcoming article in Lakeland Boating magazine.

Edith Gilbert is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier whose column appears periodically on the opinion page. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Signs of stroke

Editor:

This may well be the last time I can share some information with you that might save your life. It was a bright, sunny day, four years ago on Venetian Saturday. We watched the long parade in the fierce 93 degree sun, on the corner by the Villager Pub. By the time it was finished something was wrong with my vision. In my ignorance I did not realize what was happening. We went home, I rested a bit and went to bed early.

When I awoke that next morning my right side was paralyzed. It was a transient ischemic attack and the blood clot moved to the left side of my brain so the right side of my body was affected.

After three months of therapy the pattern of my life ahead was sobering. My short-term memory vanished overnight, my right eye helps by arguing with my good eye.

If something unusual happens to you, don't pass it off and be wary of stress. Ask yourself, if I died tomorrow, would someone else just step in and do it very adequately. Take care of yourself. There are many people who need you.

Ardeh Wieland
Charlevoix

Support Drebenstedt

Editor:

Robert Drebenstedt would be an excellent choice for Fifth District Charlevoix County Commissioner. Even though I do not live in the Fifth District, I do own property in Marion Township. I have had personal expe-

riences with Robert as Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs director and as a mediator. Robert is willing to listen and assist people in all walks of life.

Birdie Whitley
Charlevoix

Provide constructive outlet

Editor:

If the senior class at Charlevoix High School has to be destructive can't we as parents and community members find something constructive for them to do?

When I was a senior in high school, we had a large boulder located in the front of the school for the senior class to paint at the end of the school year. We also built a bonfire during the last week of school with collected wood and no longer needed homework papers. This became a senior high ritual and one we looked forward to.

The pranks that have taken place in Charlevoix have turned into acts that will be prosecuted and may remain part of their files for years to come. Maybe the administration should look into adding some type of security as school draws to an end. The students should know better than to take part in destructive actions but we as parents and community members should try to prevent this from occurring. Any suggestions or alternatives would be more helpful than sending them out into the world as criminals when they should be thinking about college.

Natalie Jason
Charlevoix

Pink Ribbon success

Editor:

The 4th Annual Charlevoix/Emmet County Pink Ribbon Ride, which took place on June 17, was our most successful event to date. This year our efforts raised just over \$24,000, and pledges are still coming in. This amount surpasses last year's total by \$4,000. That means that both the Circle of Strength through Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Hospital Breast Health Fund will each receive more than \$9,000 to help promote awareness; fund programs in early detection and education; provide support for women and their families; and make available mammograms and ultrasounds for uninsured women in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Participation rose from 179 last year to 200 this year. Once again, the riders through their personal fund-raising efforts brought in half of our proceeds. Without their dedication, this event would not be as successful as it has become. I single out the top two fund-raisers this year, Beth Carrington of East Jordan and James Mitchum of Petoskey, but thank and recognize all the riders who participated.

I extend my personal thanks to so many of the businesses in Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan and Petoskey, without whom we could not have put together this ride. Their donations of funds, goods and services made it possible for us to put on this event and keep our expenses to a minimum.

Congratulations to Jim Davis of Harbor Springs who won the first raffle

drawing, a Trek 3700 bicycle; and to Emmy Holman of Suttons Bay who won the second drawing, a Terry brand saddle or Chris King headset.

Finally I extend my deepest thanks to Jean McDonough from the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and Therese Green from the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation; Diane Gorkiewicz, Kim Stevens, Gay Pung and Linda Hoffman from the Circle of Strength; Scott McKenzie and his staff at the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce; Donna Moll, Michelle Rick-Biddick, Helen Truchan, Sue Huston, Judy Jackson and Randi Hunter and Tina for manning our water stops; Cheryl Hofweber and Terri Reynolds for marking the route; Kathy McDonald's family; the rest of my committee. Bonnie Brunen, Dean Lucier and Kim Westrick; and lastly my family, especially my husband Bill and my daughters-in-law, Kendra and Melanie.

An event like this cannot be done unless you have a good support team and I

have one of the best.

Please join us next year on June 16, 2007, the fifth anniversary of this event.

Susan B. Morris
Pink Ribbon Ride
Chairperson

'Thanks' Northwest

Editor:

The Northwest Academy, members of the Zonta Club wish to thank you for your hospitality at the time of our "Touch of Class" garage sale. Your facilities truly gave us "class." We also appreciated three of your staff for their assistance. The Red Hat Lady on the corner waved the public on to our success.

It was also a pleasure to view your school. So glad your school could use some of our artifacts. The sale was a great success thanks to you.

Marty Strawbridge
Charlevoix Zonta Club member
Charlevoix

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COMMUNITY

50th Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Dorothy Trost



Robert and Dorothy (Wichlacz) Trost of Charlevoix celebrated their Golden Anniversary on June 23.

The couple married on June 23, 1956 at Sacred Heart Church in Manitowish, Wis.

After long, successful careers, both are retired. Robert retired as a cement worker from Medusa Cement. Dorothy was a waitress and later a

florist at her store Charlevoix Floral. The Trosts have lived in Charlevoix for 39 years and raised five children. They are: Betty (Jim) Klooster of Charlevoix, Don (Tracy) Trost of North Port, Fla., Lynne (Marty) VandenAkker of Williamsburg, Lori (Pat) Mitchell of Charlevoix and the late Bill Trost.

They also have 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Caideanne Klooster. Their grandchildren are Eric Klooster, Mark Klooster, Caitlin Mitchell, Clayton Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell, Jacob Mitchell, Chelsie Trost, Ananda Trost and Bethany Trost.

The family is planning a trip to be taken at a later date to celebrate the anniversary.

Day of Caring participants sought

Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way are leading the effort to plan the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring, scheduled to take place on Sept. 14.

The Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are in need of hands-on help.

"We're very excited about Day of Caring 2006," said Jennifer Archambault of Harbor Industries. "In our first year we had 70 volunteers, and last year that grew to 500. Volunteers did tasks ranging from washing senior citizens' cars, to building a deck for the Charlevoix Senior Center, to washing windows at the Safe Home. This year, we hope to

engage even more volunteers and, especially, have more teams and projects in Emmet County."

Volunteer teams are asked to indicate their interest in participating and non-profits should submit a project request by Aug. 15 to ensure that they can be matched. Corporations and organizations who have already signed up to participate include Harbor Industries; Bay Winds Federal Credit Union; Huntington National Bank; Way Transportation; Charlevoix Manufacturing; Charlevoix State Bank; and Charlevoix High School.

The Day of Caring will also be the Kick-off for the Char-Em United Way 2006-2007 Campaign.

"This event is a logical tie-in with the

Charlevoix Public Library July Summer Fun Series

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting a Summer Fun Series on Thursday evenings throughout July.

Sessions will introduce people of all ages to kayaking and canoeing, mountain biking and bird watching.

Let's Go Paddling will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 6 in the library meeting room. The presenters, Scott and Kay Harper will introduce folks to paddling northern Michigan lakes and rivers this summer. They will show the best equipment, explain what it takes to be safe and give you the scoop on the area's best waterways. The Harpers own Jordan Valley Outfitters in East Jordan and have been active in paddling adventures for 12 years. Scott is the president of the Michigan Association of Paddle Sport Providers.

At 6:30 p.m. on July 13 in the library meeting room, Dwain Abramowski and Chet Morris will present a program on mountain biking in northern Michigan. Let's Go Mountain Biking will talk about equipment, rules of the road, safety while biking and the best trails in this area. Come with questions for Abramowski and Morris to answer. Abramowski is the author of two books, "Mountain Biking" and "Mountain Biking Trails in Southern Michigan." He is also co-founder

of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. Morris owns and runs Revolution Bikes in Charlevoix.

The final program will introduce the art of bird watching. Let's Go Birding will be led by local enthusiast, Sally Stebbins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, in the library meeting room. Stebbins will welcome you to the fastest growing outdoor sport in America — bird watching, or birding as it's often called. She will explain how to get started, discuss and demonstrate binoculars and spotting scopes, suggest helpful bird books and provide suggestions on where and when to go birding in northern Michigan. Stebbins, a Harbor Springs resident, is an avid birder and a dedicated amateur naturalist. She serves as field trip coordinator for the Petoskey Regional Audubon Society, and enjoys sharing her love of wild birds with others.

All ages are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All sessions will be one hour in length. No reservations are required.

The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton St., in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information, call Linda Adams, adult services librarian at (231) 547-2651.

African Children's Choir to perform July 4 in East Park

The African Children's Choir will perform from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, in the East Park bandshell.

The concert is sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association

and its host is Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. A free-will offering will be received at the concert. The choir is made up of 25 children ages 7 to 10 from Uganda, located in central Africa.

COMMUNITY

Golden Anniversary

Russell and Alice Green



Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green of Beaver Island will be guests of honor at an open house hosted by their children in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 7 at their home.

Friends and family are invited to join the celebration.

Russell Green and Alice Joy

McDonough were married Sept. 15, 1956 at Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. A mass of celebration will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 8 at Holy Cross Church.

Russ retired from the Beaver Island Boat Company, after 35 years of service and Joy, a registered nurse, retired from Green's Bakery.

The Greens have eight children. They are: Mike (Kitty) Green, Mary Green, Bernadette (David) Cole, Beth Anne (Steve) Lucas, Rose (John) Peters, Kevin (Snowe) Green, Amy Bair and Kathleen (Dana) Dvoracek.

They also have 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Chamber Concerts in the Park lineup

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has released the following lineup for its 2006 Charlevoix Concerts in the Park.

Performances take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 29 through Aug. 31.

The Charlevoix City Band will perform each Tuesday.

- June 29 — Mojo and the Boogiemans
- July 6 — The Mudbugs
- July 13 — Chris Martin
- July 27 — Petoskey Steel Drum Band
- Aug. 3 — Jelly Roll Blues Band
- Aug. 10 — Pine River Jazz
- Aug. 17 — Chris Dominic

- Aug. 24 — University of Michigan Friars
 - Aug. 31 — Northwind Brass
- Concerts will be moved to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue should it rain.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

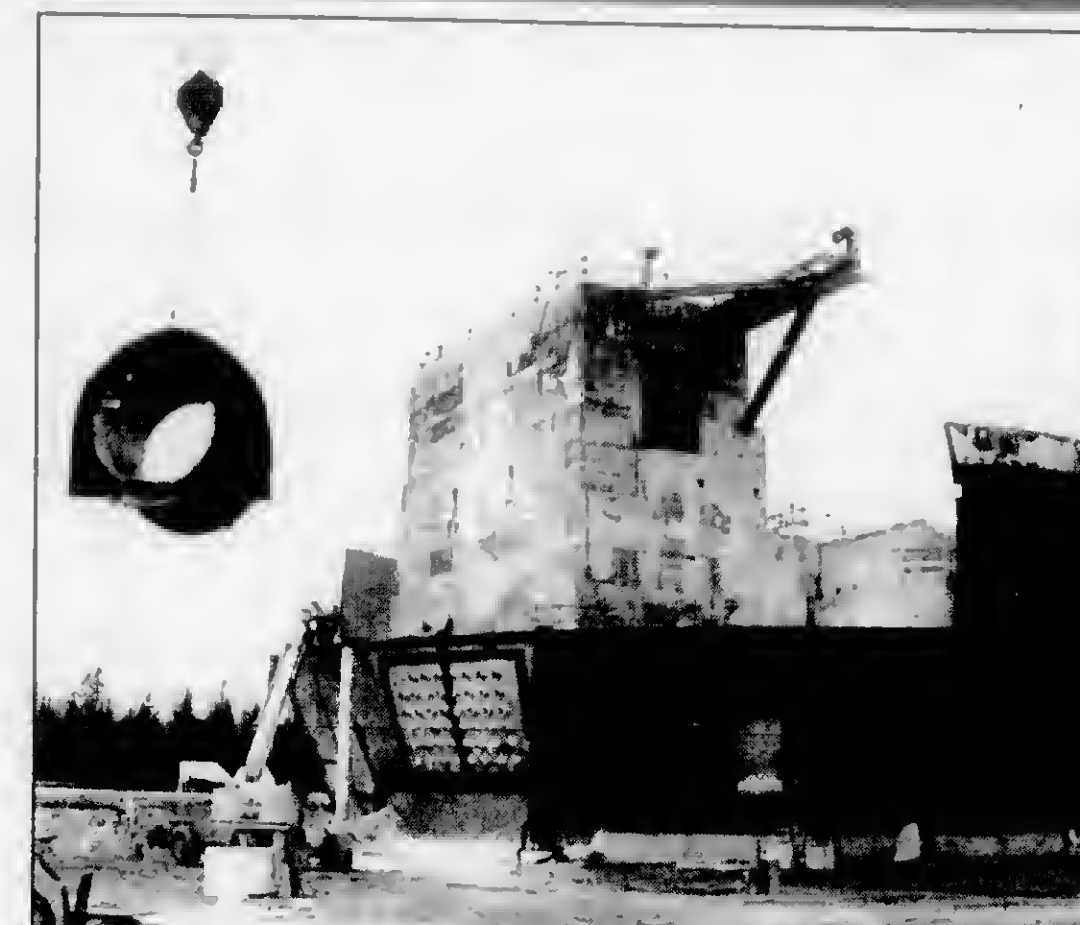


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Big Rock Point exhibit opens June 30 at Depot

An exhibit highlighting the history of Big Rock Point, the local nuclear power plant, will open at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 30 at the train depot on Depot Beach.

The history will be told through photographs, documents, plaques, hand-on displays, a cutaway model of the plant and videos, one of which features Ronald Reagan.

The exhibit will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through Labor Day weekend, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from early September through Oct. 14.

The Charlevoix Historical Society, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Consumers Energy's Big Rock Point Restoration Project, and the Consumers Energy Foundation are sponsoring the exhibit.

Pictures like the one accompanying this article will be on display.

(Above) The personnel lock is lowered from the nearly demolished shell of the Big Rock Point nuclear plant in late 2005.

The personnel lock was once the main entry point into the reactor containment sphere of the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant that once stood on

the Lake Michigan shore four miles northeast of Charlevoix.

The plant was shut down in August 1997, decommissioned, decontaminated where necessary, stripped, and gradually demolished until nothing was left above ground by early 2006.

Within the diminished containment sphere appears the 90-foot tall concrete monolith that housed the reactor. The monolith weighed 23.8 million pounds. A total of over 85 million pounds of non-radioactive debris from all the plant's buildings was shipped to an industrial landfill.

Big Rock Point was the fifth commercial nuclear plant constructed in the United States, and the first operational nuclear plant in Michigan. During the 35 years it was in operation it set both national and world records. Big Rock Point made a significant economic impact on northern lower Michigan. Today, Consumers Energy is returning the land on which the plant once stood to as close to its natural state as possible.

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Richard M. Brandt
City Treasurer

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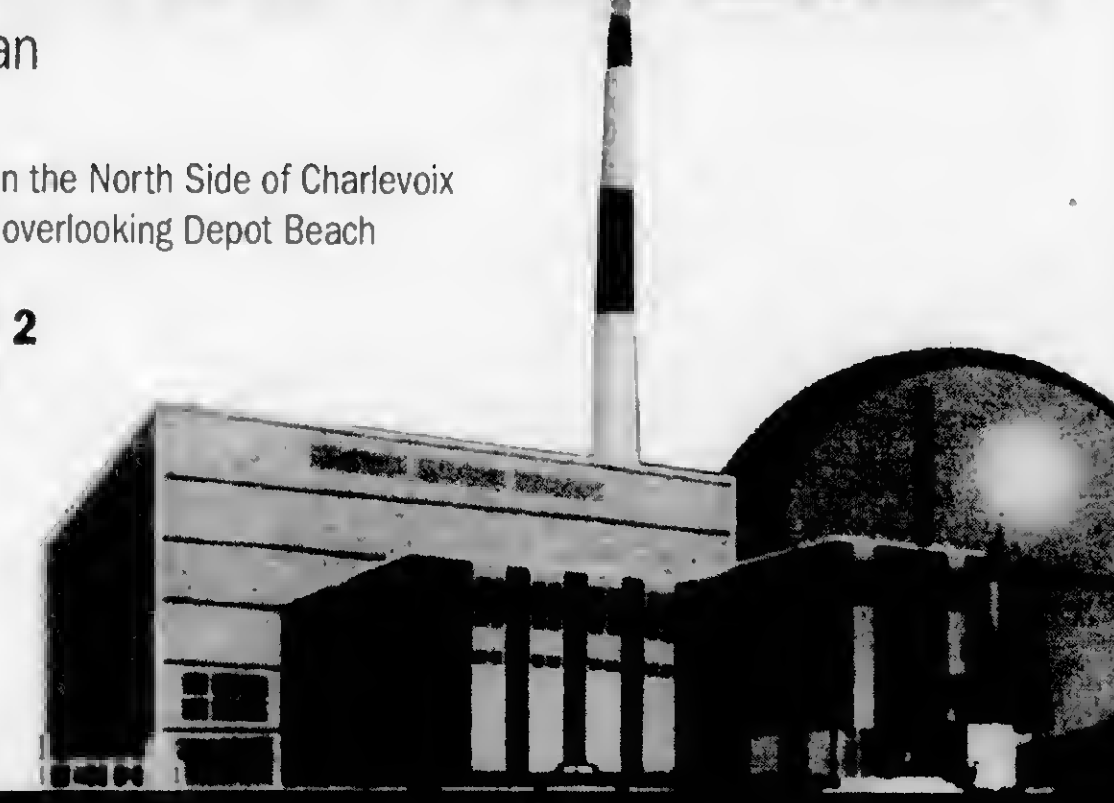
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Final tour

Fourth through sixth-grade students from Northwest Academy visited the Acacia for a final tour on June 2. Pictured above are Karissa Keehn, Dustin Prevo, Wyatt Potter, Mitchell Poirier-Hall, Dylan Skop, Madalyne May, Paige Poirier, Andrew Robarge, Ian Michelsen and Dylan Nunemaker.

Obituaries

Barbara Essenburg: Oct. 12, 1928 - June 20, 2006

Barbara Essenburg, 77, of Charlevoix died on Tuesday, June 20 at Boulder Park Nursing Care Facility in Charlevoix.

A memorial service took place on Friday, June 23 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Father Jerry Hunko of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix officiated.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1928 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the daughter of Paul and Mary Ann (Kopish) Steinmaus. She grew up in Fort Dodge and graduated from Fort Dodge High School. On Feb. 14, 1947 in Fort Dodge, she married Lauren "Larry" Engstrom. He preceded her in death on March 3,

1963. On July 31, 1967 in Charlevoix, she married Andy Essenburg. He also preceded her in death in 1992.

Barbara worked for a doctor as an office assistant in Portland before she married Andy. Barbara assisted her husband in managing their grocery store in Charlevoix, known as "Andy's." Barbara was a member of the Charlevoix County Republican Party and St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was an excellent bowler and golfer. Barbara also enjoyed playing bingo, bridge, collecting angels and fishing. She was a loving mother and was very devoted to her family and friends.

Barbara is survived by three children, Laurie Gaudio, Dan (Penny) Engstrom and Ed (Kim) Engstrom all of Charlevoix; seven grandchildren, Michael Gaudio, Gena Gaudio, David Engstrom, Julie (Jason) Holman, Jennifer (Justin) Russell, Tyler and Kelsey Engstrom; one sister, Louise "Wezz" McTigue of Kansas; and one brother, Joseph "Buzz" (Theresa) Stienmaus of New Mexico. Her son, David Engstrom in 1981 and one brother, Robert Stienmaus in 1992, also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay or the Arthritis Foundation.

Evelyn Schroder: Aug. 30, 1920 - June 21, 2006

Evelyn J. Schroder, 85, of Traverse City, died on Wednesday, June 21 at Munson Hospice House.



Evelyn Schroder

Evelyn was born on Aug. 30, 1920 in Charlevoix, to Louis W. and Dorothy E. (Beattie) Shapton.

In 1937, Evelyn moved to Traverse City to attend the Lewis-

Chapin School of Business.

On June 24, 1945 in Traverse City she married Harold D. Schroder who

preceded her in death in 1981. Evelyn retired in 1984 after 21 years as secretary for the architectural firm of GBKB Associates; she also was employed for nine years as secretary of the Grand Traverse United Way.

Evelyn is survived by her son, John D. (Kathrin) Schroder of Bentley; daughter, Sue Ann (Robert) Vasquez of Norman, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Thomas (Sue) Schroder, Karin (Don) Willman, Todd Schroder, Janice (Jon) Shier, Eric Schroder, Kevin Schroder, Lee Vasquez and Amanda (Chris) Cathey; brother, Ralph L. Shapton of Charlevoix; sisters, Sally (Gerald) Harris of Charlevoix, Helen (William) Bogart of Lansing; and many other loving

family members and friends.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband Harold and her parents.

A memorial service took place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 at the First Congregational Church where visitation took place one hour prior to the service. Rev. Gary Hogue and Billie Lou Gillespie-Brown officiated.

Burial will take place at Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be directed to First Congregational Church, Munson Hospice House or the charity of one's choice.

Friends may share their memories with the family at Evelyn's on-line guest book at www.reynolds-jonk-hoff.com.

Interment service

Carl Hartmann: 1 p.m. on June 28, Brookside Cemetery

Regular services for Carl T. Hartmann, 77, of Lansing, took place on Tuesday, June 27, at the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes in Lansing. Interment will take place at 1

p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Arrangements are being handled by Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes in Lansing.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North	Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430	ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth	Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455
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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 11906 US-31 North	Divine Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE US 31 North	Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m.
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 05855 M-66	Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (at Park Ave.)	Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m. Church Office 547-9122
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street	Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Todd Thompson 547-2654 or 5168	FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31	Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton	Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Child Care Provided Church Office 547-6322 Rev. John S. David	GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old U.S. 31 North	Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899
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By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Following surveys performed in May by the Army Corps of Engineers, commercial boaters are urged to use caution in certain areas of Pine River Channel and Lake Charlevoix.

While the Corps regularly dredges the bed to avoid problems, areas of the channel and the lake have shoals, or high spots in the lake bed, which could cause problems for mariners with heavy loads.

"If they need more than 16 feet they avoid that area," said William O'Donoghue, chief of technical services with the Corps. "But the only ones who need more than that are lake carriers — even the Coast Guard doesn't need that much depth, only major ships."

O'Donoghue said most pleasure craft need less than eight or 10 feet.

"We never have any strikes in Charlevoix. It's always pretty clear," he said. "We take a survey at least once a year. We go in and remove that shoal and dig it out of there."

O'Donoghue said storms off Lake Michigan push sand and other sediment into the channel, causing the shoals to accumulate.

Areas of concern are 16-feet or less, while the rest of the areas of the lake and channel are 18-

feet unless otherwise specified. There is an area of less than 18-feet on the south side of the Lake Michigan side of the Pine River Channel and the northeast side of the area between Round Lake and north Charlevoix (see map).

Charlevoix has just one of the more than 100 federally controlled channels on the Great Lakes.

"We try to keep any harbor where we have commercial traffic at an authorized project depth, and that depth in Charlevoix is 18-feet," O'Donoghue said. "We have Ludington, which is probably 29, but they can only carry 27-and-a-half through the St. Lawrence Seaway, so as far as Ludington, I don't understand why they need that."

While surveys on larger channels may be year-round jobs with large funds, the Charlevoix job is generally completed in one day for approximately \$1,200.

According to the Army Corps of Engineers, all inquiries on the matter should be addressed to CELRE-OT-T and should refer to Notice to Navigation Interests No. L06-24. Visit <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil> for more information.

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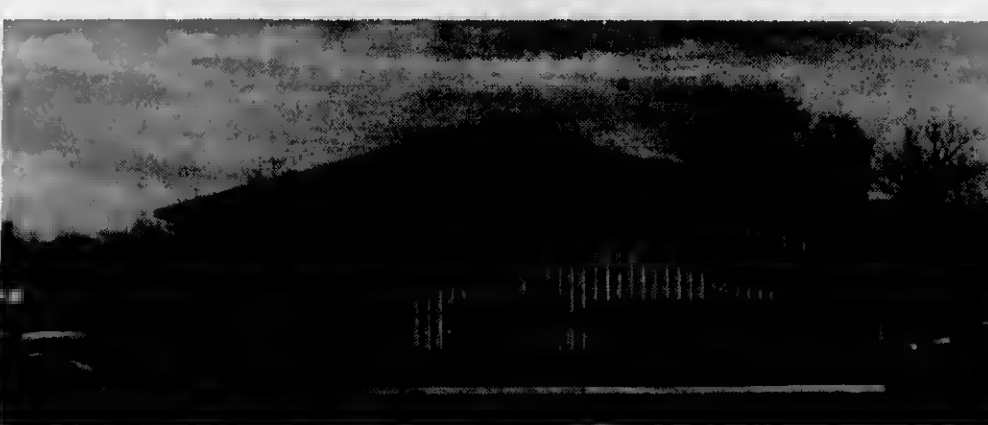
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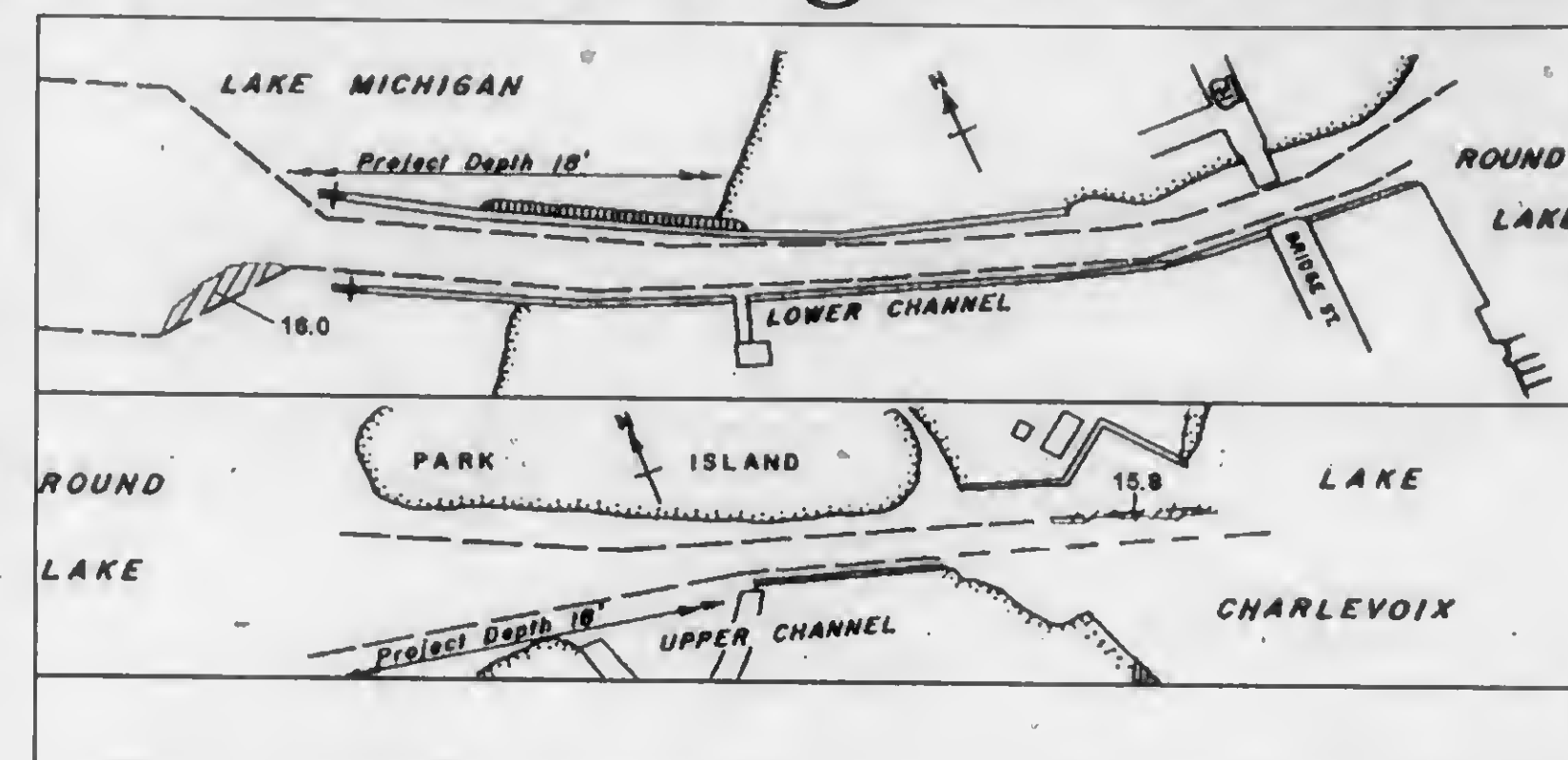
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First introduced at the U.S. Sailboat Show in Annapolis, Md. in October 2005, and later at Strictly Sail in Chicago, Ill. the Charlevoix Sharpie is constructed in wood/epoxy and is reminiscent of the work boats of the early 1900s.

The Charlevoix was granted a hull design registration by the U.S. Copyright Office and boasts 9-feet of looting cockpit and 12-feet of berth space on the port side. An alcohol stove, microwave, ice box and sink fills out the galley.

Featured in Capitol Entertainment magazine as one of eight "must see" models at the U.S. Sailboat show, two consecutive issues of Northern Breezes Magazine and in Good Old Boat, the Charlevoix is a beautiful boat of wood/epoxy monocoque construction. Over 800 people boarded the boat at the Strictly Sail show in Chicago.

The Charlevoix will be launched at 4 p.m. on June 30 and will travel from the Irish Boat Works to the



Courtesy photo

From June 30 to July 2, the Charlevoix (pictured above), a 32-foot ketch manufactured by Lakeland Boatworks Inc. of Middleville will sail Lake Charlevoix, the lake for which the model was named.

Charlevoix Municipal Marina on Round Lake. The Charlevoix will be on display at the marina through July 2.

The boat crew will spend Saturday and Sunday sailing Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan near Round Lake. Late Saturday or early

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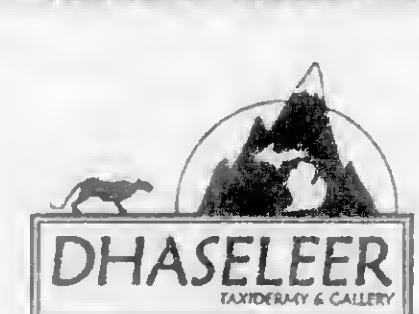
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Local nurses steer Perspectives International

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

A passion for health care reunited two Charlevoix friends who grew up just feet apart from each other on Nettleton Street.

Ann Campbell and Tricia Kelly are childhood neighbors who moved in different geographical directions after graduating from Charlevoix High School. Campbell, 27, graduated in 1997 and went on to Binghamton University in New York from where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in studio art in 2004. She returned in 2005 to study in an accelerated nursing program.

Kelly, 26, graduated in 1998 and went on to study at the University of Michigan from where she earned a bachelor's degree and in 2005 a master's degree in community health.

Campbell's education lead her to northern Peru where she studied the interplay of traditional and modern medicines in Belen under the umbrella of an organization called Amazon Promise. Her work took her to old school houses, churches and even front porches where she and her group would set up mobile clinics from where they delivered basic care. She saw skin infections, children with severe pneumonia, tuberculosis, malaria and overall unsanitary living conditions.

Kelly headed to northern Queensland in Australia where she studied health care among two indigenous populations.

Who: Perspectives International
What: Expedition Amazon exhibit opening reception
When: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on July 1
Where: Weathervane Restaurant

Both came away from their experiences with a new outlook on culturally appropriate health care and a desire to make a difference.

Now, the two registered nurses have opted to embark on a journey together that will take them to new professional and personal heights.

In the fall of 2004 Campbell was selected to be one of four from a group of 20,000 applicants to receive a \$25,000 Visa "Ideas Happen" grant.

Her idea that she and Kelly are now making happen is called Perspectives International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance quality of life through culture, art, education and health care.

Through a traveling exhibit comprised of photos, paintings and video clips created during Campbell's Peruvian medical exploration they hope to raise \$100,000 to build a health care center in Belen to be run by Amazon Promise.

"Through art in the U.S. we are bringing healing to a community in Peru," Campbell said. "I've found through this grant I can do a lot for them."

The photos, taken by Campbell and paintings created by Javier Villanes Arias, a Peruvian obstetrician, general practitioner and painter, are for sale during the exhibition.

Track 6 Productions of Binghamton, N.Y., produced the three short films that will also be shown. The framed photos range in price from \$60 to \$300. And the paintings from \$60 to \$1,000.

The first Charlevoix arm of the project will debut this weekend at the Weathervane.

"We want to bring the whole community on the journey with us," Campbell said.

Perspectives International Expedition Amazon will host an opening reception to take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 1 in the lobby, bar and deck areas of the Weathervane Restaurant, located at 106 Pine River Lane in Charlevoix.

The display will be available throughout the summer but the video clips will only be shown at the opening reception.

The exhibit has been shown at Charlevoix high and middle schools. Over time the goal is to create a curriculum around the exhibition through which science classes might focus on traditional plant medicines and English courses might incorporate Peruvian authors. Ultimately, Campbell hopes to form a student exchange program between Charlevoix and Peru.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Charlevoix resident Ann Campbell sits among pieces of art included in the Perspectives International Expedition Amazon exhibit she created to garner funds for creation of a health clinic in Belen, Peru.

Between Charlevoix and Peru. This arm of the project will further develop during Campbell's next visit to Peru. She plans to leave July 7.

The Peru project is a huge undertaking and both Campbell and Kelly also have traditional career paths. Kelly is a full-time nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Northern Michigan Hospital and Campbell will begin full-time work as a registered nurse for Visiting Nurse Service of New York in September.

In spite of their busy schedules, Campbell said Peru is just her first stop.

"This is a template for something that could enhance any community we bring it to," she said.

Next stop? Campbell said she has her sights set on Africa where she hopes to build a women's center or clinic.

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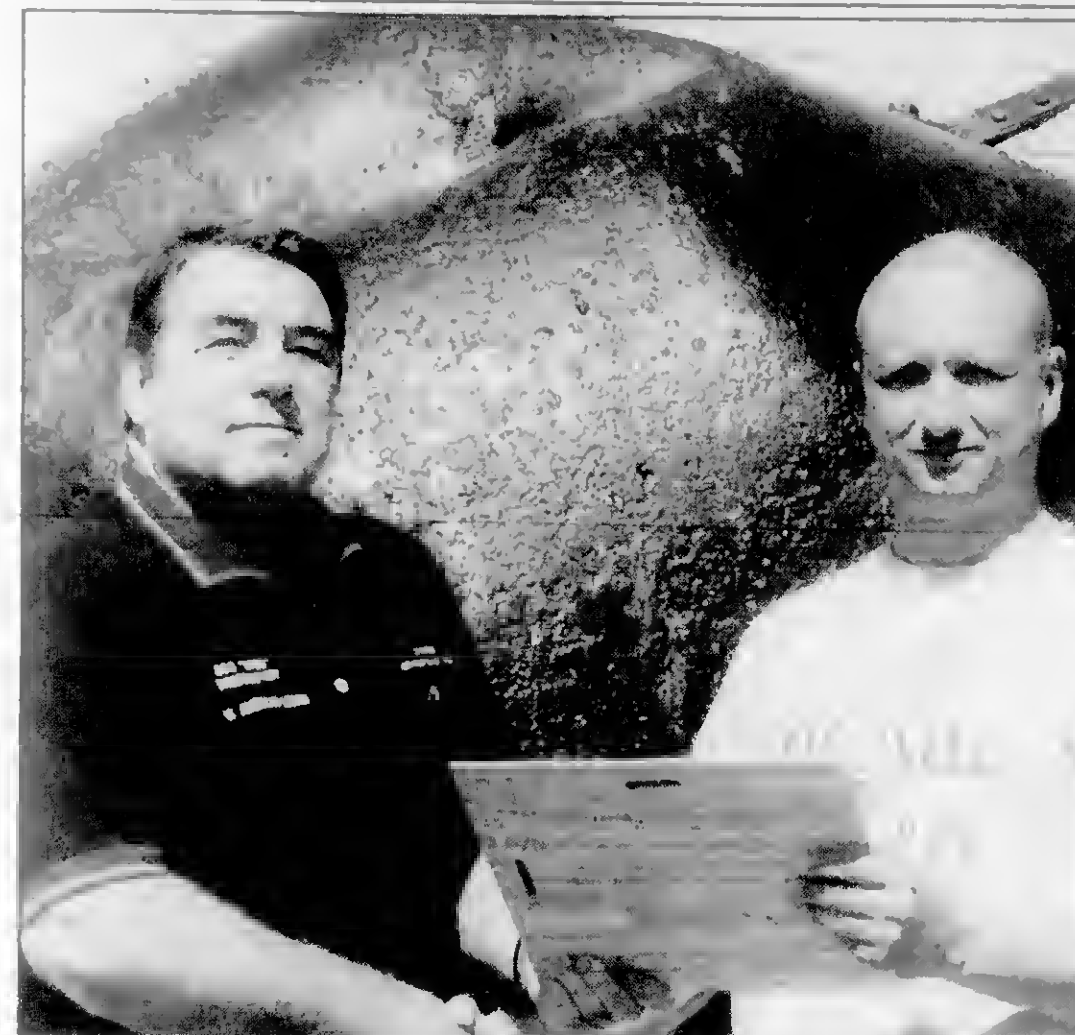


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Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs director Bob Drebenstedt (left) recently awarded this certificate to Chief John McLean Jr., officer in charge at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, for his 23 years of work with the U.S. Coast Guard. McLean will officially retire on Oct. 1. His replacement, Scott Boop, will be inducted this Friday.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
 Staff writer

He may not be in a rocking chair and smoking a pipe, but U.S. Coast Guard Station Charlevoix's Chief officer in charge, 40-year-old John McLean Jr., is retiring.

While McLean admits his retirement plans sound more action packed than some, he will get to do the one thing he's always wanted — see his family more often and stay in one place.

"I think the biggest thing I'm looking forward to is spending time with my kids and not worrying about moving every four years or being on this trip or that trip and just being able to be home with my family every night," he said. "I love Charlevoix. Honestly, I can't think of a better place to call home and raise my kids."

According to McLean, the Coast Guard relocates its members every four years to offer them a well-rounded career.

McLean joined the United States Coast Guard more than two decades ago, after spending his senior year in high school in the Coast Guard

Reserves. He started his full-time career with the guard in a recruitment office in Detroit and worked his way up to his current rank of chief.

"My goals kept me going. My goal when I came in the Coast Guard was to command my own small boat or lifeboat station," he said. "What got me up in the morning was taking care of the people working with me and serving my community, those are all integral parts of what made my job so good."

In his years as a reservist all the way up to chief, McLean has rescued people and commanded as many as 24 men and women in situations from routine drills to life altering rescue missions.

"When I was stationed in Cleveland Ohio, I, myself and my crew, rescued a pilot of a single engine Cessna from the water after he crashed," McLean said. "That was a huge life save, that one really sticks out in my mind."

Among the many triumphs, the chief said, were also some woes.

"I lost a shipmate back in the late 1980s. We were assisting a tug and while they were trying to assess the damage, the tug sank," McLean said.

"One of the guys got out, but one passed away. That was probably one of the very emotional cases for me."

McLean and his Charlevoix crew were, among other things, responsible for saving three lives when a 45-foot catamaran capsized in Little Traverse Bay.

But, one of the more tension inducing events McLean has ever faced is his retirement.

"I'm very apprehensive," he said. "When you're employed with someone like the military for 23 years and have that nice security blanket then to walk out on your own is nerve-racking."

He added, "I'll miss the people the most, but I'll miss the job too. I tell people all the time how nice it is to be able to retire after 23 years and love the job more now than when I first came in. A lot of people count the days until their retirement, but not me."

The fiancé of Julie Bernhardt and father of two boys, 11-year-old Jake and 7-year-old Jared, McLean said it was really a recruiter speaking during

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Celebrating the solstice

Ed Fralick of Charlevoix was one of many artists that wowed thousands in attendance at the 8th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show June 24 and 25 in East Park. Fralick specializes in steel art, furniture and more. Here he shows off his custom-built motorcycle he dubbed, "Hardly A Davidson." The bike, which he enjoys riding and taking to art shows, took him nearly two years to create.

Donations needed for Aug. 13 pool auction

Items for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool's 17th Annual Auction arrive daily but more are needed for the event.

The pool auction will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Charlevoix Country Club. The public is invited to a preview on Aug. 12 also at the country club.

According to auction chairman Jim Minder items received to date include football tickets for college games, one winter week at the Key West Hotel in Florida, an antique wine chest, a garden party for 20, a stay for eight in Big Sky, Mont., a cruise on the Challenger cement boat, cocktail parties, sunset cruises, hand-painted furniture, golf packages, fun packages for grandchildren, gift certificates to local restaurants, a Lladro figurine and other interesting vacation destinations.

Donations may be dropped off at the pool, located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Tickets for the pool auction are \$75 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the pool at (231) 547-0892 or the country club at (231) 547-9796.

Those who wish to become sponsors, make a donation or volunteer to help, may call Minder at (231) 547-4071. Tim Clagett at (231) 547-7444 or Bruce MacArthur at (231) 547-6960.

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Induction ceremony for new officer in charge is June 30

MCLEAN

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career day which peaked his interest in the profession.

"I joined because of my love of the water and it was a job that I liked," he said. "I was earning money and still serving my country."

McLean plans to utilize his extra time by focusing on his position on the Charlevoix Public School Board, working with the City of Charlevoix Fire Department, taking over as manager of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark and getting married in August.

McLean, who will be replaced by BMC Scott Boop, soon to be Officer in Charge at official ceremonies

scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, June 30 at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix. McLean will officially retire on Oct. 1.

With a career of 15 years in the guard, Boop has served in five different stations all over the United States.

"I'm definitely excited and looking forward to the challenges," he said. "This will be my first command."

Boop and his family recently moved to Charlevoix from Port Huron, approximately 60 miles north of Detroit.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 SYNOPSIS - JUNE 14, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on June 14, 2006. All Commissioners were present. Motion approved the minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting as presented.

Sheriff George T. Lasater presented the board with copies of the 2005 Annual Report.

Motion approved Resolution #06-031, PA 511 Grant Application for 2006/07.

Motion approved Resolution #06-032, Grandvue Operating Transfer, and the Treasurer be authorized to make this transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #06-033, Grandvue Operating Transfer, and the Treasurer be authorized to make this transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #06-034, Authorizing Resolution.

Motion approved Resolution #06-035, Title Check Contract Extension and authorized the Treasurer to sign said contract.

Motion approved Resolution #06-036, Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign said document.

Resolution #06-037 Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact was tabled.

Motion approved Resolution #06-038, 2007/09 Multi-Year Implementation Plan.

Resolution #06-039, Building Inspection Vehicle was referred back to the Building & Grounds Committee.

Resolution #06-040, Award Proposal Air Quality Study was tabled and referred to Committee.

Motion approved Resolution #06-041, AAA Grant Application.

Motion approved Resolution #06-042, Holiday Hours, closing the county building both July 3rd and July 4th.

The meeting was adjourned.

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The 13th Annual Symphony on the Green will present Strings on the Lake, a benefit for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 7.

Symphony on the Green presents Strings on the Lake

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
 Special to the Courier

The 13th Annual Symphony on the Green will present Strings on the Lake, a benefit for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 7.

Foundation executive director, Lyn Jenks, said she hopes the event will raise \$25,000.

All donations will go towards a \$433,750 renovation project that will house a LightSpeed VCT Select Computed Tomography Scanner.

Jenks said the new scanner will offer residents a more sophisticated form of diagnostic imaging.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital already has a Computed Tomography Scanner, but plans to lease the new \$1.2 million equipment.

The machine uses the latest technology, which means faster scanning, more precise images and a faster, more

accurate diagnosis for patients.

"Strings on the Lake will feature music by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra String Quartet and hors d'oeuvres by the Rowe Inn.

By changing the theme from Symphony on the Green, Jenks wants to get more people involved because the new CT Scanner will have such a big impact on the local community.

"Like with all special events, every once and awhile you need to change them up to renew interest," she explained.

The event will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Riecker, on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Division Street.

Tickets are \$125 per person and can be purchased by calling (231) 547-8591.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation also accepts donations via their Web site at www.cah.org/foundation.

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On Oct. 4, 2005, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency adopted the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation of 2005. This regulation is very similar to the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation which was adopted and approved several months ago.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners voted in favor of re-approving the Regulation on April 26. This regulation requires public and private work sites to create and implement a smoke-free policy prohibiting smoking in all enclosed areas, except for the following: Private residences, except when used for child care, health care or adult day care facility, casinos, restaurants, bars and tobacco specialty stores.

The following changes have been made to the previous regulation:

- The definition for employer has been changed to business and other entities which employ two

individual employees. The former wording included all businesses of one or more employees.

- Smoking is not regulated in an employer owned or leased vehicle, which is occupied by only one employee and is not occupied by other employees or the public. The former wording of the regulation implied that smoking was prohibited in all business vehicles.

- A paragraph has been added which states that smoking is allowed in a designated smoking room that is a separate, enclosed area, independently ventilated so that smoke does not enter other non-smoking areas of the work site. The provision of a designated smoking room shall not result in the diminishment of workplace amenities to non-smoking employees nor require that they enter a designated smoking room to access those amenities. Before a designated smoking room becomes operational, the health officer or a representative of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency shall

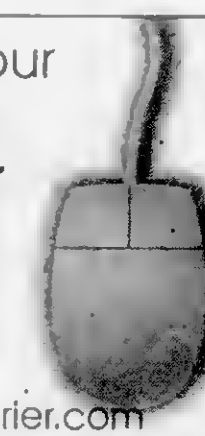
determine whether the designated smoking room complies with this regulation.

In order to assist businesses in becoming a smoke-free workplace, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency has made available a brochure outlining the regulation, a resource guide for smoking cessation programs for employees, a sample smoke-free policy and a no-smoking door decal.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING CITY/TOWNSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a Primary Election will be held in the following City/Township on Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

Electors who wish to vote in the general election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2006. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In Person:

At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

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NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for the location, days and times.

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CHS grads found alumni association

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

cially in July.

New members can join for \$5 and will receive a car decal.

Charlevoix High School class of 2005 has plans to start an alumni association effective next month.

Former class presidents Michael Wojan and Nate Dube, with the help of classmates Chris Golski and Ben Bergmann, came up with the Charlevoix High School Alumni Association idea when they realized there was still \$1,200 left over after their senior party.

"It was a collection of a lot of people's ideas to really get this started," Wojan said. "We just figured the extra money might as well go to a good cause."

With plans to fund special projects like field trips and to give out scholarships for overall excellence, the new alumni association will begin offi-



Michael
Wojan

with something to give back to the school."

Bergmann, along with Ann Golski and Ho Wojan, will assist the boys in planning and running the new association.

"The kids are excited to set up a

"They are a really great group of kids," said Sherrel Bergmann, a parent advisor to the new Charlevoix High School Alumni Association. "They wanted to come up

program that benefits not only the alumni but the school as it exists now," Bergmann said.

Plans in the works include an all-class reunion which may happen next year.

The boys also plan to ask for donations during Venetian to help keep the

program running and attend class reunions during the summer to help get more people involved.

"The kids have a lot of work to do, but that class has always been pretty forward-looking," Bergmann said.



Nate
Dube



Courtesy photo

Working at the car wash

Charlevoix Elementary School's first-grade class with the help of their teacher Kari Boss, counselor Kristen Beach and parent Michelle Utley, washed cars on Friday, May 26 for three hours and earned \$85 for art supplies and playground equipment.

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Cancer claims active community member Patsy Ramsey

By KRISTINA HUGHES
Petoskey News-Review staff writer

Patsy Ramsey was a survivor, known for her resilience.

Near the end of her journey, she began painting through her chemotherapy treatments, finding pleasure as an artist.

Fittingly Saturday, when Ramsey died at 49, her artwork was on display at the Summer Solstice Art Show in Charlevoix.

"We put a sign in the booth that said Patsy is with JonBénet," said Linda Boss, a friend of the family. "It was standing room only, with plenty of tears."

"It was her last wish. She wanted to be (here today) in the booth."

The fanfare showcased her joy for life.

"I kept telling people, Patsy is here with us," Boss said. "It looked like a party. Her life was a party, and even with all the awful things that happened to her, she rose above it."

Ramsey was a survivor of the tabloids, the mother of JonBénet, a business woman and community volunteer who called Charlevoix home. She was known for her community pride, volunteering with the Venetian Festival, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and as a founder of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark.

"If you knew her she wasn't a celebrity, she was Patsy. She was the tap dancer, a painter, a mom and a dear friend," Boss said. "She made

everything fun."

Boss and Ramsey forged a friendship in 1996 and later founded a business venture with WebBook. Through the partnership she gained a best friend. She remembers their last few visits.

"The last time I saw her in February she tap danced at a ladies retreat," Boss said.

The community will miss her. "Everybody loved her," Boss said. "She just gave back to the community."

Charlevoix chamber president Jacqueline Merta remembers Patsy's southern charm and her love for kids. Merta said Ramsey came into the office one day.

"She said she wanted to do something for the children," Merta remembers. JonBénet and Burke were young, and Patsy soon chaired a decorated bicycle parade and contest with trophies and ribbons.

She quickly became a Charlevoix favorite.

"She made you feel welcome, she would just bring sunshine in your life," Merta said.

The Flanders and Ramseys shared several special occasions together, sharing in the Venetian festivities and fireworks.

"She considered Charlevoix home," Susan Flanders said. "Patsy will be remembered in our family as a loving friend and someone who is truly going to be missed."

"She had a lot of spunk and spirit," Flanders said. "She loved life. She

was a loving mother, a beautiful wife. She loved the Lord. Her faith never wavered."

She kept her faith when her family became a tabloid sensation.

During the trying media circus, Boss defended her friend, whose sense of humor was inspiring.

"She never felt sorry for herself," Boss said. "How many times can someone have the rug pulled out from under them and get up?"

But Patsy did, with a smile. Like many of her friends, Merta admired her strength.

"Even though she dealt with a lot of adversity with the cancer and the death of JonBénet, she always kept that positive outlook on life," Merta said. "She was so cheerful and joyful."

When the ovarian cancer reoccurred, she never gave in. When her husband, John, ran for state representative, she would hit the campaign trails after chemotherapy.

"She would rest and then go door to door," Boss said. "She loved it. Because she loves people and she loves life."

She was a tour de force on the campaign trail, sharing a warmth while discussing the issues.

"You could spend five minutes with her and it's like you're her best

friend, she treated you with so much respect," Boss said. "She genuinely cared about people."

Through her hardships, she always remembered others. She founded the JonBénet Children's Foundation in 1996, a nonprofit making donations in her memory, often to children's organizations. Patsy established a \$1,000 scholarship to send area kids whose families cannot afford the cost to camp at Mount McSautha.

The family will remember Patsy in a fitting way. John has set up a foundation in her memory, the Patsy P. Ramsey Ovarian Cancer Foundation. The proceeds from her legacy, her paintings, will benefit the foundation.

"The artwork portrayed the joy she saw in life," Merta said of the colorful scenes of Northern Michigan.

When Boss heard the news from Patsy's family, she granted Patsy's wish she had shared with her friend — she showed her art.

"This was Patsy's legacy," Boss said. "She passed away on the day of the show. I know she was with us."

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Gospel quartet to perform July 2 at Church of the Nazarene

The Gospelmen Quartet will be in concert at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 2.

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The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene is located at 12023 Waller Road. For more information, call (231) 547-5711.

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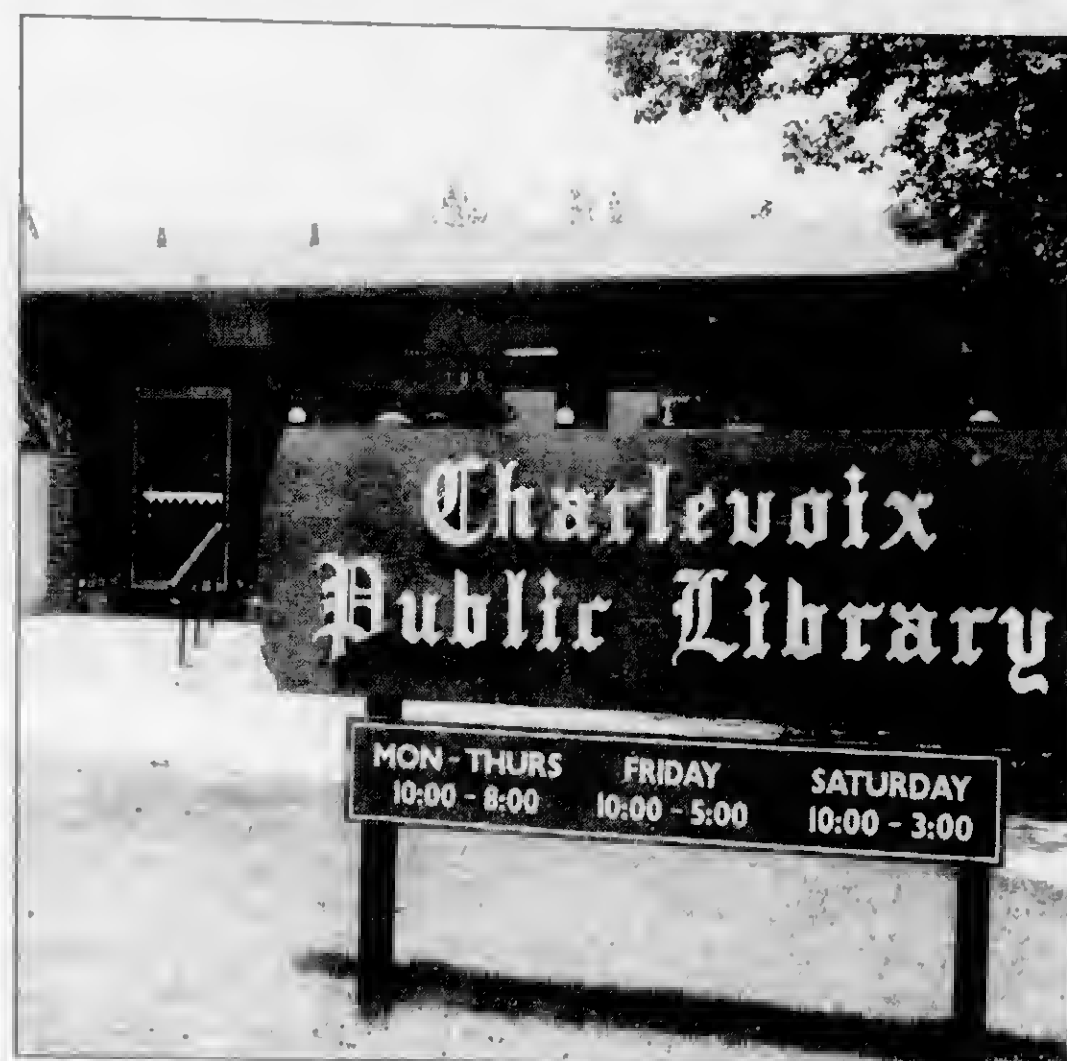


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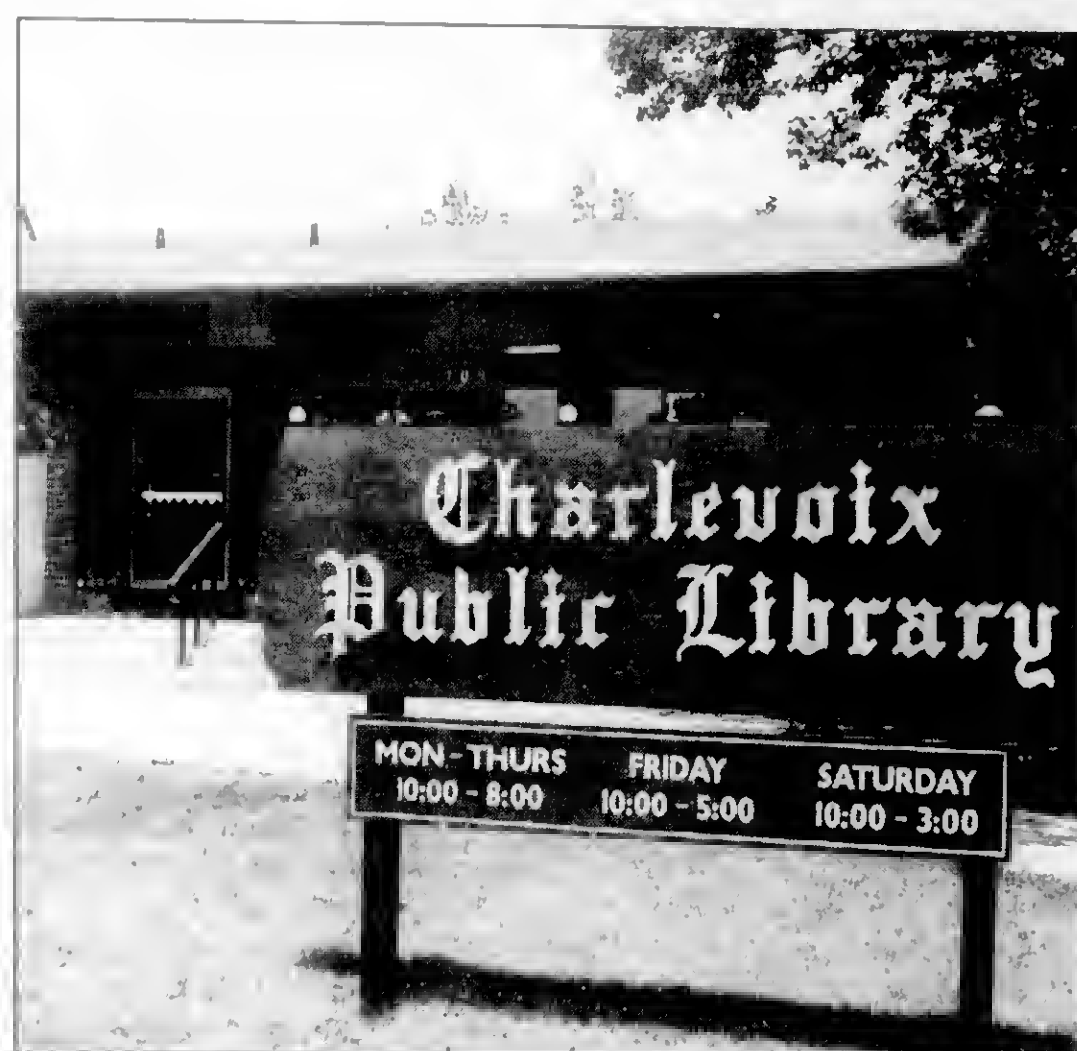


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"I'm not sure how that would be (better) than if we were to move in behind them moving out," He said. "You find us in a facility that is substandard for humans to work in. We desperately need that building. We've got a lot of student records in closets in our district because we don't have a place to put them."

Trubilowicz, opining on what he's seen in the private meetings, said, "We're certainly closer to an agreement than we were a year ago. The fact that we're talking brings us closer together. I think we've had a number of areas of agreement. We're still working through some of the details."

Meyerson said she believes there will be one more "subcommittee" meeting before opening the issue to the public for comment.

"The speech from Dennis (Halverson) wasn't quite factual because he didn't speak with committee members," Meyerson said. "But we're moving forward. There's going to be resolution soon."

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Monica Speigl, exercise specialist at the hospital's cardiac rehabilitation department, helped spearhead the bird feeder project.

"Our department offers a beautiful view of the gardens and nearby Lake Michigan," she said. "The scenery is uplifting for those recovering from a cardiac incident. And now, patients can enjoy watching a variety of birds, as they workout on treadmills and perform their exercises."

The hospital guild helped with funding, and Karen and Steve Andrews, owners of Sturgeon River Pottery in Petoskey, donated some of the equipment and bird feed. The guild will continue to contribute bird feed.

Speigl expects to attract a host of native birds, from cardinals and nuthatches, to woodpeckers and hummingbirds.

"This feeding station will be a welcome addition for the birds, and great therapy for our patients, too," she said.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

New bird feeders were installed outside the glass windows of the cardiac unit at Charlevoix Area Hospital, thanks to the hospital guild who helped fund the project and has agreed to keep them stocked with seed. (Above, from left) Lisa Russell of Sturgeon River Pottery was at the hospital on June 12 to help the group install the new feeders. Monica Speigl, an exercise specialist at the hospital accepts a check from guild treasurer Joanne Friedman and president Chris Unbehaun.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, at Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice NINETY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$99,677.57) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, July 21, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose



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Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85 degrees 54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1 degrees 35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1 degrees 35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1 degrees 35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39 degrees 54'29" East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1 degrees 35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1 degrees 35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85 degrees 54'10" West 33.3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79 degrees 43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62 degrees 36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1 degrees 35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62 degrees 36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79 degrees 43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said 3 line North 85 degrees 54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0 degrees 54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section

36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: June 06, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company

Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC

by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)

109 E. Front Street, Suite 300

Traverse City, MI 49684

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 11, 2005, by Tamera Meadows, a/k/a Tamera Laurie, and Mark Follette, wife and husband, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 24, 2005, at Liber 668, Page 780, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$52,249.32 principal, \$998.46 interest, and \$60.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, July 14, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL 1: The South 1/4 of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of

the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 20, Township 33 North, Range 5 West.

PARCEL 2: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 29, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPT a strip of land 30 rods wide East and West and 80 rods long North and South, off the East side.

PARCEL 3: That part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 5 West lying on the East side of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road. EXCEPT for the following described parcel: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; thence West along the North eighth line 490 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 215 feet to an iron stake; thence West, parallel with the North eighth line, to the center line of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road (Old State Road); thence Southwesterly along said center line to the intersection with the North eighth line; thence East along said eighth line to the point of beginning.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 7.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)

Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

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LEGAL NOTICE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO.

Estate of Clarence William Miller, A/K/A William Miller, Deceased
Date of birth: August 13, 1944

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clarence William Miller, a/k/a William Miller, who lived at 519 Grant Street, Boyne City, Michigan, died March 31, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David Behling, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 16, 2006

Dennis G. Cross P34379
407 Michigan Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-439-5910

David Behling
139 Mishe-Mokwa
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
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LEGAL NOTICE

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** -- Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas A Carson, a Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 6, 2005 in Liber 708 Page 761 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$140,392.02) including interest 9.51% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM, on Friday, July 21, 2006. Said premises are situated in City of Walloon Lake, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a T-Iron Stake at the West Quarter Corner of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence South 88 degrees 50 minutes 17 Seconds East along the East and West Quarter Line of Said Section 2648.26 feet to a 3-4 Inch Iron Bar at the Center Quarter Corner of Said Section; thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West along the North and South Quarter Line of Said Section 1313.91 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on the South Eighth Line of Said Section, as monumented; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West along said Eighth Line 491.59 Feet to a Point which is 801.30 Feet South 89 Degrees 0 Minutes 42 Seconds East of an Iron Stake at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section, as monumented; thence North 1 Degree 147 Minutes 21 Seconds East 33.0 Feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on the Northerly line of Highway M-75, Being the Point of Beginning of this Description; thence Continuing North 1 Degree 47 Minutes 21 Seconds East 259.50 Feet to a T-Iron Stake at the Southeast Corner of the Alan L. Deneau Property, as Monuments; thence North 0 Degrees 34 Minutes 31 Seconds West along said Deneau Property 176.17 Feet to a One-Half Inch Rod; thence South 89

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

June 28

Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a luncheon at noon on Wednesday, June 28, at the Perry Hotel in Petoskey. All Panhellenic members in the area are invited to attend.

The luncheon and short business meeting will be followed by a program "Spice Up Your Life" presented by Sandra Burt, a food technologist for McCormick Spice Company Inc. Reservations may be made by calling (231) 347-4395.

June 30

Venetian queen fund-raiser

The 1st Annual Venetian Queen's Chicken Dinner Fund-raiser, featuring Don Meggison's famous lemon chicken will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 30 at Depot Beach.

The dinner will be an introduction to this year's Venetian Queen candidates, five young women vying for the crown of "Miss Charlevoix."

Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (231) 547-3872.

July 2

Gospelmen Quartet

The Gospelmen Quartet will be in concert at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 2.

Originating from Genesee, The Gospelmen are a gospel quartet with a southern flavor.

There will be a free-will offering received for the quartet. A refreshment fellowship time will follow the concert.

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene is located at 12023 Waller Road. For more information, call (231) 547-5711.

July 4

City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

July 4

African Children's Choir

The African Children's Choir will perform from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, in the East Park bandshell.

The concert is sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and its host is Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene. A free-will offering will be received at the concert. The choir is made up of 25 children ages 7 to 10 from Uganda, located in central Africa.

July 6

Comedy at the Castle

Comedian and author Bruce Cameron will be featured at Comedy at the Castle, a fund-raiser for St. Mary School. The event will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 6 at Castle Farms.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served. A cash bar will be available.

The cost is \$30 for tickets purchased in advance and \$35 for tickets at the door.

Tickets are available at Bridge Street Book Shop, St. Mary School or Castle Farms.

July 12

Senior picnic

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will host the 27th Annual Senior Picnic to celebrate county senior citizens from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12 at the Harvest Barn Wood of Life Church in East Jordan.

The lunch will feature a chicken barbecue and side dishes. The event will include entertainment and door prizes.

Tickets are \$6 for those under 60 and a \$3 suggested donation for seniors age 60 and over.

Tickets are available at East Jordan and Boyne City senior centers and at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

Transportation to and from the event by Charlevoix County Transit will be paid for by local senior centers or the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. To make arrangements for a ride, call (231) 582-6900 by Monday, July 10.

For more information, call (231) 237-0103.

July 12

Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a luncheon at noon on July 12 at the home of Judy Bryan, located at 317 Fairview, in Petoskey. Julieanne Tomatoes will cater the luncheon.

Julie Norcross of McLean & Eaken Booksellers in Petoskey will present a program called "Kids and Cookbooks."

All Panhellenic women of the area are invited to attend. For reservations, call (231) 348-1197.

July 13

Lions Golf Tournament

The Charlevoix Lions will host their twelfth annual charity golf fund-raiser on Thursday, July 13, at the Belvedere Golf Club. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m.

The \$98 per player fee includes 18 holes of golf, the cart fee, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of \$12.90 is charged for awards dinner only guests.

Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams who would like to play can find registration forms at locations around town, or by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117, or Bern Cannan at (231) 547-5512.

All proceeds go to the club's beneficiaries.

Aug. 13

Pool auction

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool's 17th Annual Auction will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Charlevoix Country Club. The public is invited to a preview on Aug. 12, also at the country club.

Tickets for the pool auction are \$75 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the pool at (231) 547-0892 or the country club at (231) 547-9796.

Skatepark hours

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark opened its doors on June 17.

The park will be open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

A grand opening celebration is being planned for an undetermined date in July.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The swim will not take place on July 5. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from July 1 through Sept. 2. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to home bound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5 year olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

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SCRAPBOOK

Lucky baton makes its way back to the Rayder track



Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

Dale and I had a most enjoyable visit with former Charlevoix High School track stars, Greg Bryan and Al Ranger. It was such fun going over old times in school, and laughing over pranks the boys played. Later, Greg married Beverly Stroud, and Al married Patsy Rautan, all classmates at school.

In 1949, Charlevoix played Central Lake in a dual meet. Dale Suomela, Jim Jolliffe, Don Hardy and Greg Bryan, won the relay 771/2-10. They also always had great competition between Charlevoix and Harbor Springs. At the Central Michigan relays that year, Bryan, Dale Suomela, Neil Suomela and Jolliffe won three trophies in the winged feet competition. This was the first time it had been done, and has never been broken.

In Bryan and Ranger's senior year, which was 1951, Charlevoix had won 17 district championships in a row, and 14 regional championships.

In 1951, at the state meet, coach Stewart "Irish" Coleman wanted all the boys to get a medal. Dale Suomela had won a medal in the shot-put, and was supposed to run in the 880. Jim Bowman was feeling glum, as he was disqualified himself in the dashes. Irish then put Bowman in the relay, because he knew he could win. He did, and got his medal.

In 1948, Bryan moved to Lowell, as his dad was transferred there. The coach treated him unfairly, and wouldn't play him most of the year, and when he finally did put him in, he won first place. Later, his dad asked him if he wanted to go back to Charlevoix, and he jumped at the chance. He lived with George VerWy's family. In 1949, he was ineligible to transfer, as he had no guardian, so Irish let him run in all the dual meets, although he wasn't allowed to win a ribbon even though he made first place. Irish wanted to keep him in shape for his senior year.

In 1951, Bryan's senior year, he recalls a 220 relay they had. Ranger started the race, and handed the baton to Bowman who dropped the baton. Bryan remembers Bowman standing and looking at it. Ron Cunningham and Bryan yelled, "Pick up the baton." Bowman picked it up and gave it to Cunningham who gained some ground on their last place position, and then handed it to Bryan. Bryan said he ran the fastest he ever had, and in going around the curve

his feet were headed one way, and his body another. They managed to scratch a fourth place. The baton they used in 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 was a 12-inch lightweight wood stick, which was lathed and reamed down the center. It was painted red and white. Fifty years later, Greg's grandson, Spenser Bryan, used it in a meet for Charlevoix. They announced over the loudspeaker, the fact that he used it exactly 50 years after his grandfather did.

Now, to the fun times they had in high school. Bryan, George VerWys, Ranger and Dale Suomela were asked to do a short skit at a pep rally. I remember it as clear as day. They borrowed the cheerleaders' uniforms, made mops into wigs, and did a cheer in front of the entire student body and faculty. At that time, Robert Richards, our chemistry and physics teacher, had a stamp he used to stamp each page in our workbooks.

It read, "Examined by R.S. Richards." Well, the boys did their cheer facing the crowd, and when they finished, they turned their backs to the audience, and flipped up their little skirts. There, for all to see, written on white pants, was, "Examined by R.S. Richards." Needless to say, everyone cracked up, including our very proper teachers. As they were going up the stairway, Max Novak asked them, "Where do you think you're going?" They said they were heading for class. Novak said, "Oh, no you're not. You go straight to the office. Which one of you guys came up with the idea?" Well, the boys all chirped together, "It was simultaneous." They were told to write an apology letter and present it at

the next pep rally. The written apologies were confiscated before they could use them, because they couldn't trust them.

Another story was the day Mr. Richards informed the class that tomorrow they were going to be working on a 12 volt dry-cell battery. Bryan's first thought was "Oh good." So, after school, the boys dumped the acid from the battery, rinsed it out very well, and poured water into it. They put the caps back on loose. Mr. Richards came into class, and told one of the boys to get the battery. Jerry Left got up and held the kid down, and VerWys jumped up and said very enthusiastically, "I'll get it." As he came to the front of the room with the battery on his shoulder, he tipped it, and the water came gushing out. VerWys dropped the battery and ran screaming out of the room, with Mr. Richards running behind him.

There were several more pranks they did, and their imaginations sent them to the principal's office quite often. Bryan went back to the high school three or four years after graduation, to see who was teaching. As he was coming down the hallway, he met Mr. Richards. He said to Bryan, "Come with me." Greg went into his classroom, where Mr. Richards said to his current class, "This was one of my most exciting students. I was so glad to see him graduate."

So ends the antics of some great kids. By the way, they all turned out to be very good, conscientious citizens. They were athletes to be proud of, and boys who thought up some very interesting humorous things to do.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the



Courtesy photo

This baton was used by successful track teams in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Recently, 50 years later, the same baton was used by Spenser Bryan, grandson of former track star Greg Bryan Sr.

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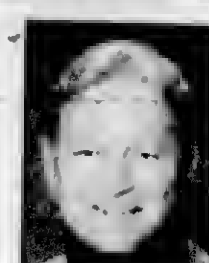
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House approves Coast Guard bill

Senate vote needed to secure Acacia replacement vessel

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Uncertainty over replacement of Coast Guard cutter Acacia may soon be quashed.

On June 27 the U.S. House of Representatives voted 413-0 on a bill which if approved by the Senate, would require the Coast Guard to

maintain ice breaking assets in northern Michigan with an understanding that the asset would go to Charlevoix.

While the U.S. Senate decision on House of Representatives Bill 889 has not been reached, insiders claim approval is guaranteed.

The \$8.1 billion budget request bill will also have to be signed by the president before it's finalized.

"This is good news, it means we're that much closer to getting an asset. The Acacia was decommissioned and we've been pushing to move this on," said U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak (D-Menominee). "It doesn't say Charlevoix specifically, but there is language requiring the Coast Guard maintain ice-breaking assets

in northern Michigan and that that asset would go to Charlevoix."

He added, "If it weren't for this legislation, the Coast Guard would have had no intention of replacing the Acacia with another asset."

Stupak's mantra has consisted of how important it is to maintain ice-breaking capabilities in northern Lake Michigan.

"The people of Charlevoix have been proud hosts of the Acacia," he states in a June 27 press release. "I look forward to seeing this legislation move swiftly through the Senate towards enactment so that northern Michigan may continue to be home to a Coast Guard vessel."

According to the release, Stupak worked throughout the legislative

process to include the Acacia language in the Coast Guard conference report.

The proposed 2006 budget for Coast Guard and maritime transportation programs has been increased by \$571 million, or up about 8 percent from last year.

The Acacia, under the command of Keith Bills, left Charlevoix for the last time on Sunday, June 25. The "Ace of the Lakes," the last of the World War II era cutter/buoy tenders, was stationed in Charlevoix since 1990.

Decommissioned on June 7, the Acacia headed off for Chicago, Ill. where it will become a floating museum.

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County ordered to reimburse a former drain commissioner

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The former Charlevoix County drain commissioner who recently won a declarative judgment against the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners could soon have a settlement offer.

Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge, Richard Pajtas, ruled that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners must pay former drain commissioner JoAnne Beemon more than the original rate of \$1 a year for the years she served as drain commissioner between Jan. 1, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2004.

"In my four years in office, I tried to convince the commission, the clerk and the prosecuting attorney that the job of drain commissioner was state mandated and necessary to the public health and welfare of Charlevoix County," Beemon said. "They just chose to treat the office as if it were nonexistent. Winning that decision validated the drain commission office in Charlevoix County."

She added, "It's hard to have authority when you're only getting a buck a year."

Pajtas agreed with the brief filed by Beemon's attorney, Jeffery Wingfield, of Dundon and Wingfield, PLLC of Traverse City on June 9 which states,

"Clearly the county board of commissioners for Charlevoix County did not pay an annual salary to the plaintiff that was in full for all services rendered. (They) failed to act in a responsible manner when given the discretion to determine a salary amount that takes into account all the services that the drain commissioner provides to the county."

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jaroma, said the judge interpreted the statute to say the commissioners didn't follow the law.

"It's probably too early to tell if this will set a precedent," Jaroma said.

Michigan law demands all counties with more than 12,000 residents have a drain commissioner who maintains regular business hours one day a week and pay a drain commissioner for services rendered.

Some of Beemon's responsibilities as former drain commissioner included working with the public, providing information and references.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Let freedom ring

Residents in Charlevoix, Horton Bay and on Beaver Island celebrated Independence Day, July 4, with parades, services, fireworks and more. (Above) Joseph Etienne of Charlevoix, a retired Coast Guardsman in his 90s salutes at the Charlevoix parade. For more pictures from July 4 events, see page 19.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Andrew Robert Osgood, 43, Birmingham. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$880 in fines and costs.

Steve A. Martin, 53, Charlevoix. No operator's license on person. Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Matthew Lee Fredenburg, 24, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Rostislav Sinsky, 21, Washington. Possession of marijuana; and improper possession of a prescription. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for seven days, 162 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$755 in fines and costs.

Nathaniel Ryan Wilson, 24, Birch Run. Impaired driving-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to

consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Eric Hauser, 46, Elmira. Embezzlement of more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 159 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; \$1,395.60 in fines and costs.

Derrick Aaron Burris, 26, Beaver Island. No operator's license on person. Serve 15 days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Misty Marie Pauley, 27, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

David William Marr, 40 East Jordan. Telecommunications-use device for identification to avoid payment of less than \$200. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Robert Graham Ward, 23, Ellsworth. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed second offense. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Roger Lance Richardson, 38, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Richard Blake Cross, 24, Charlevoix. Impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of

three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Kari Marie Fineout, 22, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

Joyce Elaine Starks, 43, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property, less than \$200. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, to serve five days in jail, 78 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; no contact with the victim; \$750 in fines and costs.

Leland William Thomas, 17, Petoskey. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Canellia Lynne Valentine, 43, Boyne City. Insufficient checks-three within 10 days. Fines and costs totaling \$435.

Peter Allen Dadovich, 31, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense; and no operator's license on person. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,580 in fines and costs.

Brett Alan Whitey-Hamilton, 25, Herculito. License suspended/

revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling \$350.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Fine Line Detailing, 05525 Loeb Road, Charlevoix, by Benjamin John Walters

RDB Investigative Services, P.O. Box 111, Boyne Falls, by Robin D. Bashaw

Cycling Salamander; Real People Media, 02217 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Rebecca Grottelty

St. Dennis Lawn and Landscape, 329 Front St., Boyne City, by Joseph St. Dennis

D.H.P. Construction, 204 East Division St., East Jordan, by Doug H. Phelps

Jenna's Dad, 2498 Wickersham Road, Charlevoix, by Stephen Guthrie

Births

Savanna May Farmer weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born June 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Deanna Farmer of Mancelona. Her sibling is Natalie Ann Farmer, age 3.

James Allen Brancheau III weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces was born June 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Meagan Brancheau of Bellaire. His grandparents are James and Beth Brancheau and Paul and Marilyn Friebe, both of Livonia.

Comedy at the Castle features Bruce Cameron

The 2nd Annual Comedy at the Castle will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 6, in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms.

The event will feature nationally known comedian, Bruce Cameron and his guest, Cathryn Michon.

Cameron is the author of, "How to Remodel a Man," and "8 simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter." Cameron's parents are summer residents on Holy Island.

All proceeds will benefit the students at St. Mary School for the upcoming year.

Raffles, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and special desserts will be available, as well as a cash bar.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and can be purchased at the following locations: Bridge Street Book Shop and the St. Mary parish office after all weekend masses.

For more information, call (231) 237-0884 or (231) 547-6652 or visit www.castlelarks.com.



File photo

Charlevoix bid a final farewell to the U.S. Coast Guard cutter **Acacia** (pictured above) on June 25. The vessel may be replaced if the U.S. Senate approves an upcoming bill which was unanimously passed by the House of Representatives on June 27.

A new Coast Guard vessel is just a Senate vote away

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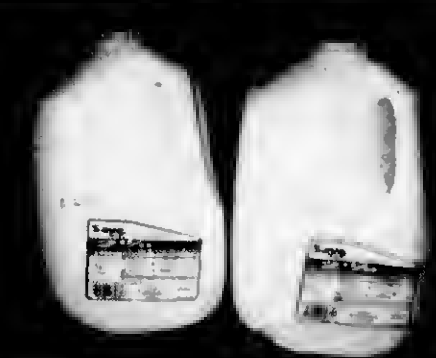
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Local politicians, residents and even famed lobbyist, Bob Davis, have been working to ensure a Coast Guard presence is maintained in Charlevoix.

The Acacia (WLB-406) was launched on Sept. 1, 1944 and has remained active over the past 62 years. She is one of the last of 39 180-foot World War II-era cutter-buoy tenders.

The Acacia got her name from a lighthouse service ship which was

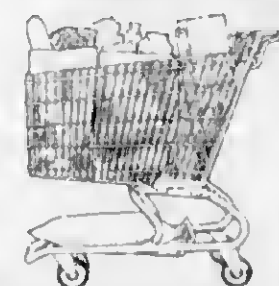
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Beemon seeks over \$120,000 from county

BEEMON

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taking complaints and reports, making site inspections, working with engineers and contractors, attending road commission meetings and more.

According to Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon, the same per diem system of \$200 per month, which applies to the current drain commissioner, was around when Beemon was in office.

"Whenever he (current drain commissioner, Marc Seelye) makes an on-site visit, he turns in a voucher and gets reimbursed for his fuel — just like a county commissioner," Brannon said. "This was the policy when she (Beemon) was working, but she refused to do it."

Beemon agreed there was a system in place for reimbursement.

"But, it was a game," she said. "They gave the per diems, but only at their pleasure."

She added, "I collected some for on-site inspections, but very few, and then I stopped asking for them."

Seelye said he receives the \$200 per month plus \$50 per meeting, and

has no intention of seeking more money at this time, even if Beemon wins.

"I made an agreement with the commissioners and I'll honor it," he said.

While she hasn't asked for a specific amount, Beemon feels \$29,000 a year for the four years would be fair compensation.

And, she said, Seelye should also get a salary for his service as drain commissioner.

Beemon, who submitted a list of duties she fulfilled during her stint as drain commissioner to the county board, awaits to see if their offer comes close to the \$120,000 plus "reasonable attorney fees."

Beemon claims to have worked anywhere from 20 to 50 hours a week during her four years in office.

"I think the only thing that's going to get their (county commissioner's) attention is having to pay a fair salary," Beemon said. "I wasn't able to get their attention for four years. I hadn't ever sued anyone in my life, but I sued them."

The matter is scheduled for discussion at the 3 p.m. Thursday, July 6 Meeting of the Whole in the county commissioner's room, located at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

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Happy anniversary Central Dispatch Authority



Julie Witthoef
'Just a thought'

Each day journalists tune into breaking news.

While Web sites like CNN.com and other news outlets are a useful resource, one of my top secret sources is a small electronic box with a big job.

From a possum rescue in the Pine River Channel to children driving and an assault with a steak knife, I heard it all over the police scanner last week.

The scanner informs us of fires, accidents and bear running loose in town. When we hear the tones, we hit the road and frequently follow emer-

gency personnel to the scene of the next big story.

Over the years, I've learned the sequence of sounds that summon Station 53, Charlevoix's fire and ambulance personnel, and Station 87, the Charlevoix City Police Department. I've also learned to ignore tones for East Jordan, Boyne City and Petoskey.

But for the sake of my unscientific experiment, for five days I opted to listen to all the voices that are the backdrop in the newsroom each day. They are those of central dispatchers and officers changing shifts, reporting incidents and coordinating efforts.

They occasionally talk in code using straight forward terms like 10-4 to sign off and other more ambiguous phrases like "sally port," which is used synonymously with as soon as possible, 10-77 which signifies a dead body and TX which is used to request a phone call be made or to prompt a phone number.

While the fact that this rare lan-

guage is spoken over the airwaves tends to entertain me, nothing evokes more shock, anger and amusement than the stuff average Joes are out there doing.

Monday morning, the city police were beckoned to the Pine River Channel where a possum with poor swimming skills was rescued.

On Tuesday, a caller made a desperate 911 call to inform law enforcement of a parent pulling the Britney Spears — driving with a toddler on their lap. Later that day, a senior citizen had fallen, successfully pushed the panic button but wouldn't communicate with assisting personnel. She just kept screaming, "I can't get up."

Topping the list Tuesday was a person assaulted with a steak knife.

Wednesday was met with more interesting calls. The first was an elderly couple suffering from dementia who opted to give their family a scare by taking a road trip. This was followed by a more serious incident

off Bear River Road where gun shots were heard.

Thursday morning there was a father and son fist fight. And on Friday, a 9-year-old had an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

The scanner can be an annoyance but when it comes down to it, the noisy little bugger is good old-fashioned job security. Without an inside track on all the town happenings I would be sitting at my desk watching the flashing lights pass and wondering what the commotion is all about.

While the technology is indispensable the organization through which it's transmitted is fairly new.

June 26 marked the 10th anniversary of the Central Dispatch Authority providing enhanced 9-1-1 services to Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties.

According to information provided by the authority, the tri-county 9-1-1 system grew out of the shared need and desire of all three counties to provide a high level of emergency

response to both the citizens of the region and to emergency responders.

During the past 10 years, the authority has logged over 1.5 million incidents ranging from events as large as the explosion at the 1998 Venetian Festival in Charlevoix, and tour bus accident on I-75 in Cheboygan County to routine calls such as barking dogs.

Covering a geographic area larger than Rhode Island, the authority has a staff of approximately 20 telecommunications handling the calls and dispatching emergency responders from 28 fire departments, 13 law enforcement agencies, nine ambulance agencies, and nine medical first responder squads across the region.

Happy 10th anniversary central dispatch — thanks for keeping us in the know and providing top notch service.

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Referee political campaigns like athletic contests



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

The two biggest political problems we have today are uncontrolled money in political campaigns and unfair, mean-spirited, attack-ad campaigning. I have a solution for both of them.

When I was a college student many decades ago, I studied, among other things philosophy and logic. In the course of those studies we learned about reasonable argument and debate. The rules of reasonable debate required that arguments and points made had to conform to certain rules. Some kinds of argument were not allowable. Two kinds of such false reasoning have remained in my memory.

They were so old that they were expressed in Latin, "Argumentum ad captandam and argumentum ad hominem."

The first, from a word that means pleasing, was an appeal to emotion. A proper argument could not appeal to hate or love or fear or even to patriotism. An appeal to emotion in your argument or debate was out of bounds and forbidden by proper rules of discourse. The second, "Argumentum ad hominem," was forbidden because it was appealing to the reader or hearer's prejudice. It was an attack on the person rather than on his or her ideas.

As we read about today's political discussions or campaigns, they seem to consist almost entirely of those two forbidden sorts of arguments. Attack ads most commonly focus on an opponent's lack of character or lack of patriotism, and they are meant to incite hatred of the opponent. An occasional politician will proclaim early that they wish to have an idea-based campaign, but in the heat of battle,

their appeals to emotion and prejudice come to dominate.

What to do about this? I suggest that we enforce the rules of reasonable argument and declare a foul if anyone uses either of these forbidden ploys. We need to treat the campaigns in the same way we treat athletic contests where a great deal is at stake. There are in such cases numerous formal rules, and everyone who enters the contest agrees to conform to those rules. There is often a need for referees in the really significant contests. A gentlemen's game of tennis can do without formal refereeing, but no important match is without a number of formal rule enforcers. It's true that occasionally players or coaches will argue against the call of a referee, but the arguments are softened by the possibility that the referee might throw a player or coach out of the game. In extreme circumstances a player or coach might well be fined a significant amount of money or be banned from play for some period of time.

Imagine for a moment how such rules and their enforcement might change the political scene. During a political debate either candidate could be declared out of bounds if their argument veered too close to a personal attack or an appeal to emotion. Political ads would also have to meet the requirements of reasonable, non-false argument in order to be aired at all. Any outlaw airing of such personal attacks or appeals to hate or fear would result in immediate, substantial fines for the organization producing them. In these circumstances parties or campaigning organizations could collect as much money as they wanted from any source at all, but would face large fines if found in violation of the rules against character defamation or emotional rhetoric. The money collected as fines could be used to fund national and international relief efforts.

Flagrant and repeated violations by a candidate or party would result in expulsion from the political arena for one or two election cycles. Such

rule enforcement might even have to develop additional political parties and help air new, reasonable political voices, as those who violate the rules would be out of action for some time.

Choosing the referees might be a small problem, but the rules of reasonable argument and debate have been around for centuries, and impartial, knowledgeable people do exist.

I have a dream that someday political discourse will again be civil, and rules of argument and their rigorous enforcement are a clear way of doing that. A \$1 million fine against a political party for a vicious attack ad would get everyone's attention. The expulsion from any political activity or office holding for two or even four years might chasten even the most unreasoning politician.

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Letters to the editor

'Thanks' Taste supporters

Editor:
I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in making our 3rd Annual Taste of Charlevoix event a big success again this year. There was a good turnout, and ticket sales were steady throughout the day, despite the heat.

Several vendors sold out of food early or had to re-stock during the day. I had nothing but positive feedback from all of those who joined in on the festivities.

I would like to thank all of our participating vendors, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce member businesses who donated their time or materials to the Taste event, the Taste of Charlevoix Committee members, the City of Charlevoix and its staff, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and its staff, and all of the volunteers who helped that day. Without all of you, this would not have been such a success. We look forward to next year's event and making it even more successful and enjoyable for our community.

Maura A. Snabes
Committee Chairman
Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

Farewell friends

Editor:
There are no words to express my appreciation to our school family and our community for their cards and phone calls as I retired from the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education. We are fortunate to live in an area where neighbors, near and far, share their ideas, their talents and their time to make up north a very special place.

Over the years, there have been many people with whom I served on the school board or its various committees. It was a very broadening experience. I must give a special thank you to the many school family friends who chose to officially say good-bye by taking me to enjoy the Young Americans with them. I will miss you all very much. You have given me many memories to brighten my days ahead.

My thoughts and prayers will be

with all of you, as once again our community will be seeking a new school superintendent. This is a difficult and time consuming responsibility. The incoming board will be made up of new and less experienced members who are still learning. I'm sure the leadership of long-time board member, Larry Levensood, will assist them. Be patient as they choose to serve you.

Ardeth Wieland
Charlevoix

Column response

Editor:
I read with interest your opinion piece, "Traditional Values muddy marriage debate," printed on June 12 in the Petoskey News-Review. You used the term "traditional values" as antagonistic to the freedom and relational choices of gays and lesbians. You also spoke to adoption by gays as a beneficial contribution to easing one of the world's social blights. A final thought in the article was that laws restricting marriage to one man and one woman would be "to legislate the will of religious groups."

Please consider the following responses to some of your points.

"Our government...continues to legislate our liberties via...marriage restrictions." The state is not in the business of recognizing "love relationships," but is rather in the business of promoting that which is beneficial to and required by society. It is important to understand, as well, that no one is denied access to or excluded from marriage based upon sexual orientation. There is no question pertaining to one's sexual orientation on the application to marry. Everyone has access to marriage so long as they meet the criteria for marriage based upon its humanly universal definition — a union of male and female.

You refer to those who oppose same sex marriage as "hucksters of hate" and "small-minded bigots." Most Americans, while not supporting the legal redefinition of marriage to accommodate such relationships, are indeed tolerant of them. Likewise, homosexual couples — or any individuals — have rightful access to protect their basic

interests via contracts. There are legal documents to grant power-of-attorney, create joint property ownership, establish hospital visitation and joint medical decision-making rights, get joint bank accounts, have inheritance rights, and become life insurance beneficiaries. Marriage is not needed to establish these business rights for which many argue.

You refer to restricting marriage to one man and one woman as "to legislate the will of religious groups." It is not even a religious issue. It is logically impossible to view same sex relationships "on an equal social and legal basis" with heterosexual marriage when these two types of relationships, by nature of their biological differences, cannot be equivalent contributors to society and humanity. Same sex relationships are dramatically hindered in bringing forth the next generation of humanity (only with the assistance of heterosexuality can this be done). And, they are hindered in providing mothers and fathers for the new generation. Humanity requires these two things.

This is why the social value of marriage is more than the love two people have for one another, marriage has a public purpose as well, and that public purpose is tied to the inherent heterosexual nature of marriage.

"Because heterosexual bonding is directly related to both reproduction and survival, and because it involves much more than copulation, every human society has had to encourage heterosexual bonding actively. Heterosexual bonding is always encouraged by a cultural norm, in other words, not merely allowed as one 'lifestyle choice' among many," state Katherine Young and Paul Nathanson, in their book, "Marriage a la Mode: Answering Advocates of Gay

Marriage."

This comment not only illuminates the public purpose of marriage but is an indication that opposition to same-sex marriage is not necessarily rooted in bigotry or hatred. Not only is Paul Nathanson basing his comment in reason and anthropology, he is stating it as a scholar and an openly gay man.

The solid reasons supporting the institution of marriage as a union of one man and one woman do not rely upon restriction of liberty, bigotry, hatred,

traditional values or religious principles. They are found in the survival codes of every human society.

Gail E. Parr-Forgacs
Harbor Springs

'Thank you' students

Editor:
To my French II students, I send a warm, merci beaucoup for the wonderful basket of gifts. Quel surprise.

Susan K. Kessler
Ellsworth

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Heritage Garden featured on July 12 Garden Walk

After nearly five long years of hard work the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, the Evening Garden Club and the Charlevoix Historical Society have finished fund-raising for the completion of the final phase of the Depot Heritage Garden. Shown here are two of the organizations accepting an \$8,000 check from The Charlevoix Fund, the Charlevoix County Community Fund and an anonymous donor advised fund. The money will help the organizations put the finishing touches on Room IV of the garden, located at 307 Chicago Avenue featuring a beautiful pergola.

The Depot Heritage Garden is a vintage garden designed to complement the Charlevoix Depot which appears on both the National Register of Historic Places as well as a Michigan Registered Historic Site.

It will be open to all visitors as well as six private gardens during the 8th Annual Garden Walk. "Welcome to Our Up-North Gardens" to take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12.

Tickets are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop, Shop of the Gulls or by calling (231) 237-0239.

A standard flower show, "Hats off to Up-North Gardens" is being held the same day at the Community



Courtesy photo

(Front, from left) Rhea Dow, Charlevoix Area Garden Club president accepts a check from Maureen Radke, program officer for the Charlevoix County Community Foundation as (back) grant writer and garden club Room IV project chair, Patti Aikin, and Paul Nowak, president of the Charlevoix Historical Society, look on. The funds will be used to improve the Depot Heritage Garden which will be open at the July 12 8th Annual Garden Walk.

Reformed Church on U.S. 31 at Meech Street and is open to the public. Admission to the flower show is free.

50th Anniversary

Harold and Arvilla Kasper



Harold and Arvilla Kasper of Charlevoix and formerly of Troy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10 at the Carpathia Club in Sterling Heights. The Kaspers married on June 9, 1956 in Birmingham. The recent celebration included 57 guests and a traditional dance by the Carpathia Youth Group. In attendance were the couple's two children, Jane Wallace of Clinton Township and Randy Kasper of Sterling Heights, as well as their five grandchildren, relatives and friends.

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Engagement

Mulcahy — Frabis



Jennifer Marie Mulcahy and Jason Wallace Frabis are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning an Aug. 12 wedding at St. Peter's Church in Mt. Clemens.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Mulcahy of Clinton Township. Jennifer is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's degree in educational administration. She is now a chemistry teacher for the Warren Consolidated School System.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kem of Charlevoix. He is a 1993 graduate of Charlevoix High School. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from Oakland University and a master's degree in business administration from Walsh College. He is employed as a financial analyst at General Dynamics Land Systems.

Information requested on 12 members of CHS Class of 1976

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1976 is holding its 30 year class reunion on Friday, July 28, at Castle Farms.

Reunion coordinators are seeking contact information for the following people: Kim Reibel, Pam (Collins) Coen, Robin (Rosencrans) Cady, Mike Skippergosh, Denise (Wasoski) Bond, Connie (Shores) Kraft, Lucy (Wiklanski) Shippy, William Duplessis, Shirley Jamieson, Craig Peters, Kathy Martin Resch and Ron Wilson.

Those with information are asked to call Jim or Penny Berlage at (231) 547-0360.

Great Lakes lighthouses program to be presented on July 11

The Charlevoix Historical Society will feature Richard Mochl of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association who will present a program on Great Lakes lighthouses and their preservation.

The program, which is open to the public, will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11 at the Depot.

There is no admission charge. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Char-Em United Way relocates

The Char-Em United Way has moved.

As of today, July 5, the United Way now operates out of the American Red Cross Building at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive #8 in Petoskey's Mitchell Park.

The group's new mailing address is: P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770-1701.

The new phone number is (231) 487-1006.

The United Way will celebrate its new digs at an open house at a later date.

Wedding

Kreutzer — Erber



Amy Kreutzer and John Paul Erber exchanged marriage vows in the company of family and friends in Sayulita, Mexico, on March 10.

Jamie Spenceley of Charlevoix presided over the double ring ceremony. Amy's brother, Kent Kreutzer, was her witness. John Paul's brother, Karl Erber, and sisters, Jacque Hahn and Lenore Morgridge, were his witnesses.

Amy is the daughter of Karl and Luanne Kreutzer of Ketchum, Idaho.

John Paul is the son of Tom and Sue Erber of Charlevoix.

Amy and John Paul are making their new home in Seattle, Wash.

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Changing of the guard

Outgoing Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, John McLean Jr. (left), salutes incoming Officer in Charge, Scott Boop (right), at the change of command and retirement ceremony June 30 at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix.

First Congregational Church to host organ dedication concert

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Charlevoix's First Congregational United Church of Christ will host an organ dedication concert to celebrate the addition of a Rodgers Trillium 908 Organ to its worship hall.

The concert, which will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, will feature music by church organist Phil Pratt and solos by soprano Maria Seaman. Pratt will also speak on the new organ's capabilities. An ice cream social will follow the concert.

"This is what it's all about. It's the music that has always spoken to me and has spoken to other people. If it's done right, it's uplifting and spirit filled," Pratt said of the role music plays in church services.

The church's former organ which underwent a renovation in the 1980s was experiencing maintenance difficulties and had some parts that were about 100 years old.

Pratt said the new electronic organ's capabilities equate to a pipe organ with 3,700 pipes. It is equipped with 20 speakers and had numerous possibilities including tying in actual pipes.

The new \$60,000 electronic organ was purchased with the assistance of parish donors.

Funding for the project will also be raised at the concert where donations will be accepted and Pratt will sell his CD, "Organ Music by Request," with 100 percent of the proceeds being directed to the organ fund.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Charlevoix's First Congregational United Church of Christ organist Phil Pratt plays the church's new Rodgers Trillium 908 Organ. An organ dedication concert will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 9 at the church, located at 101 State St., to celebrate its addition to the worship hall.

Pratt, who accepted the organist's position at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in October 2005 was a music instructor at Grand Valley State University in Allendale for 33 years. Prior to moving to Petoskey, where he now lives, for 14 years Pratt

was involved in Heartside Ministry in Grand Rapids which reaches out to the poor and homeless.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-9122.

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Family Services	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
Pastor: Kip Hankins	547-6430	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road		Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Church School	9:00 a.m.	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Sunday School	10:15 a.m.	Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161	Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221
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Worship	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff		Worship	10:15 a.m.
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 11906 US-31 North		Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for times
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Rev. Michael L. Feischer	547-9436	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE US 31 North	
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (At Park Ave.)	
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300	Church Office	547-9122
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street		FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31	
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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.	Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or 5168	GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old U.S. 31 North	
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton		Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
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Church Office	547-6122	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Rev. John S. David		Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.	IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Ironton	
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Reading Room	Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m.	June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 6429 N. M-66		Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.	Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.	NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Norwood	
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
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President Michael Rohls	588-2112	Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161
or Missionaries	547-4159	PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 1404 Howard Street	
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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.	Adventist Community Services	Tue 10-2pm
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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.	SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH US-31 & Old US-31	
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD 202 W. Hurdial		Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
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Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 1003 Bridge Street	
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Jarema: County commission meeting was legal

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Another debate over the legality of the June 14 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners turned into a debate over the public's right to seek the county prosecutor.

After researching the legality of the meeting, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema, told the commissioners the meeting was legal, but instructed them on June 28 to readopt any resolutions passed at the meeting in question.

The commissioners then unanimously readopted the resolutions in one resolution.

Second District Commissioner, Randolph Frykberg, wanted the record to reflect that he had no doubt the June 14 meeting was held legally because it was held at the standard time of 3 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

During the public comment section of the meeting, Bay Township resident, Bob Taylor, the man who had originally questioned the legality of the meeting, questioned how the meeting was legal.

First district commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, and Frykberg explained to Taylor that the resolution to readopt took care of any loose ends which may have appeared in the future, though Frykberg again asserted that the meeting was legal all along.

"I know the prosecuting attorney did write something on it," Taylor said. "I haven't been able to see what he wrote up on it."

At least two of the commission-



John Jarema

ers admitted to not reading the letter.

"I haven't read the whole letter," said chairman of the board, Vic Patrick. "As far as I'm concerned,

that is attorney-client privilege information."

Taylor said the best way for him to get the information would be to take the matter to court.

"Well, that's your prerogative," Patrick said.

Saltonstall spoke for the entire board when she said, "We all want to have legal meetings. We all want to have correct postings. We will all do everything we can to make sure that happens."

She added, "Our chairman has ordered new boxes that will be posted outside the door and next to the commissioner's that will be locked. We are trying to comply with the law. If there's any way we can prevent going to court and wasting the prosecutor's time and everything else, I would like to bundle it here."

Taylor responded in kind and again asked to see Jarema's opinion in writing.

"I would too, all I asked for was a copy of it (the letter) and I thought that was forthcoming after I talked to Vic (Patrick) this morning. And if I can see that and everything is cleared up then I don't have a problem with it," he said.

"Since this was a regularly scheduled meeting and not a special meeting, I do not believe that the meeting was illegal nor do I believe that the board of commissioners acted improperly."

John Jarema,
Charlevoix County Prosecutor

Frykberg said it was the board's attorney's opinion and therefore was not subject to public disclosure.

Taylor later contended that he, and not the county board, went to the prosecutor for an opinion on the matter.

"I don't think that the public should be going to the prosecuting attorney," Frykberg said.

Taylor responded that he disagreed with Frykberg.

"I showed you regulations that covered that quite some time ago," Taylor said. "He has a dual capacity to you and to us both. Just because we go to him, doesn't mean we gotta go through you to get to him sir. I disagree with you 100 percent."

Dated June 23, the letter in question from Jarema to the board concerning the legality of the June 14 meeting was released to the Charlevoix Courier by sixth district commissioner Shirley Roloff.

"I have researched the issue and cannot find a definitive answer in either law or Attorney General's

opinions. What I did find, and this was confirmed by another municipal attorney, is that this June 14, 2006 was a 'regular' meeting and not a 'special meeting,'" Jarema states in the letter.

Therefore, Jarema concluded, there was ample notice and that the meeting was properly posted in other required places.

"Since this was a regularly scheduled meeting and not a special meeting, I do not believe that the meeting was illegal nor do I believe that the board of commissioners acted improperly," he further states. "Having said that, there is no question that wrong information was disseminated to the

public by the clerk. The clerk is in charge of handling all of the posting for this body as well as keeping the minutes of meetings."

Jarema also stated, "Although the clerk is in charge of posting the meetings, the ultimate responsibility is on this board to comply with the Open Meetings Act. The clerk is not a member of the public body, but each commissioner is and as such, any penalty for a violation will be born by the commissioners."

Addressing the posting locations of meeting notices, Jarema warned the commissioners and clerk to ensure notices are posted properly.

"The notices are posted in the case in the hallway outside the building department. That does not comply with the law," he said.

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Northwest appoints school board members

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Northwest Academy of Charlevoix will have two new school board members as of their Wednesday, July 12 school board meeting.

Joni Olach and Jack Russell applied for positions earlier this spring and will be sworn in at the next meeting.

While this is Russell's first office, he is no stranger to Northwest Academy.

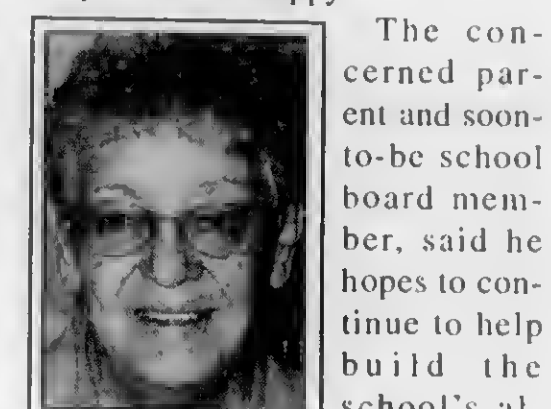


Jack Russell

who was born and raised in Charlevoix, said in the two years his 15-year-old daughter has been in Northwest Academy, he has watched her continue to grow.

"I'd heard other things from parents with kids here and so I thought I'd bring my daughter here, and sure enough, her grades went up

every year," Russell said. "Her attitude is much better. So, it's done everything that I was told it would help with. I'm happy."



Joni Olach

was active in service clubs like the military officer's wives club and helping with the Charlevoix High School band program for eight years, was also born and raised in Charlevoix.

"I had two children in school there (Charlevoix High School) and I started working with Gary (Stutzman, Northwest Academy co-administrator) and I spent a total of eight years as band mother, basically," she said.

"I had great memories of that, and evidently I did a good job and Gary got me started volunteering up here with the kids. So, last year when a position came open, I said I'd like to be on the school board. To me this

is more of a (hands-on) school than a public school. In a public school you're not getting that one-on-one interaction these kids get here."

Olach said she won't let her age and lack of experience deter her from doing what's best for the kids.

"I'll listen and learn," she said. "Making a difference for the kids, that's what it's all about. They're our future."

Olach added that she is excited to be sworn in and get to work.

The Northwest Academy School Board's next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 12 in the Northwest Academy conference room.

According to Stutzman, optimism for the upcoming year is an understatement.

"There's a real good feeling between the board and the administration," he said. "This board is very, very connected with what goes on in school on a daily basis."

Stutzman has nothing but respect and admiration for the two new board members.

"(Joni) Olach has been involved in the school business as a mom.

She was very active as a band parent and very supportive of the programs and now as a senior citizen she volunteers in the school," he said. "I think Jack (Russell) brings a great perspective to the board as a parent."

He added, "I think having a nice mix of, individuals with children in the school, as well as adults in the community who are interested in the education of the kids, makes a very nice cross section."

Among Northwest Academy administration goals, is building a new playground, installing a compact theater, constructing a permanent rock climbing wall and adding 20 students.

"We'll be working on new innovative programs that will help students get prepared for their role in society once they graduate," Stutzman said.

To celebrate their tenth year of operation, Northwest Academy plans to host a celebration in conjunction with Venetian Festival, featuring Famous Willies Barbecue this summer open to previous students of Northwest Academy, their parents and the general public.

Republican picnic on tap for July 9

The annual Charlevoix Republican Picnic will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 9 at Whiting Park.

Guests attending will be Senator Jason Allen, Mike Bouchard, a candidate for U.S. Senate, Don Hooper, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer's staff and Charlevoix County officials.

Guests invited were Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick Devos and U.S. Senate candidate, Keith Butler.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema's chicken will be served. Those who attend are asked to bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be supplied and door prizes will be given away.

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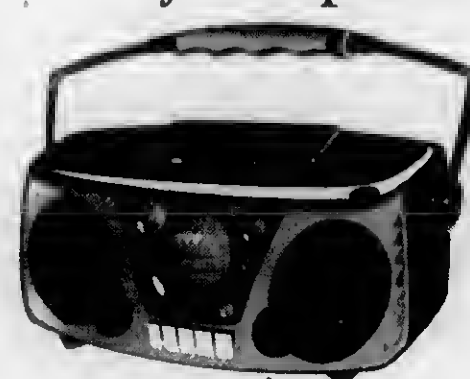
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BUSINESS

Castle Trolley offers Lake Charlevoix tours

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Owners of a new trolley service with a goal of uniting and promoting the Lake Charlevoix business community launched a new summer lake tour.

"The purpose of the trolley is to hopefully improve business for everyone all the way around the lake. Whether they're boaters, campers or residents, we want them to feel comfortable moving around the lake, which helps us all," co-owner of Castle Trolley, Dave Hayden, said. "Lake Charlevoix is one big community, we need to start thinking like that."

Hayden and fellow Charlevoix resident Rich Simmons, own Charlevoix Limousine Service. The two added Castle Trolley Lake Charlevoix tours to their repertoire of offerings this week.

They have owned Castle Trolley for over two years and during that time have focused on accommodating the transportation needs of Castle Farms event attendees.

Hayden credits Castle Farms

owner Richard Mueller, from whom he bought the trolley, for the trolley service concept.

"He's really the brain child of this," Hayden said.

During the recent winter season, Castle Trolley offered weekend transportation to and from Boyne Mountain and Boyne City. Hayden said while the service was well received, the winter elements were too harsh for the 13-year-old trolley.

Hayden said the new summer tours would allow a maximum of 27 people to enjoy the beautiful Lake Charlevoix scenery from the comfort of the immaculate trolley.

He said riders are permitted to bring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres aboard. The trolley chauffeurs are two licensed school bus drivers with many years of experience.

Tours began on Tuesday, July 4 and will take place again this week on Friday, July 7. Trolley service will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays through Labor Day.

Tours depart at 4 p.m. from the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce off Bridge Street. Every two hours, the trolley, which runs

until midnight, returns to each destination.

Stops along the route include Charlevoix destinations the Charlevoix Country Club, Argonne Supper Club, Northwest Marina and Grey Gables; Boyne City favorites Young State Park, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Garretts, Lester's BBQ, The New Tannery and the Harborage; and East Jordan hot spots the Jordan Inn, East Jordan Marina and the East Jordan Tourist Park.

Simmons and Hayden said if the service is well received a second trolley might be added.

"We would like to tour the lake seven days a week next year," Simmons said.

The two are planning to offer a Christmas holiday season tour of lights in conjunction with the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, to benefit area food pantries.

Private trolley rental is also available.

For more information about the trolley service including scheduling, or to book the trolley for a private party, contact either Simmons or Hayden at (231) 547-9088.

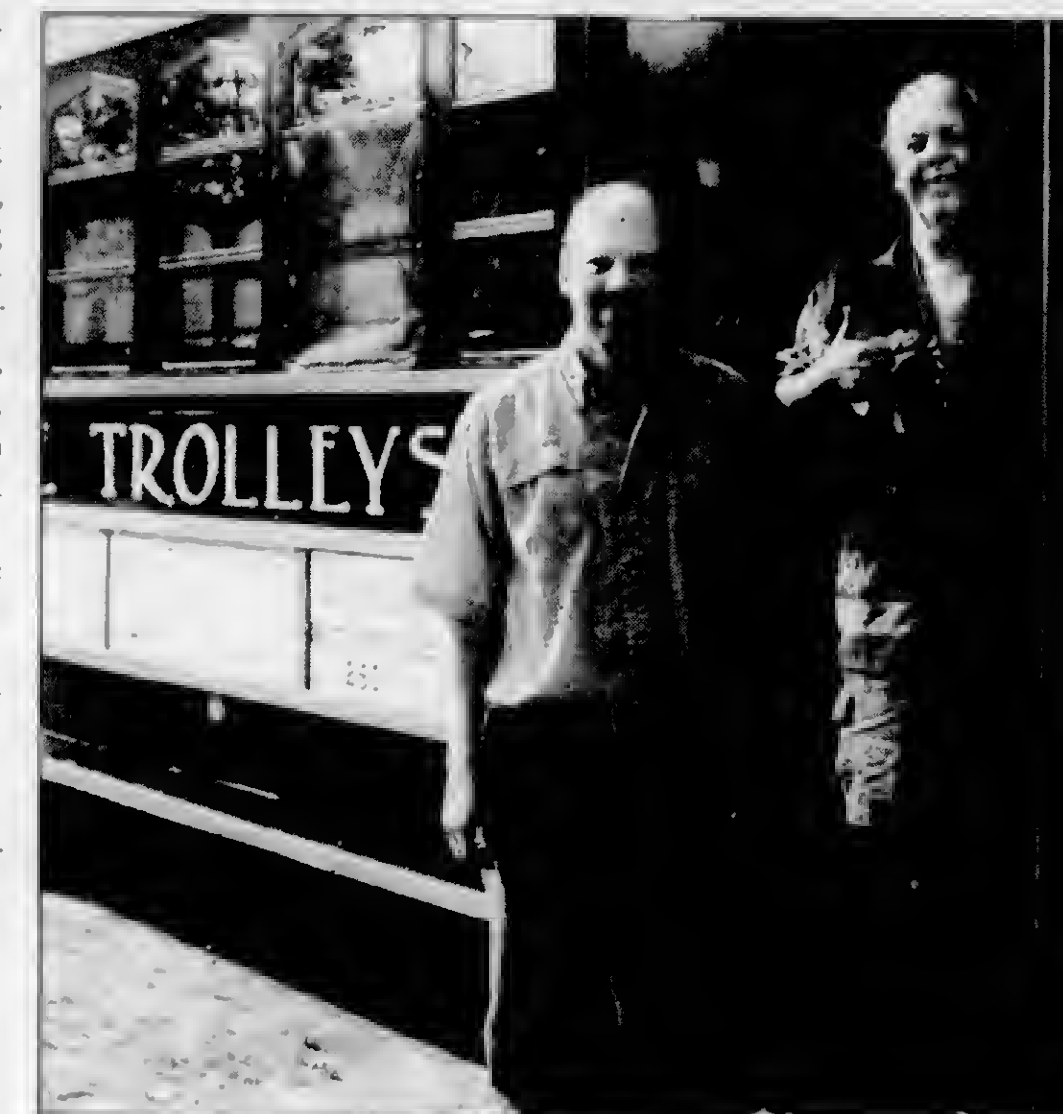


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Owners of Castle Trolley (from left) Rich Simmons and Dave Hayden have launched Tuesday and Friday tours around Lake Charlevoix.

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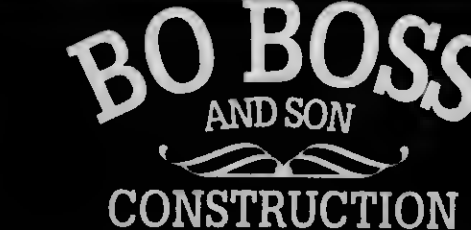


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This year's show is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 8 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 9 in East Park.

It will include a mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass beadwork as well as a variety of rustic and contemporary lawn and garden accessories, pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing, dried floral arrangements, hand-woven rugs and quilted works.

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New family physician joins Boyne Area Medical Center



Amy Mitchell, MD

The busy primary health care practice at Boyne Area Medical Center will now find it easier to accept new patients and see them quickly.

Amy Mitchell, MD, will join the Boyne Area Medical Center staff on July 10.

As a family physician, Mitchell will offer a full spectrum of care to all patients — from newborn infants to the elderly — with a special focus on preventive medicine.

"I enjoy the challenges and variety family practice offers," she said. "It's a chance to help patients achieve their maximum level of wellness at all stages of life."

A graduate of Northwestern University, Mitchell earned her medical degree from Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine and completed her

residency at the University of Michigan Hospitals. She has spent the past six years in private practice with the Townsend Medical Center in Jackson.

Mitchell, whose family vacationed in the area, is especially pleased to practice in north-west Michigan. She and her husband Ian, a third year law school student at Michigan State University, are making their home in the Boyne area.

To make an appointment with Mitchell, call Boyne Area Medical Center at (231) 582-5314.

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host signing
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Bruce Cameron

Bridge Street Book Shop, located at 407 Bridge St. in Charlevoix, will host comedian California couple Bruce Cameron and Cathryn Michon at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 7.

The two continue to make people laugh through their writings and stand-up routines. Cameron traces his childhood roots to Charlevoix. His first book, "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," went on to become an ABC hit starring the late John Ritter.

His current book, "How To Remodel a Man," offers step-by-step instructions for actually altering the character and behavior of men.

In Michon's book, "Grrr Genius Guide to Life," she shares her humorous insights into the modern woman, from a bizarre Catholic funeral to an interview conducted in underwear, as she presents a 12-step program that uses personal anecdotes to illuminate her own path to genius.

Mattingly named to Citizens Bank Gold Club

Citizens Bank recently announced that brokerage services representative, Todd Mattingly of the Investment Center at Citizens Bank has been named to the Gold Club of the bank's Grand Rewards program.

Mattingly, of Petoskey, works at the Charlevoix Citizens Bank office, located at 201 State St.

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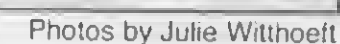
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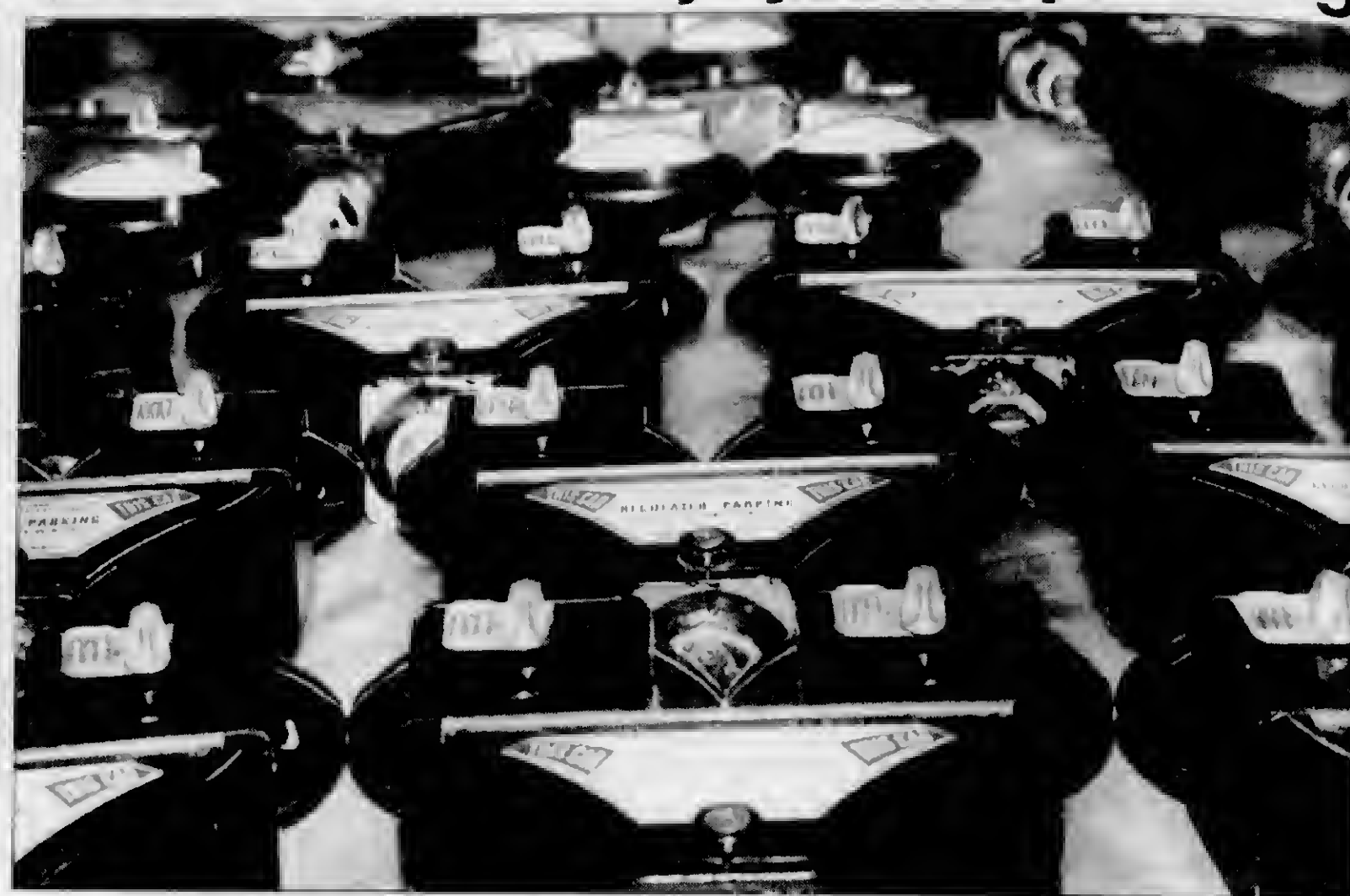
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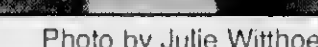


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Photo by Mike Schlitt

Mike Schlitt of Charlevoix captured this moment during the harbor fireworks display over Round Lake at the 2005 Venetian Festival. A similar harbor fireworks event will take place on July 22 during the 2006 Venetian Festival.



Photo by Maria Dibble

(Left) Charlevoix High School senior, Ryan Graham, shares his winning essay with Joe Woods, the high school's manufacturing technology teacher and director of career and technical education, during the school's honors convocation May 17.



Photo by Dave Christiansen

Dave Christiansen of Charlevoix snapped this shot of the Acacia from the south pier as the U.S. Coast Guard cutter came through the Pine River Channel during the June 25 community send off gathering. The ship had been stationed in Charlevoix since 1990 and is headed for Chicago, Ill.

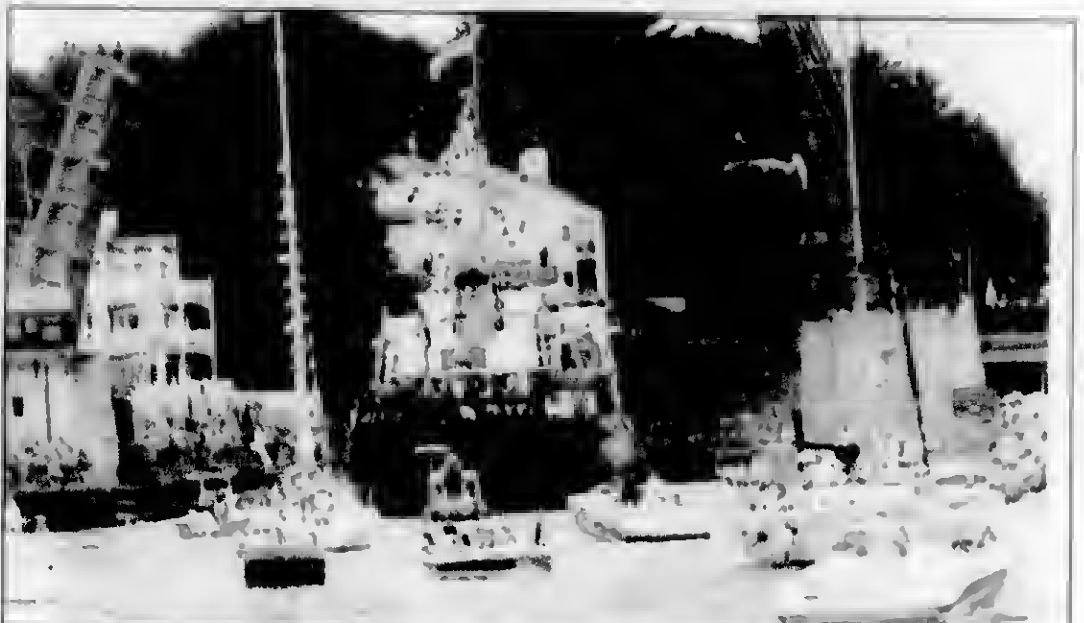


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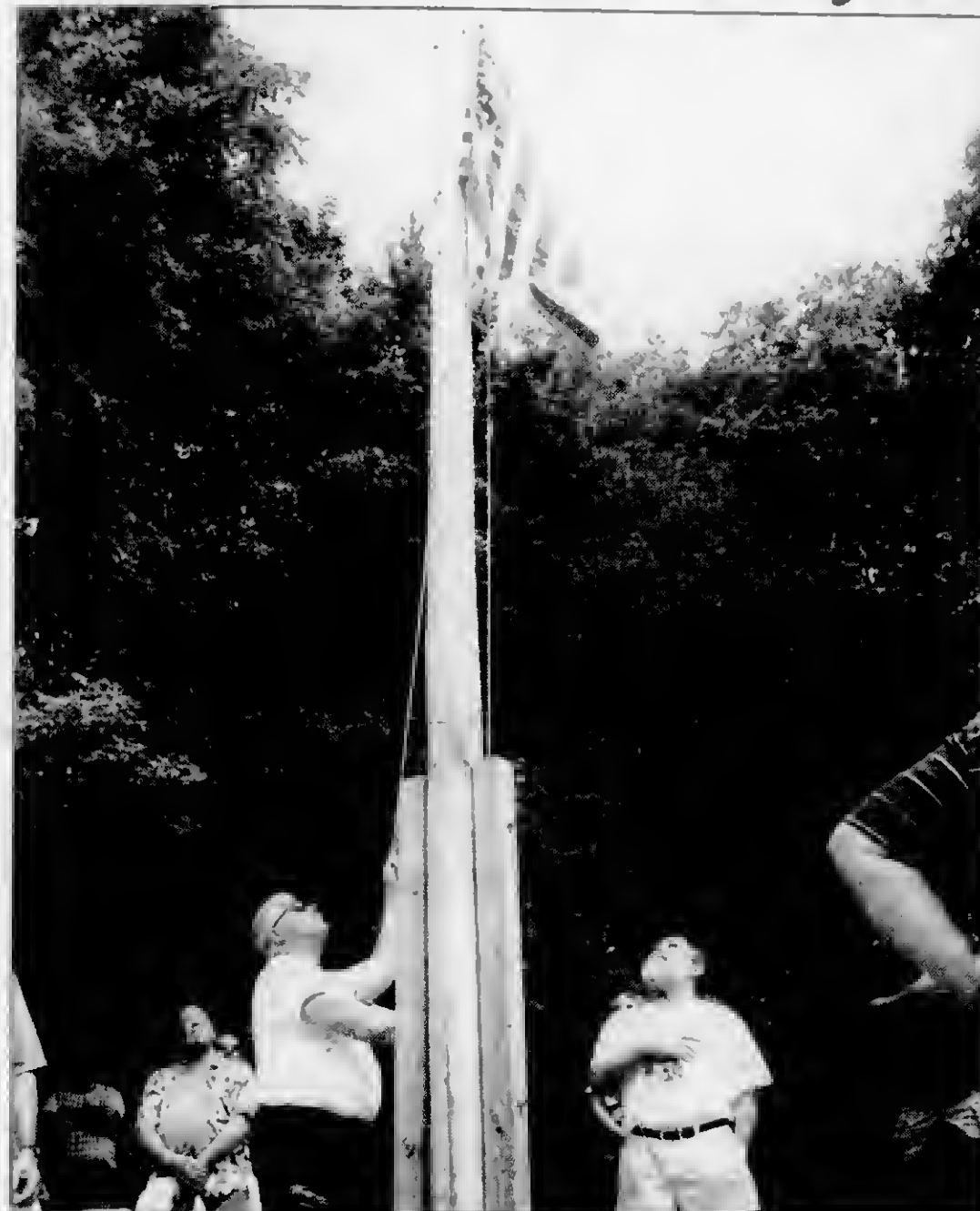
In submitting this photo Mary Watson-Chavez of Charlevoix wrote about her uncertainty related to Charlevoix's security in the wake of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Acacia's June 25 departure.



Photo by Darleen Dhaseleer

Charlevoix resident Darleen Dhaseleer shot this moment of joy on May 30 when 60 people from the Bergmann Center enjoyed lunch and a dance hosted by the Barnard Grange.

Independence Day celebrated on island and mainland



Photos by Julie Witthoef

(Above) Onlookers at the July 4 Horton Bay Parade watch as Chip Lorenger and Bruce Percy raise the flag and kick off the parade. The parade was led by grand marshal, Jack Ripstra (below).



Photo by Laura Gillespie

Hundreds of Independence Day revelers packed downtown St. James for the July 4 parade. (Above) This parade float utilizes the MasterCard "priceless" marketing theme to remind those in attendance of the priceless experience of spending the holiday on Beaver Island.



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Sheriff: Church break-ins believed to be connected

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor



Sheriff George Lasater

Church robbers have struck again. According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater, on June 19 his deputies responded to a second breaking and entering complaint at a church during the month of June.

Lasater said his office believes the incidents are connected.

The incident occurred some time between 9:20 p.m. on June 18 and 5:24 a.m. June 19 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church located off Rogers Road near M-66 in South Arm Township.

Suspects entered the church and

stole checks and between \$300 and \$400 in mostly change which was stored in brown, plastic acorn shaped banks that are about 4 inches wide. There are 20 to 30 of these banks missing. The money was being saved to fund missionary trips for children.

The other is believed to have occurred the morning of June 11 when thieves broke into Bible Baptist Church, located off M-66 in Marion Township, and stole an undetermined amount of cash and checks from a safe box.

Lasater said his office has pinpointed a couple people of interest but arrests have not been made.

Those with information about the larceny are asked to contact Lasater, corporal George R. Lasater, or deputy corporal, Chuck Vondra at (231) 547-4461.

Health department expands drinking water testing service

Expanded drinking water tests are available locally through the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory.

The laboratory recently received full certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Northern Michigan residents can stop by the health department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs and Gaylord to obtain test kits to have their drinking water analyzed. The test kits identify the presence of coliform bacteria, as well as common chemicals including nitrate, nitrite, fluoride, sulfate, chloride, iron, sodium, and calcium carbonate.

Instead of being sent to the state laboratory in Lansing, water samples are analyzed at the Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory, which is located at the health department's branch office in Gaylord. The health department routinely samples private and public water supply wells to assure safe drinking water and to maintain compliance with state and federal drinking water requirements for facilities supplying water to the public.

"For the past several years, we've been sending water samples to the state laboratory in Lansing for analysis. It was expensive in terms of both time and money,"

said Scott Kendzierski, director of environmental health services for Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"With quicker turn around times, we are better prepared to respond to water quality issues that have public health significance and we can conduct follow-up sampling in a timely manner," he added.

The Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory is one of six regional laboratories in the state. They were organized to provide analytical data

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Water analyzed at Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory

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which is accurate, timely, and relevant to public health, clinical and epidemiological needs. The labs can analyze samples for food borne illness and communicable diseases in addition to water-borne illnesses.

Homeowners should check their drinking water regularly. Unlike public drinking water systems, which have professionals frequently checking the water's source and its quality before it is sent to the water distribution system and the public, homeowners are responsible for their own drinking water quality.

"Poor water quality can result in illness due to bacterial contamination or toxicity from a variety of contaminants," said Kendzierski. "Our division routinely evaluates and reviews water sampling results in our area, tracking groundwater contamination and consulting with people who have unsafe water supplies."

The health department tracks water quality results through internal and state database systems and has been identifying wells and aquifers that are or may be vulnerable to contamination.

For more information, visit www.nwhealth.org, or call Ken Terpstra at the Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory at (989) 732-6878.



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The health department's Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory was recently certified and is now able to better service residents in the department's five-county coverage area. (Above) Cheryl Coale, a drinking water analysis technician tests water in the lab.



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The road to Miss Charlevoix

Candidates for Miss Charlevoix 2006 attended a June 30 fund-raiser at Depot Beach to help bolster the scholarship prize one of the five candidates will be awarded during the 76th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival which will take place July 16-22 in Charlevoix. Pictured above are Zita Anderson, Madison Ramsey, Kara Ciesielczyk, 2005 queen Kari Way, 2005 first runner-up Brittany Niswander, Kim Way and Samantha White.

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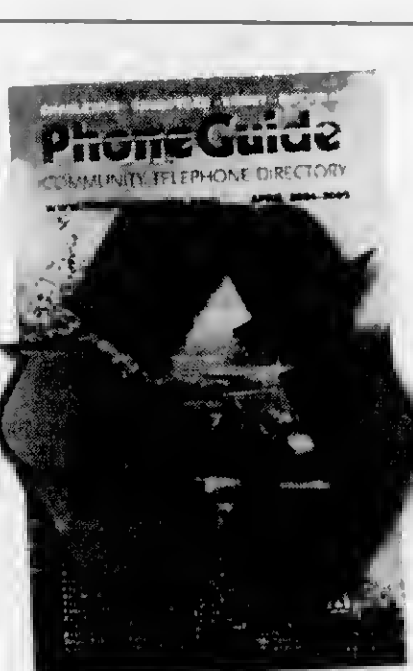
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Underwater adventure

Peter Londgren (left) and Murray Kilgour of Charlevoix emerge from the waters of Lake Charlevoix off Depot Beach on June 28. The two were scuba diving off an old pier where they saw about 200 fish. They said the water was clear to about 30-feet. They dove in conjunction with Londgren's open water scuba training.



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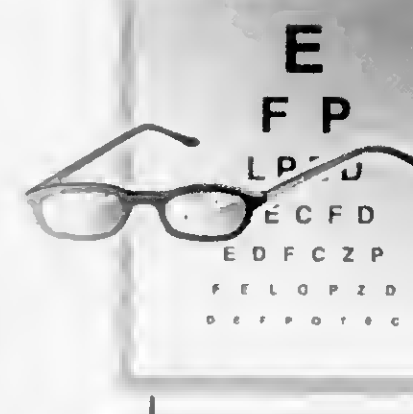
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Sharing the Harvest addresses the need for a healthy addition to the boxed and canned food traditionally available through food pantries.

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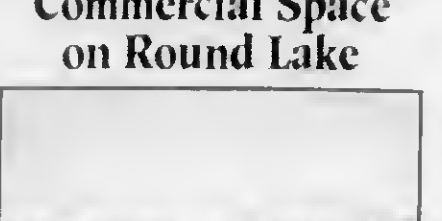
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By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
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There couldn't be a better way to spend a summer day than sailing off the shores of Lake Charlevoix.

At least that's what the Lake Charlevoix Mariners think as they prepare for their twentieth year of sailing.

In partnership with the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension program, the Mariners will run the 2006 4-H Youth Sailing School July 10 through Aug. 18 at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

"It teaches kids a life-long skill," said Keith Attee, vice-president of the Lake Charlevoix Mariners. "We're essentially the heart of the school, you could say, because we provide the equipment and such."

Charlevoix County kids, ages eight to 19, can attend a session for \$40 and out-of-county students can join for \$80.

"We're trying to get the students at a young age so they'll stick with sailing," said Lindsey Carland, program leader.

Each session runs for five days either in the morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. or in the afternoon from 1:15 to 4 p.m.

Students must meet at Depot Beach for their designated session equipped with a shirt, shoes and a bathing suit. Personal flotation devices will be provided to those students who do not have one.

While in the school, students

will learn basic knot tying, docking and departing skills, and weather awareness, just to name a few.

Not to mention, sailing will also boost confidence, utilize teamwork and support good sportsmanship, said Carland.

"We've really got a very experienced staff," she added.

Carland herself began sailing at just two months old.

All instructors in the 4-H Youth Sailing Program are trained and certified by U.S. Sailing and hold American Red Cross First Aid and CPR certifications.

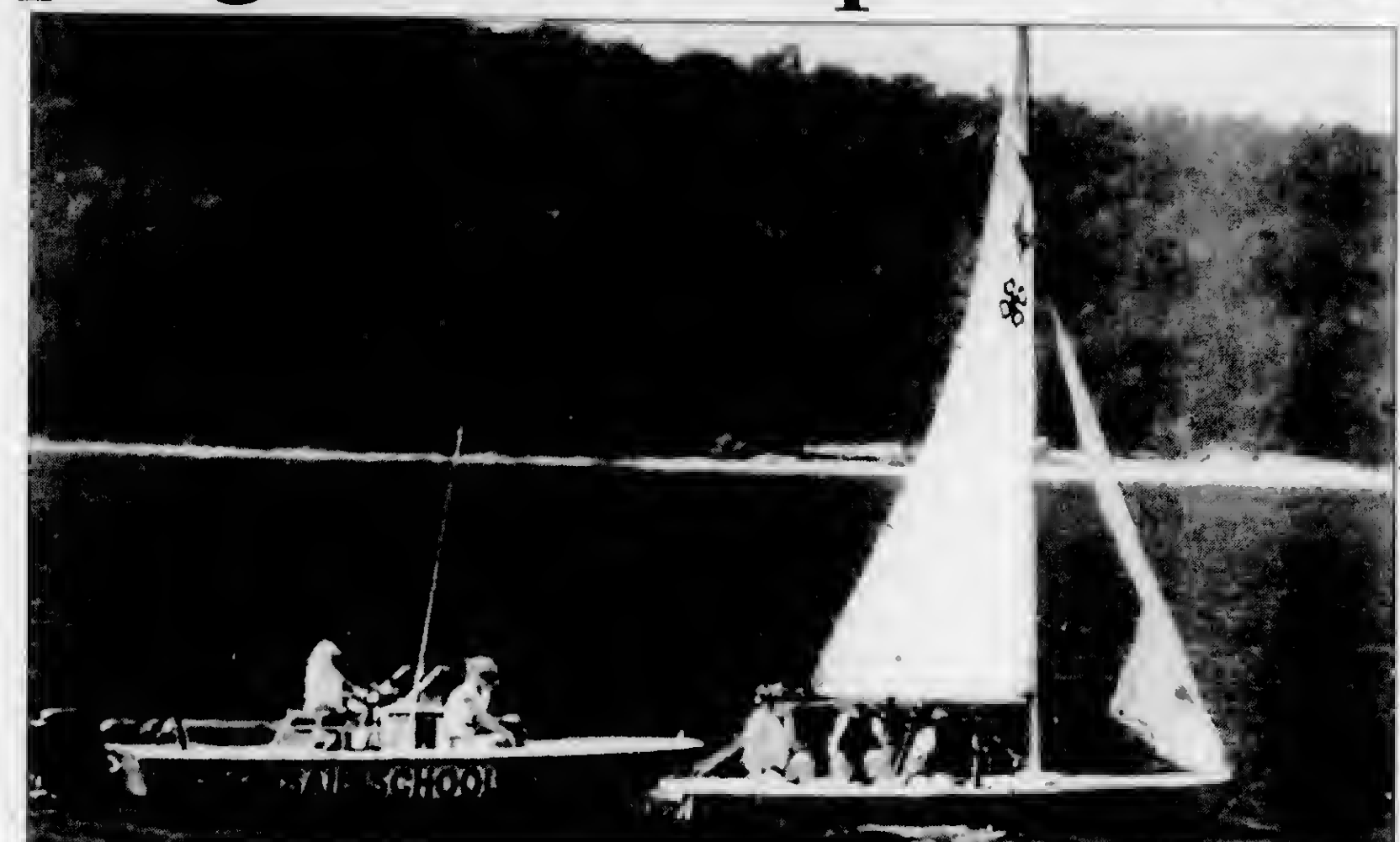
On Aug. 4, the Lake Charlevoix Mariners will host their 20th Anniversary family picnic celebration. All former instructors, members of the Mariners, students, and their parents are invited to join in.

The Mariners will also be having an auction to help raise money for next year's program at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 in the parking lot at Irish Boat Shop.

As their only fundraiser, the Mariners will be auctioning off powerboats, sailboats, inflatables, nautical equipment and other donated items.

The money raised, along with donations from local businesses and residents, will provide scholarships for the summer sailing program for Charlevoix County kids.

To donate to the auction, contact the Lake Charlevoix Mariners at (231) 582-6232.



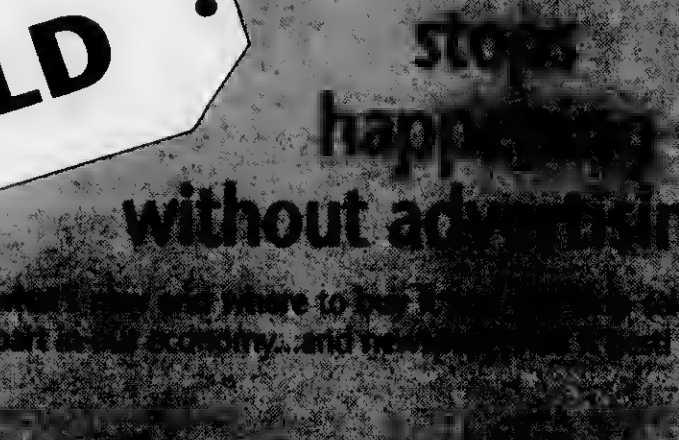
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(Above) 4-H Youth Sailing School instructors Annie Kelly and Laura Shira direct students sailing a JY15. 7-foot Opti Prams are also used during the sailing school program. The school runs from July 10 through Aug. 18 at Depot Beach in Charlevoix. For more information, or to register, call (231) 582-6232.

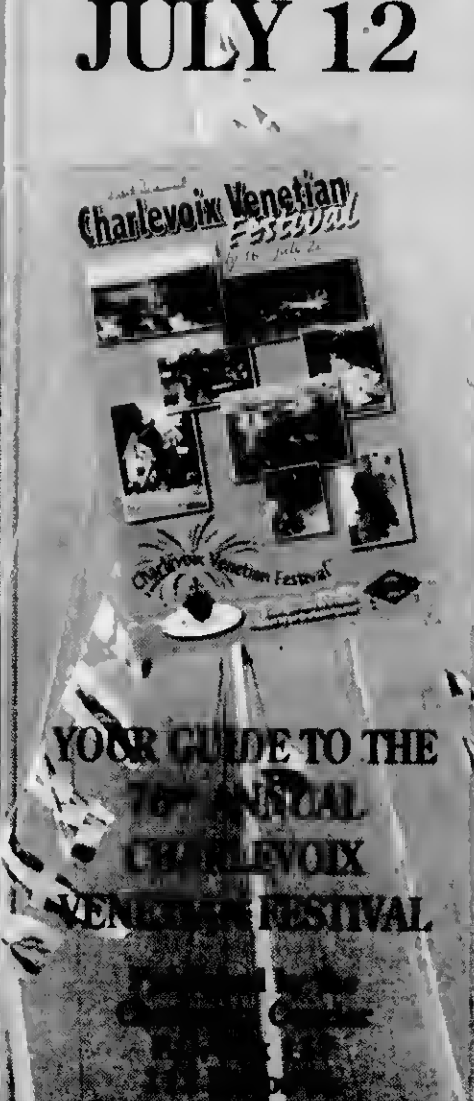
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Programs include swim school which is group lessons; semi-private lessons; swim team; aqua exercise; lap swims; Twinges in the Hinges; teen swim; and open recreation.

Rental times are also available.

Semiprivate swim lessons are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for two weeks or from 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays for six weeks. The next session begins on July 10. Sessions will follow on July 24 and Aug. 7. The fee for the six-lesson session is \$66 for in-district swimmers and \$70 for non-district. A maximum of four students are in each class.

The next Swim School session begins July 8. Sessions will follow on July 11 and July 13. Classes are Red Cross certified and meet once a week for four weeks on Saturday mornings; Tuesday afternoons; or

six lesson sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Students must be at least 6 months old. A class is also available for adults who would like to learn to swim or improve their swimming skills. The fee for these sessions ranges from \$28 to \$42 for in-district swimmers and \$31 to \$45 for non-district swimmers.

Swim Team will meet July 3 and July 24. The Charlevoix Stingrays are a year-round age group swim team. This is a competitive swim program designed for ages 7 to 18. The summer program runs from 3 to 4 p.m. or 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday for fees ranging from \$40 to \$55 for in-district swimmers and \$43 to \$58 for non-district swimmers. A discount is available for signing up for multiple sessions.

Aqua-Aerobics is offered eight times each week. This class meets from 8 to 9 a.m. on each day with the exception of Sunday. Participants can pay \$5 in-district or \$5.25

non-district each time or purchase a month pass for \$37 in-district or \$40 non-district.

A Water Safety Instructor Course is available to students 17 years of age and older with an intermediate swimming ability. The fee is \$160 for the course and required books.

Lifeguard Training is an American Red Cross certified course for those interested in becoming lifeguards. This class will be offered in the fall. Students need to be 15 years of age and older and be able to swim 500 yards. The fee is \$160 for the course and required books.

Public swim times include Open Swim for all ages from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

On Your Own, adult open swim is from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Lap swimming is open from 6 to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday;

from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. The On Your Own swimmers share the pool with rehab programs from the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Teen swim is from 8 to 9 p.m. on Monday nights.

Snorkeling for kids will also be offered. Classes will be arranged if there is sufficient interest. Students will be divided by age and ability. The cost of the three-session class is \$25.

Twinges in the Hinges with Molly Tate is offered three times each week. These classes meet from 11 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This class is designed for those with arthritis. Tate is a certified instructor with the National

Arthritis Foundation. Participants can pay \$5 in-district or \$5.25 non-district each time or purchase a one month pass for \$37 in-district and \$40 non-district.

The pool will be closed on July 4; Sept. 4; and from Aug. 20 through Aug. 31.

Class participants may register by mail for all summer programs. Mail registrations to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, 11905 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Rec softball team scores from June 27 and 29 games

Men's and women's rec league softball teams continued their season on June 27 and June 29.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 27 games, Boss Engineering beat Carlson's Home Improvements 12-1. For Boss, Jeremiah Teuscher had two hits and three RBIs.

In game two, Ace Hardware beat the Flight Deck 10-8. For Ace, Eddy Waldron had two hits and one double. Jared Hunt had a triple. Nate Golovich and Gordy Lake each had a double and Tom Moore had three hits. For Flight Deck, Nick Cole had two hits and one double and Casey Crain had three hits.

For the Chain-O-Lakes Girls' 14 and Under league, Forest Area beat

Charlevoix 6-3. Forest Area had two hits. For Charlevoix, Nikki Speigl had two hits, Brooke Nemecheek and Meghan Golovich each had one and Maddy Zimmerman had an RBI single.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 29 games, Flight Deck bested How About Bob/Art Form Fabricating 9-2. For Flight Deck, Casey Crain had two hits and one double, Dan Pardee had three hits and Roger Pittman had one double.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Ace Hardware 14-1. For Carlson's, Chris Bartling had two hits and one triple and Doug Waha had three hits.

For the Chain-O-Lakes Girls' 14 and Under league, Charlevoix beat Kalkaska 12-1. For Charlevoix, Nikki Speigl had 11 strike outs, Brooke Nemecheek had two RBIs, Meghan Golovich had a double and two RBIs and Maddy Zimmerman and Jenna Kirky each had one hit.

Rayder Football Youth Camp to take place July 8

Registration is open for the Charlevoix Rayder Football Youth Camp.

The camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 8 at Kipke Field, located at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Camp is open to kids entering third through eighth grades. The camp cost is \$10 and includes a t-shirt.

Charlevoix High School varsity football team coaches and players will act as youth camp directors.

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Clay play



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(Above) Pictured are members of the Monday, Wednesday and Friday Shanahan Field intramural tennis league who on June 14 were invited to play on the clay courts at the Belvedere Club. They play on the clay courts twice a year, and will return in September. (Left) Mary Kay Goldblatt sets herself up to deliver a killer serve.



Charlevoix Yacht Club Summer Series race results

The first race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club's summer racing series was sailed June 28 in shifting winds from passing storms on Lake Charlevoix.

The course was shortened when winds began to lighten toward the end of the race. Twenty-two boats finished the race, which consisted of a triangle and one leg. For the summer series, the spinnaker boats have been divided into three fleets based on rating.

Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.
Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Exitus (Pung)
P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (Stewart); 2

— Original Sin (Miller); 3 — Tireless (Carland); 4 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs).
Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 2 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 3 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 4 — What's Her Name (Robinson); 5 — Four at Play (Herald); 6 — M3 (Carey).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 4 — MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Northern Light (Orlow); 4 — Windrunner (Pirie); 5 — Padawan (Lamb).

Charlevoix Lions Club 12th Annual Golf Outing is July 13

The Charlevoix Lions Club's 12th annual charity golf fundraiser on Thursday, July 13 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

All proceeds from the event will be directed to the club's 37 beneficiaries which include youth scholarships, sports teams and activity programs, civic programs and projects and the Lions supported sight and hearing local and state programs.

Some twenty-five teams are expected to vie for the winning lowest-score trophies and cash prizes.

Along the course, each golfer will try for \$10,000 by sinking a tee-shot on hole 17. A generous package of electronic equipment is available on hole 4. Two round-trip air or sea tours are available on hole 8. And a HIPPO golf equipment package may be won on hole 14. There are consolation cash awards on each of the above holes for the players who come

closest to the pins.

Cash awards are also given for the longest in-the-fairway drives on holes 1, 10 and 16. Players can go for \$5,000 in the putting contest on the practice green. A trophy and cash award will be given to the closest-to-the-pin putting finalist.

Tournament registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. on July 13 when a picnic lunch will be served. The event's shotgun start is at 2 p.m.

The awards banquet will follow at the Knights of Columbus hall off Bells Bay Road, just off U.S. 31 south and will feature Lions' chicken.

The \$98 per player fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart use, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of \$12.90 is for those attending the dinner.

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Little League Hall of Fame



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Alida Klooster, Charlevoix Little League past president and current administrative assistant, was named to the Charlevoix Little League Hall of Fame at the group's awards ceremony on June 26. Here she is seen accepting a plaque from current president, Brian Certa.

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Charlevoix Community Skatepark grand opening event is July 15

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, which opened its doors on June 17, will host a grand opening celebration from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 15 at the park.

The event will feature live entertain-

ment, free food, raffles and more.

The park will be open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are avail-

able to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

University of Michigan alumni golf outing

The Second Annual Golf Outing, sponsored by local University of Michigan alumni will take place on Tuesday, July 11, at Boyne Rapids Golf, located off M-75 South, on Boyne City's east side.

University of Michigan alumni, their families and friends, in the Little Traverse Bay area, are invited to participate in this event which will raise

scholarship funds to send area students to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall.

Greens fees are \$35 per person. Raffle prizes, door prizes and contests will take place.

The Adventure Golf course will also be open for family play.

The evening will conclude with an afterglow party at the Wolverine

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Gary Snoek, of the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus, presents Suzanne Muma, executive director of Charlevoix's Bergmann Center, with a check for \$670.15 which the civic group raised during its annual Tootsie Roll drive, while center members look on. The Bergmann Center is a private, non-profit organization that provides services to adults with developmental and mental disabilities in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Nominations for The eddi Awards now being accepted

Nominations for 2006 eddi award recipients are due by July 21.

Each year, Crooked Tree Arts Center hosts The eddi Awards, a celebration of those individuals and organizations that appreciate and participate in the arts in northwest Michigan.

The name, The eddi Awards, honors the late eddi Offield, an accomplished artist, and generous benefactor and advocate for the arts in our area, who always spelled her first name with a lower case 'e'.

Serving as co-chairs of the eddi Awards 2006 are Teresa Crouse of Petoskey, and Steve Spencer of Harbor Springs.

Awards are presented in eight categories: Visual and performing artists, arts and cultural organization, arts in education, arts and cultural leadership, individual patron, benefactor and lifetime achievement.

Nomination forms are now available at Crooked Tree Arts Center and on-line at www.crookedtree.org. While the forms require the usual basic contact information, it is the nominator's description of

the nominee that is most important.

"There are many people and organizations here in northern Michigan who are very deserving of an eddi Award. Nominators are encouraged to submit a personal story, detailing the reasons their nominee should be an eddi Award recipient," said Spencer.

Crouse added, "The essence of the works of the person or organization is what the jury needs to understand. Descriptions don't have to be lengthy, but are vital to the process."

Winners of The eddi Awards are selected by a volunteer committee representing a wide range of artistic and cultural disciplines in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

A complete listing of previous winners can be found at www.crookedtree.org.

The celebration and presentation of the eddi Awards will take place on Friday, Sept. 15 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

For more information, call Mary Wiklanski at (231) 347-5731.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, June 19, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

- The following proceedings took place:
- Motion passed entering agreement with Charlevoix Area Pool.
 - Motion passed accepting purchase request for a bunker rake for the golf course.
 - Motion passed accepting the Planning Commission's motion regarding City project administration compliance in accord with the zoning ordinance.
 - Motion passed approving the proposal for MML to conduct a human resources audit.
 - Resolution 2006-06-05 adopting ratifying Ordinance 681 of 2002.
 - Motion passed appointing Mary Eveleigh to full membership on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grubers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-tf-180)

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(8-27-tf-181)

BIDS WANTED 209

THE CHARLEVOIX Area Chamber of Commerce will be seeking building bids from contractors for its renovation and remodeling project. The Chamber is moving to the old Post Office building, located at 109 Mason Street, in order to make room for the city's renovation of East Park, which is slated to begin this fall.

Only bids from contractors who are members of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce as of July 14, 2006 will be considered. Contractors also must be able to complete the project no later than October 1, according to Chamber specifications; and must provide proof of general liability insurance as well as workman's compensation insurance.

Bidding packages should be available to interested contractors on July 5, with the contract to be awarded by the Chamber Board of Directors on July 18, with work beginning on August 1st.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Merla, Chamber President, at 231-547-2101.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY Treasurer will be conducting an auction of tax reverted real estate on July 22, 2006. The Auction is to be held at the Atlanta Community School at 10500 County Road 489, Atlanta, MI 49709. Registration begins at 9:30 am. Auction begins at 10:30 am. Information on parcels offered may be obtained at the County Treasurer's Office, or online at www.tax-sale.info.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 06-010999-NC

In the matter of RANDI NICOLE BARFELL.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: RANDALL LEROY BARFELL whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 19th, 2006 at 2:45 pm at the Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Deborah S. Bowman requesting that the name of Randi Nicole Barfell be changed to Randi Nicole Bowman.

June 28, 2006

Deborah Sue Bowman
2249 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Boyne City, MI 49712
231-582-5533

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice NINETEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$99,677.57) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become

operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, July 21, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West, thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85 degrees 54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1 degrees 35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1 degrees 35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1 degrees 35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39 degrees 54'29" East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1 degrees 35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1 degrees 35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85 degrees 54'10" West 33, 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85 degrees 54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79 degrees 43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62 degrees 36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1 degrees 35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62 degrees 36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79 degrees 43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said 3 line North 85 degrees 54'10" West 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0 degrees 54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

PARCEL 3: That part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 5 West lying on the East side of the

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: June 06, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON, PLLC

by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)

109 E. Front Street, Suite 300

Traverse City, MI 49684

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 11, 2005, by Tamera Meadows, a/k/a Tamera Laurie, and Mark Follette, wife and husband, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 24, 2005, at Liber 688, Page 780, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$52,249.32 principal, \$998.46 interest, and \$60.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, July 14, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL 1: The South 1/4 of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 20, Township 33 North, Range 5 West.

PARCEL 2: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 29, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPT a strip of land 30 rods wide East and West and 80 rods long North and South, off the East side.

PARCEL 3: That part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 5 West lying on the East side of the

Boyne City and Springvale State Road. EXCEPT for the following described parcel: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; thence West along the North eighth line 490 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 215 feet to an iron stake; thence West, parallel with the North eighth line, to the center line of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road (Old State Road); thence Southwesterly along said center line to the intersection with the North eighth line; thence East along said eighth line to the point of beginning.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 7.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: June 14, 2006

The Bank of Northern Michigan

Mortgagee

406 Bay Street

Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster

(P48708)

Joel D. Wurster, PLC

Attorney for Mortgagee

P.O. Box 2450

Petoskey, MI 49770

(231) 347-4968

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust FILE NO.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Settlor, Jack F. Schoof, date of birth, July 30, 1926, who lived at 04477 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, died June 12, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent's trust are notified that all claims against the JACK F. SCHOOF TRUST dated December 3, 2001, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Martha J. Kupka, Successor Trustee, at 04450 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720 Within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

June 28, 2006

Scott T. Beatty

P24202

111 State St. Ste. #1

Charlevoix, MI 49720

231-547-4059

Martha J. Kupka

04450 Lakeshore Drive

Charlevoix, MI 49720

231-547-6182

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** -- Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas A Carson, a Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Mortgage, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 6, 2005 in Liber 708 Page 761 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-49106 ASAP# 776977 06/21/2006, 06/28/2006, 07/05/2006, 07/12/2006 L(06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 07/12)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

CHRIS M. FRASZ and MICHELE M. NICKEL FRASZ, as assignees through HAROLD I. HAMLIN, JR., Trustee of the Harold I. Hamlin, Jr., Revocable Living Trust, U/T/A dated 11/9/1990

Plaintiffs,

v

Defendant.

For sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

A part of Lot 35, Block F, of South Boyne as recorded in Liber 1, page 9, Charlevoix County Records; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the above Lot 35; thence South 103 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence North 103 feet to Main Street; thence East to Place of beginning. AND ALSO, a parcel of same above Lot 35; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence West 33 feet; thence North 53 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 53 feet to place of beginning. AND ALSO, 4 feet off the West side of Lot 36 of said plat of South Boyne.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

June 28, 2006

Sharon M. Selissen, County Clerk

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ed: JUNE 12, 2006 Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-49106 ASAP# 776977 06/21/2006, 06/28/2006, 07/05/2006, 07/12/2006 L(06/21, 06/28, 07/05, 07/12)

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HARRY A. BURKHART III,

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

July 6 Let's Go Paddling

Let's Go Paddling will take place at 6:30 p.m. on July 6 in the meeting room at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 1101 Clinton St.

The presenters, Scott and Kay Harper will introduce folks to paddling northern Michigan lakes and rivers this summer. They will show the best equipment, explain what it takes to be safe and give you the scoop on the area's best waterways.

The program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Harpers own Jordan Valley Outfitters in East Jordan and have been active in paddling adventures for 12 years. Scott is the president of the Michigan Association of Paddle Sport Providers. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

July 8 Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free gardening class at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 8 called, "Flowers for Cutting Garden." To register, call (321) 599-2824. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

July 10 Bay View concert

At 8 p.m. on Monday, July 10, young artists from the Bay View Music Festival will present a concert at the First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix.

The young artists from Bay View hail from across the U.S. including Alaska, plus Taiwan, South Korea, Mexico, and Japan.

The program on July 10 will feature both singers and instrumentalists who will perform works from a variety of musical periods and genres. Many of the young artists are currently in degree programs at schools of music and conservatories and some are in other young artist performance programs around the country.

There will be a free will offering for the evening's concert.

July 12 Senior Picnic

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will host the 27th Annual Senior Picnic to celebrate county senior citizens from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12 at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan.

The luncheon will feature a chicken barbecue and side dishes. The event will include entertainment and door prizes.

Tickets are \$6 for those under 60 and a \$3 suggested donation for seniors age 60 and over.

Tickets are available at East Jordan

and Boyne City senior centers and at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

Transportation to and from the event by Charlevoix County Transit will be paid for by local senior centers or the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. To make arrangements for a ride, call (231) 582-6900 by Monday, July 10.

For more information, call (231) 237-0103.

July 11 City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjak at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

July 12 Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a luncheon at noon on July 12 at the home of Judy Bryan, located at 317 Fairview, in Petoskey. Julianne Tomatoes will cater the luncheon.

Julie Norcross of McLean & Eaken Booksellers in Petoskey will present a program called "Kids and Cookbooks." All Panhellenic women of the area are invited to attend. For reservations, call (231) 348-1197.

July 13 Lions Golf Tournament

The Charlevoix Lions will host their twelfth annual charity golf fund-raiser on Thursday, July 13, at the Belvedere Golf Club. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m.

The \$98 per player fee includes 18 holes of golf, the cart fee, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of \$12.90 is charged for awards dinner only guests. Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams who would like to play can find registration forms at locations around town, or by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117, or Bern Cannon at (231) 547-5512.

All proceeds go to the club's beneficiaries.

July 15 Skatepark grand opening

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, which opened its doors on June 17, will host a grand opening celebration from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 15 at the park.

The event will feature live entertainment, free food, raffles and more.

The park will be open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

July 18 Caregiver support group

An Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18 at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

The College of Science and Technology of Central Michigan University is inviting alumni, friends, society members, and the public to its program on the university's Beaver Island biological station.

The program, to be presented by director of the station, Jim Gillingham, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the Depot in Charlevoix.

Refreshments will be served. Those who plan to attend are asked to contact Lori Kreiner at (989) 774-1916 or e-mail keini111@cmich.edu by Thursday, July 13.

Aug. 2 Coast Guard reunion

The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival's Retiree's Reunion Dinner will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The event is open and free to all Coast Guard retirees and former Coast Guardsmen and their families.

For more information, call W.C.

Boonstra, chairman of the Coast Guard Festival Reunion, at (616) 846-5940.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The swim will not take place on July 5. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from July 1 through Sept. 2. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

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The Break Up PG-13, 2:30, 7:30, 9:30 • Also Fri & Sat 11:30pm

The Lake House PG, 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45 • Also Fri & Sat 11:45pm

Superman Returns PG-13, 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

The Devil Wears Prada PG-13, 12:15, 2:15, 5, 7, 9 • Also Fri & Sat 11pm

Prices: Adults \$7.25, Child \$5.50, Senior \$6.00, Matinee - All \$5.25

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harhorind.com.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Big Rock exhibit opens to rave reviews

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Dozens of people attended the Big Rock Point exhibit press preview on Wednesday, June 28 at the Depot.

Those in attendance swooned at the amazing work exhibit organizers have done.

The Charlevoix Historical Society, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Consumers Energy's Big Rock Point Restoration Project, and the Consumers Energy Foundation are sponsors of the exhibit on the history of the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant at the train depot which officially opened on Friday, June 30.

The history is told through photographs, documents, plaques, hands-on displays, a cutaway model of the plant, and videos, one of which features Ronald Reagan.

The exhibit will be open from 1

to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through Labor Day weekend, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays from early September through Oct. 14.

Big Rock Point was the fifth commercial nuclear plant constructed in the United States, and the first operational nuclear plant in Michigan. During the 35 years it was in operation, it set both national and world records. Big Rock Point made a significant economic impact on northern lower Michigan. Today, Consumers Energy is returning the land on which the plant once stood to as close to its natural state as possible.

For more information about the exhibit, call (231) 547-0373 or visit www.chxhistory.com.



Photos by Julie Witthoef

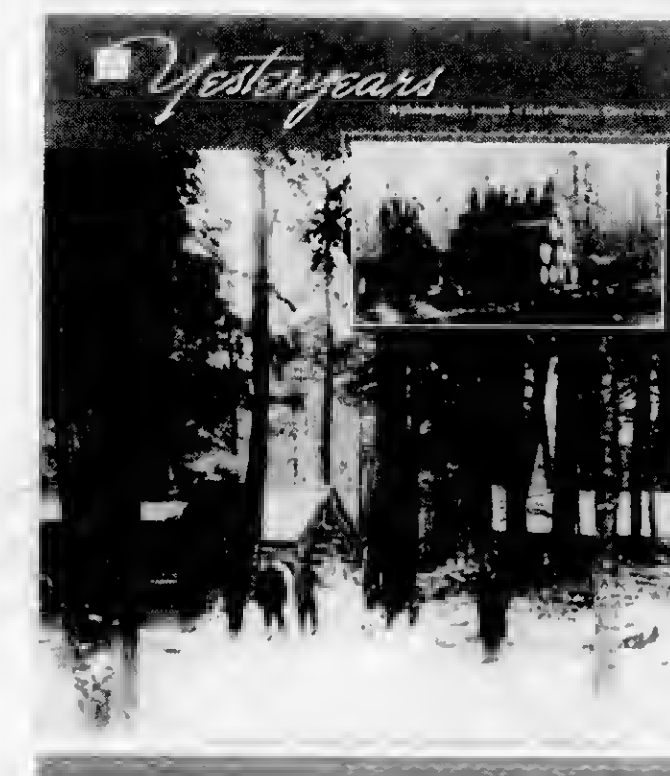
(Above) Dave Miles (right), co-director of the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House museum, stands with Brandon Fewins of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's office at the Big Rock Point exhibit press preview. Miles was one of many, who over a 14-month period, helped make the exhibit a reality. (Below) Maintenance supervisor at Big Rock Point from 1962-1983 Harold Black reminisces as he looks over some of the historical exhibit.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Karen and Dave Hoffman of Spring Lake, Russ and Jeanne Dewitt of Petoskey and Aileen and Bill Beckman of Jackson attended the exhibit opening. Dave Hoffman, Russ Dewitt and Bill Beckman are all former Big Rock Point plant managers. They were three of many former employees in attendance at the exhibit's press preview on June 28.

Be a Part of History



On Wednesday, August 10th, the Petoskey News-Review and the Charlevoix Courier, will partner with local historical societies to publish "Yesteryears." This tab-sized publication will be filled with historic photos of people and places in the Charlevoix County area.

We will be inserting over 12,000 copies into the News-Review and 3,500 into the Courier. We will have additional copies available for purchase. This is guaranteed to be a highly read publication. If you purchase an ad, we will work with the historical societies to run photos on your page that relate to your business.

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Deadline: Monday, July 10, 2006

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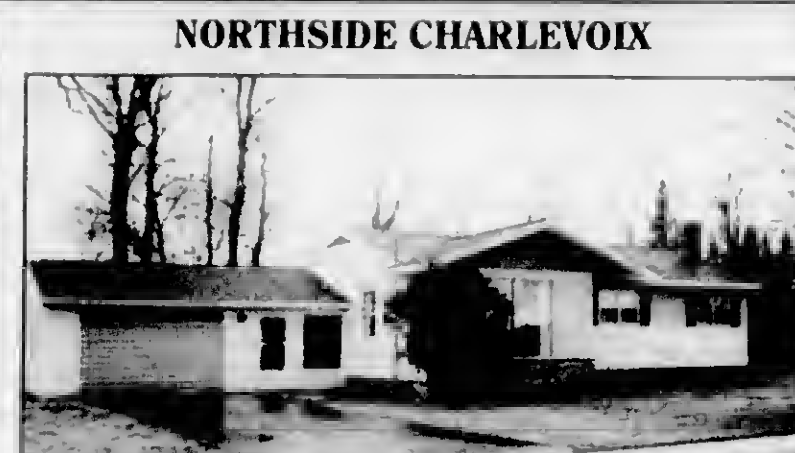
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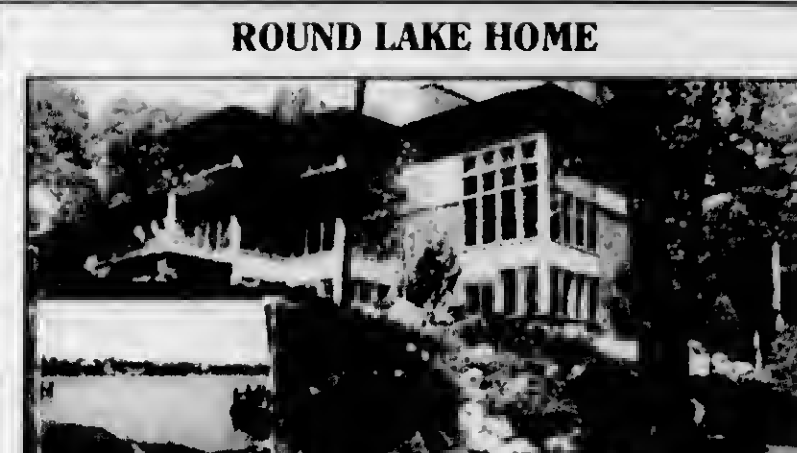
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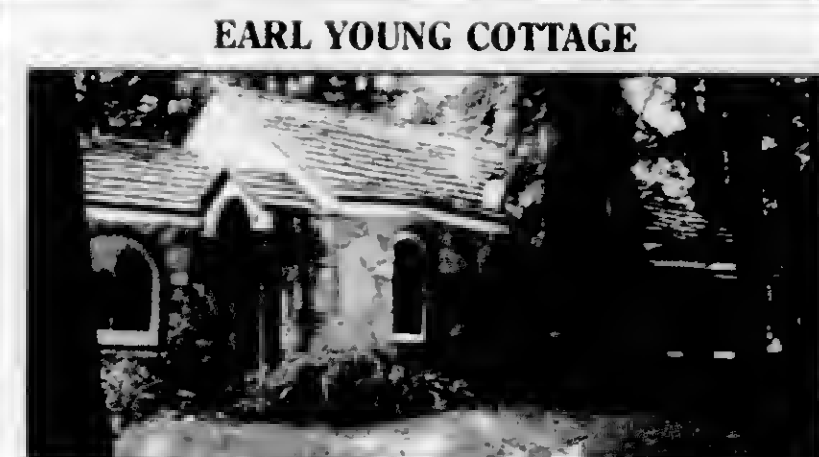
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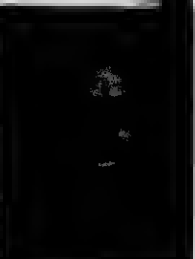
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Teachers make concessions

Instructors waive wage increase and benefits to address the budget

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Contractual concessions made earlier this spring by teachers and support staff of Charlevoix Public Schools could save the school system nearly \$189,000 over the next two years.

The savings, projected by Charlevoix Public Schools business manager, Shawn Biddle, come from a change by staff in health plans and agreeing to no increase in salary for

the first year.
"Both their negotiator and myself sat down and talked in a non adversarial situation and we came up with a solution that could serve the needs of both groups and still be beneficial to the district," said outgoing Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent, Dr. John Sturock. "From the board's perspective, we are very pleased we could find some common ground and reach an agreement for the next two years, because the school district faces other issues."

The negotiations yielded a zero increase for the 2006-2007 school year with a 3 percent increase in the 2007-2008 school year for projected savings of \$175,000 the first year and \$14,000 the second year.

According to Biddle, the numbers

could go slightly higher or lower depending on which health plans are chosen by teachers and support staff.

"Typically, contract negotiations are very formal with bargaining teams," Sturock said. "But we sat down and talked about health care and other issues to see if we could maybe try to get some money back into the district because we're obviously looking at some financial issues."

Sturock said both teachers and support staff had representatives on the Financial Steering Committee and both groups worked together on the contract negotiations.

"We talked and looked at different points and weighed them both ways," he said. "In negotiation, nobody ever gets everything they want, but both sides could live with what we settled."

and the benefit is that we saved the district almost \$200,000 over a two-year period."

Many other school districts are altering their benefits packages as well.

"By making that move, the district was able to save money, and obviously the teachers felt that they would still get an equality health care plan for themselves," Sturock said. "I think most school districts up here are moving that way and most contracts that have been working are moving toward concession across the board."

He added, "We had fairly good negotiations. This is the fourth contract we've negotiated while I've been here and we've never gotten into any labor

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Students reach out to music teacher

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

A small stand packed with tasty treats was a reflection of the sweet mark former Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher Marina LaBlance left on the lives of her students.

On July 6, 13 of LaBlance's former students reacted to news of their teacher and friend's colon cancer diagnosis with the same selfless giving spirit she showed them. The kids organized a bake sale on Bridge Street to raise funds for LaBlance.

"We all pitched in with something," said Mallory Murray, a student event participant.

"She gave so much to us and the community. We just liked her so much," added Pauline Sheets, one of the bake sale organizers and a former student of LaBlance.

LaBlance, 58, was diagnosed with colon cancer by her family practitioner, Dr. Jim Gels, on June 14 following an ultrasound that revealed tumors on her liver. Prior to the diagnosis, she had experienced pain in her side that was initially believed to be a pulled muscle. The symptoms continued to worsen and further testing proved surgery was needed to remove a tumor in her colon and aggressive chemo-



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Former students of longtime Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher Marina LaBlance, who retired in June 2005, organized a bake sale on July 7 in front of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to raise funds for her. LaBlance was recently diagnosed with cancer. Assisting with the sale are (front, from left) Kylee Scholten, Brad Klingler, Sophia Sheets, Abbey Scholten, Parker Skeel, (back) Julianne Witthoft, Pauline Sheets, Lexie Barnes, Mallory Murray, Wesley Drost, Madi Carey, Luke Klingler and Chandler Novotny.

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District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Phyllis Jean McWatters, 29, Grayling. Two counts of checks-insufficient funds less than \$200. Serve eight days in jail with credit for eight days; \$440 in fines and costs.

Kyle Joseph Shelly, 21, Waters. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling \$565.

Edward Charles Touchette, 62, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$730 in fines and costs.

Moses Ralph Aikens, 27, Dundee. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger; and allowing a suspended/restricted person to operate. Serve 10 days in jail; \$510 in fines and costs.

Steven George Massey, 28, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve five days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Linda Marie Smith, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend Zero Tolerance class or get a letter from the tribe on counseling; \$100 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix

County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Lloyd Joseph Waltonen, 43, Charlevoix. Two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture-narcotic or cocaine (less than 50 grams). To serve a minimum of four years to a maximum of 20 years in prison, with jail credit of 128 days for each. Count three: Attempted controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. To serve a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 12 months in prison, with jail credit of 128 days. Count four: Attempted cavedropping-installing a device. To serve a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 12 months in prison, with jail credit of 128 days. Count five: Prostitution/engaging in the services of. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 93 days; \$195 in fines and costs.

Jason Robert Boyd Scott, 25, Boyne City. Two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana. Serve 12 months in jail with credit for one day, to serve 120 days in jail; serve two years probation; \$855 in fines and costs.

Michael Robert Reed, 25, Benzonia. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Serve a minimum of 24 months in prison to a maximum of 10 years in the same with credit for 100 days in jail; \$4,274.28 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Art From The Heart, and Vicki Pratt Cleaning, 2525 Center St., Boyne Falls, by Vicki Pratt

Norwood Limestone Quarry, LLC, 01195 Norwood Road, Charlevoix, by Wayne D. Wynkoop and Micheline M. Wynkoop

Hazelwood Counseling Services, 2498 Wickersham Road, Charlevoix, by Ann Hazelwood

Catch-A-Tan; Trinity Counseling, 240 South Lake St., East Jordan, by Karen L. Wilson

Timmy B's, 02439 Jaquay Road, Boyne City, by Timothy A. Behling

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Ryan Bingham, 22 and Lauren K. Anthony, 20, both of Boyne City

Michael David Gee, 35 and Charity Ann Aller, 26, both of East Jordan

Agostino Francesco Tripicchio, 25, Macomb and Juli Dawn Swenor, 25, Charlevoix

Jeffrey A. Eaton, 47 and Geraldine Mae Gates, 39, both of Boyne City

Stephen Charles Hackney, 34 and Allison Lynne Sanders, 34, both of Chicago, Ill.

Robert C. Kayle, 50 and Marissa Esperanza Matusich, 44, both of Charlevoix

Brian Scott Dalpe, 31 and Jennifer Christie, 24, both of Newnan, Ga.

John Joseph Schulick, 47, St. Louis and Barbara Ann Hurley, 51, Boyne City

Timothy Charles Wellert, 22, Omaha, Neb. and Kelli Michelle Bradley, 21, Boyne City

Three injured in July 2 boat explosion

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating the explosion of a 1987 Cruisers Inc. 28-foot cabin cruiser which occurred at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 2 at the Ferry Beach launch ramp in Lake Charlevoix.

The operator, Alan B. Crow, 36 of Charlevoix stated that he had turned the ignition key to start the boat when it exploded and caught fire. There were three other persons on board and another on the dock tending the lines when the incident occurred.

Lindsay Laway, 13, was ejected from the boat by the explosion and landed on the dock, she suffered a fractured leg. Another 13-year-old girl was thrown out of the boat and landed in the water. Lana Magris, 53, of Florida, also suffered a leg injury.

None of the other persons involved suffered obvious injuries.

The incident remains under investigation but it is believed that inadequately ventilating the bilge was a factor. The operator advised that he had just fueled the vessel at a local gas station.

Birth

Heidi Jolee Girard weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces was born on June 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeffrey Scott Girard and Melissa Sue Looze of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Bobbie Jo and Klaus Benko, Tom and Pattie Looze and Ron and Debbie Girard, all of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Charlie and Pat Leese and Jerry and Sandy Looze, of Boyne City and Mary Sirade of Indiana.

Jeremiah Leon Massey, 27 and Sarah Elizabeth Witherspoon, 25, both of Boyne Falls

Jason Christopher Wells, 19 and Danielle Patricia Tripp, 19, both of Charlevoix

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The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Dawson Matter vs. Tiffani Matter

Kelli Howard vs. Scott W. Howard

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Students support teacher's cancer battle

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therapy treatments would follow to combat the stage four cancer.

Her first day of a 48 hour jump-start chemotherapy treatment took place on June 27. Due to complications from the treatment, she was unable to visit the young philanthropists who raised \$431 at the sale.

She said the efforts of the students and other community members who have reached out to her, have been heart warming and inspiring.

"I always knew my children would come through for me. We've always been there for each other. It's a bond that's there that no one can take away. I'm so proud of them that they spearheaded this. That came from their hearts," she said.

This is LaBlance's second bout with cancer, the first, breast cancer, came 11 years ago. She attacked it with radiation and the same strength of spirit that she said will carry her through this unrelated health challenge.

She is being treated by Dr. Judy Ramsdell at Munson Medical Center, in Traverse City. Ramsdell, an oncologist, also saw her through radiation and a lumpectomy following her breast cancer diagnosis.

While she had fewer side effects from radiation, LaBlance said the treatment isn't her focus, beating the disease is.

"This is temporary. The prognosis is looking good. I just have to keep moving forward — high energy, high attitudes," she said. "It's mind over matter. You don't have any other option. You have to stay positive and fight it."

LaBlance is a mother of two — Maro, 28 of Denver, Colo. and George, 25 of Charlevoix.

She moved to Charlevoix in 1972. Her dedication to education earned her the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America Award in 1973 during her first year of teaching. Then, in 1996, her colleagues and peers voted for her to receive an Outstanding Person in Education award.

LaBlance has also received the E. Dale Kennedy Award for excellence in promoting education and in 2004 received an eddi Award for her dedication to the arts and education. And in January 2005 was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

She retired in June 2005 from her position of 33 years as elementary school music instructor.

"She made school fun. She always had a smile on her face and laughed a lot," said Luke Klinger, her former student and a bake sale organizer.

LaBlance is secretary for the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair board of directors. She has been actively involved with the art fair for over 20 years. This year's event will take place on Aug. 12 in East Park.



File photo

Longtime Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher, Marina LaBlance, who retired in June 2005, was recently diagnosed with colon cancer. (Above) LaBlance's active role in the community won her the Citizen of the Year award in 2005 and a place in the Venetian Festival Street Parade.

Local teens involved in rollover accident

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a one car crash that occurred at around 10 p.m. on Friday, July 7 off Mt. McSaubia Road in Charlevoix Township.

Kacy Hoaglund, 16, was driving southbound on Mt. McSaubia Road in a 1996 Isuzu Rodeo when she lost control on a curve. The vehicle left the roadway and rolled with the roof striking a large tree in the front yard of a residence.

Three occupants, Cameron Crain, 16, Sarah Shepard, 16, and Stephanie Way, 16, were able to exit the damaged vehicle. However, Hoaglund was trapped and had to be extricated from the badly crushed vehicle using the JAWS. All occupants are from Charlevoix. They were all transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by ambulance for multiple injuries. Hoaglund, who had been issued her level 1 driver's license earlier in the week, was later transported to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey with multiple fractures.

The crash remains under investigation but the sheriff's office advised that excessive speed was a contributing factor.

Staff concessions could save district \$189,000 over two years

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disputes, mediation or arbitration." Sturock feels the teachers and support staff of Charlevoix schools are always willing to help do what is best for the community.

"I haven't seen concessions to this extent around here. They could have held out and not agreed to the contract," he said. "And, I think the board realizes you can't ask employees to pay the price for everybody."

He added, "We have a good staff, and I believe that they realize the situation we're in and the financial hardship we're facing. By understanding the needs of the kids and saving some money, we're saving some teachers."

Aside from the obvious benefits to the school's budget, Sturock said some monetary solvency will help the new superintendent focus on learning the lay of the land.

"I just think we have a great community and teachers and parents all working together, and this is just another example of us working together," he said. "And, hopefully now

we can focus away from contracts and whoever is here can look at other ways to reduce costs and raise revenues so that, next spring, they won't be looking at cuts again."

Sturock added, "With a new superintendent coming in, it would be difficult to come in and start a relationship with teachers and support staff and do contract negotiations instead of building relationships and that rapport. This is positive."

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OPINIONS

Lock me up, the kids are out-of-town



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

I was skeptical that institutionalization could render one unable to cope with life on the outside — that was until the kids went down to visit our folks for a few weeks.

Back in March, dreams of a quiet house, fruity umbrella drinks and being fanned with a giant feather didn't foreshadow the lackluster events to come.

The wife and I kicked off the celebration of newfound freedom with spaghetti and Seinfeld reruns.

Day two, the kids called. The wife was happy to hear from them, but I'm not much of a telephone talker and

they'd just left.

"So, watcha been doin' for the last 18 hours?" At their age they don't always catch the sarcasm.

By day three I sensed something was amiss. We weren't Congaing through the kitchen and the wife's gloom was palpable.

After some prodding she admitted, "I miss the kids." For my own safety, I had to lie, "Me too."

The wife was thrilled when the kids phoned on day four. Then she hands me the phone, "You're having fun? That's good. Grandpa lets you eat anything for breakfast? That's nice. A sandwich made of jelly between two slices of cheese? I'm giving the phone back to your mother now."

Who were these permissive and patient people, and what had they done with my parents?

The call helped her mood for awhile. But by day eight, she had full-blown Summer Camp Syndrome. Symptoms include long diatribes about how great the kids are, unex-

plained shortness with husband and spontaneous sobbing.

Anticipation seldom equals reality. I get that, but the most excitement I had was clipping my toenails in the living room — a taboo to be sure.

So much for, "The Devil's workshop." Idle hands led me straight to boredom's waiting room, where the only thing to read are pamphlets on mono.

On day 12 we had lunch with half a western movie — "Dances with Melodrama," if I recall. Evidently we'd rather do housework than watch Kevin Costner get frisky in a teepee. (I've since had to watch Alien Autopsy three times to get the image of him in buckskin out of my head.)

I heard an occasional groan from my daughter's room as the wife unearthed mysteries from the Mesozoic era. Once she called me in to show me Mt. St. Biohazard, which consisted of dust bunnies, fuzzy spoons, old socks and the fossilized remains of a bagged lunch.

Between bleach fumes and dust thrown by our vintage vacuum, allergies left me dazed. So, I was in my own little world organizing shaving accessories and polishing the necessary, when the wife burst in with blood gushing from her hand.

Apparently the girl stashed a shattered picture frame in her toy box. I squealed, jumped, and hit my head on a shelf. Luckily, I didn't suffer any brain damage. When my eyes uncrossed, I tried tending to her wounds, but found it difficult due to all the hysterical blubbing.

After a good smack in the face and a few stern words, I dried my eyes and promised to relax. She endured my backwoods doctoring without a peep, while I would've called for a priest and made her promise never to remarry.

By that evening we were wheezing, bleeding and praying the children would soon be home. Day 14: Small talk was exhausted. Like inmates out on parole after a 40-

year sentence, we found this disruption to our routine unsettling.

Even worse, she blamed me for the kids' absence. "I thought we could use some time alone," I pleaded.

All she heard was, "I am evil. I took your children away. Ha, ha, ha."

I had inadvertently insinuated myself between mother and cubs, and no one was around to hear my screams.

"How about a chocolate malt?" I asked, as I readied myself to either fall to the carpet and play dead or beg for mercy.

"OK," she said, her eyes full of disdain. I don't know how long I can use ice-cream as a tranquilizer, but the kids are due to arrive this Sunday. If you see us in line at Dairy Queen, run for your life.

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Details can make or break wedding event



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

Summer is a popular season for weddings and I would guess you've been invited to one or two or maybe you will be taking the plunge.

As a non-denominational officiate I've had the chance to view many events unfold that were not necessarily part of the wedding planner's agenda. In the end these unplanned events always add to the memories of the wedding day and provide something to share at future family reunions. My advice for brides and grooms is to keep it simple. For those of you not married yet, you may disagree, but for those readers currently

in wedded bliss you'll understand this information.

I had the pleasure of officiating a Portuguese wedding that took place in a lovely courtyard adjacent to a beautiful Victorian hotel. The hotel manager thought wouldn't it be nice to have the bride enter the ceremony from the back entrance of the hotel. What the manager didn't realize — the bride didn't speak or read English and walked through a door marked "Fire Exit Only — Alarms Will Sound." This same wedding also followed the tradition of signing the marriage license during the ceremony. The large ball-point pen I brought didn't possess the weight needed to keep the license secure in its setting. After taking a quick glance to see that everyone and everything was in its place, to my heart beating horror I couldn't help but notice that the license was no longer sitting on the table near the flower filled arch. Something waving to me

on a nearby bush caught my attention. There was the license, flopping wildly in the breeze, taunting me as I bent over the arch trying to grasp it. To the guests' delight it added a little drama and entertainment before the reception.

On another occasion, the bride and groom were to be wed on a private beach bordering the bride's parents' summer home. Being by the water, they thought the groom could make a dramatic entrance by boat. While the guests patiently waited for what seemed like a very long time and the violinist had played every song she knew by heart, a cell phone beeped in to let us know the boat bringing the groom was experiencing mechanical difficulties and needed to be towed to shore. I really need to practice my "jokes for weddings" and other time fillers if this should occur again. The message here is this, avoid grand entrances.

An interesting little hit for those

of you planning a destination wedding on a remote island. A friend of mine attended a wedding which the bride arranged totally via the Internet. It was to be a small wedding on a remote beach. The photos beckoned them with the wonderful beaming sun, white crested waves and swaying palm trees. The bride and groom approached the officiate with somberness and smiles as they quietly gathered beneath the beautifully decorated arch. The ceremony was interrupted by the giggling of family and friends. As they looked around they noticed that the people on the beach were naked. My advice here is if you pick a destination in a warm climate on an island ask if it's a nudist beach first.

Weddings are a memorable event, whether you are taking it all in as a guest or as the maid of honor. The small upsets of the day are rarely noticed. If attending a wedding this summer, those of you already mar-

ried may relax and enjoy visiting with friends. Individuals soon to be married will make notes on napkins or programs reminding themselves what they may add to their own wedding. For the bride and groom, what's next on the agenda may not be on the wedding planner's agenda. The reception moves quickly and the event is remembered in photographs and stories shared for years to come.

Whatever your situation may be, I am hopeful that you'll enjoy the day with family and friends and whatever unplanned events occur will be minor ones. Mignon McLaughlin offers a reminder for those of you who are already committed in marriage, "A successful one requires falling in love many times, but always with the same person." I couldn't agree more.

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A bill for \$150 for Mary Beth Kur's services was received by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners. Minutes of meetings were reviewed and a thorough search of who requested this action was not completely determined but the bill was paid.

This leads one to believe if a bill is submitted to the board by anyone the board will pay it without justification.

Over 26,000 residents in Charlevoix may be interested in this and require further investigation of use of their tax dollars or they may be submitting their own bills.

What is unfortunate is that I feel personal agendas of a select few have obstructed the way this board does business and may be done.

All this turmoil could have been avoided had the commission simply required Mary Beth Kur to let the board

know who requested her assistance. I believe the public deserves to have their business conducted in a clear and unquestionable manner and that the commissioners need a wake-up call from any citizen who is offended by this nonsense.

Robert H. Taylor
Boyne City

Faulty intelligence

Editor:
Does the United States have a record of going to war because of faulty intelligence? Does the United States have nuclear, chemical, biological, or conventional weapons of mass destruction?

Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

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Editor:
As we approach the Aug. 8 primary and local elections, it's time to watch

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Patricia W. Fox

Public television jeopardized

Editor:
I'm writing this for two great-grandchildren. My great-grandson, a preschooler, could print his name and crayon the "OOOO's" and "XXXX's" for his closing if this weren't e-mail. But it is e-mail and he isn't able to write a whole letter yet. But the things

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Ferris State University graduate

Christie Ann Ward graduated from Ferris State University in May 2006 with a bachelor's degree in social work.

North Central Michigan College graduates

Two hundred seventy-eight students graduated from North Central Michigan College in Petoskey this school year. Among the Charlevoix graduates were the following: Cindi Baird (high distinction); William Barrett (distinction); Annie Cordova (distinction); Ryan Dobie; Elizabeth Drebenstedt (high distinction); Crystal Greensky (distinction); Bethene Hall; Carrie Kietley; Heidi Knapp; Susan Lalonde; Bridget Masterson (distinction); Tara Morrow; Jennifer Neihardt; Melissa Oliver; and Anthony Williams.

North Central Michigan College president's and dean's lists

North Central Michigan College has announced the president's and dean's lists for the winter 2006 semester. The president's list requires a 4.0 grade point average; the dean's list requires a 3.5 grade point average. Raymond Jacob Greensky of Charlevoix was named to the president's list. The following Charlevoix students made the dean's list: Cindi Ann Baird, Carrie Lee Blanchard, Jennifer Lynn Eggers, Amber Dawn Greensky, Brittany Ann Hernden, Melissa Gray Oliver, Christopher James Parks, Connie Marie Vallad and Christopher Richard Wyniauskij.

Michigan State University dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix attending Michigan State University were named to the dean's list for the spring 2006 semester: Brandon Anderson, Scott Augustine, Amanda Bajos, Bryce Daly, Rhett Malpass, Laura Potter, Cody Priess, Kati Swenor, Anna Taylor and Kiel Tilley. The dean's list honors all full-time undergraduates at the university who earn a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Master of arts degree recipient

Jennifer D. Wojan, daughter of Dennis and Florence Wojan of Charlevoix, has received a master of arts degree in speech pathology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. A 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School, Wojan received her bachelor of arts degree in 2004 from St. Mary College in Notre Dame, Ind.

Hope College dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Hope College in Holland, were named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2005-2006 school year. To be named to the dean's list a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average: Taryn Drost, a senior; Katherine Madison, a senior; Eric Bourassa, a senior; and Amanda Boss, a junior.

Join Rayder Marching Band in street parade

The Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band invites anyone who has played in his or her high school or college marching band to join the local band in the Venetian Festival Street Parade.

Those interested in marching are asked to contact Jayne Bennett by July 17 at (231) 547-3234. In the phone message callers should include the following information: Participant's name, phone number, t-shirt size and instrument played.

The uniform on parade day will be khaki pants, white or light colored tennis shoes and the Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band t-shirt which will be available on parade day for \$10.

The band will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 22 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room for rehearsal. The school is located at 108 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix. The parade begins at 11 a.m. that day.

The tunes are "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Music is available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the office at Charlevoix High School, located at 05200 Marion Center Road in Charlevoix.

55th Anniversary

Jim and Marilyn Marshall

Jim and Marilyn Marshall of Midland and formerly of Charlevoix celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 23.

The two were married on June 23, 1951 at the First Methodist Church in Ann Arbor by the Rev. Dwight S. Large.

They lived in Charlevoix from 1968 to 2002. Jim is a former school principal and counselor and Marilyn is the former payroll administrator for Medusa Cement Company.

They have four children and seven grandchildren. Their children are Deborah (Ronald) Achtenberg of Waterford; David (Mary) Marshall of Sanford Lake; James W. (Linda) Marshall III of Petoskey; and Roger Marshall of Gaylord.



American Red Cross blood drive July 20 at Community Reformed Church

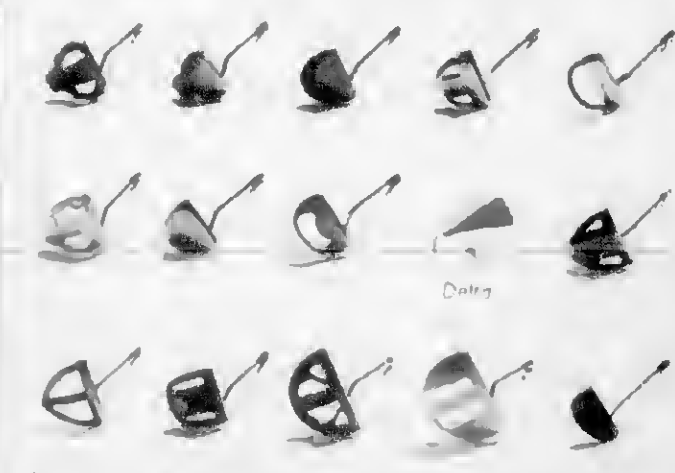
The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, on the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

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Their children took them on a Caribbean cruise to celebrate in March.

The DiMartinos have made their home in Boyne City since 1953 where John was plant manager of Boyne Products, later Essex Wire, then United Technologies, until he retired in 1987.

Ann worked for Kaden's Emporium in Boyne City and Charlevoix for many years and later at their son Fred's clothing store, Trademark Clothiers, in Charlevoix.

The couple reside in Ormond Beach, Fla. during the winter months and return to Boyne City the rest of the year.



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Charlevoix Street Legends will host its 14th Annual Car Show on Saturday, July 15 in East Park. Aside from shiny rare vehicles, the event will also feature entertainment, door prizes, games, raffles and more.

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Charlevoix Street Legends will host its 14th Annual Car Show on Saturday, July 15 in East Park.

Car lovers are invited to register their classic cars in the event. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Spectators and participants are welcome.

The show will include entertainment, door prizes, games, raffles and more. The "Sea Cruisers" will provide

dance music from the 1950s and 1960s from 6 to 10 p.m. that night in the East Park bandshell.

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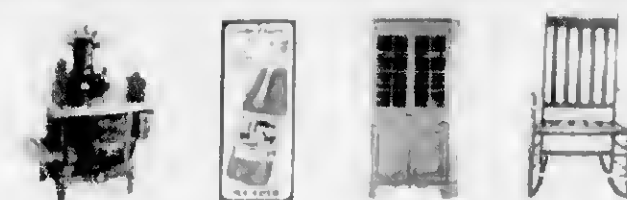
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Long locks of love

Lauren Baum of Tiburon, Calif. and Charlevoix, recently cut her long, blond hair for donation to Locks of Love, a charitable organization that provides needy children with hairpieces when suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Baum has been growing her hair for over two years in preparation for her donation. For more information about the organization, visit

www.locksoflove.org

Obituaries

Marguerite Mason: April 5, 1909 - July 3, 2006

Marguerite Anna Mason, 97, of Charlevoix, died Monday, July 3 at Tender Care Nursing Home in Traverse City.

She was born on April 15, 1909, in Mancelona, the daughter of Edward and Julianna (Denzel) Lakies. Marguerite married Stewart Lee Mason on June 16, 1928, in Flint, where they made their home before moving to Charlevoix in 1946. Lee preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1963. After being a long-time resident of Pine River Place in Charlevoix, Marguerite

moved to live with her daughters, Darlene and Phyllis. She attended the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, was an accomplished cook, and enjoyed needlework and playing cards. Marguerite was very devoted to her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Darlene (Gordon) Mol of Fruitport and Phyllis (Wendell) Kitchin of Traverse City; many grand, great-grand, and great-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Ella Ingalls of Charlevoix.

Her sons, Louis and Ted, and

daughter, Donna Lee Mason preceded her in death.

A graveside service took place on Monday, July 10, at Fairview Cemetery in Mancelona. A memorial service followed on Tuesday, July 11, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Mary Willis officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Edward Stacks: April 8, 1913 - July 6, 2006

Edward M. Stacks, 93, of Big Rapids and formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, died Thursday, July 6 at his residence.

He was born April 8, 1913, in Moline, Ill., the son of Donald and Marie (Mayne) Stacks and moved to Cheboygan as a child, later graduating from Cheboygan High School. After high school, Ed joined the U.S. Navy for one hitch before entering the Merchant Marine Academy. He was soon called back into active duty with the Navy at the beginning of World War II. Ed's official service to his country was 45 years. He served 24 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as Chief Warrant Officer 4, and was later employed with the Office of Civil Defense Management as well as becoming a U.S. Customs Inspector on

the border in Sault Ste. Marie. Along with his love for the sea, Ed also had a passion for the skies. He obtained his private pilot's license and was also a vice-captain for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, teaching a safe boating course for many years. While in Charlevoix, Ed was a proud member of the Charlevoix Historical Society as well as several other memberships in various associations. Ed's life was one of adventure, intrigue and diversity. He was always good for an entertaining story and left many precious memories to be relished for years to come.

During the war, Ed met Evelyn (Jane) Friske of Grand Rapids and the two were married on March 18, 1944. Along with his wife, Ed is

also survived by his four children, Suzanne (Jeff) Pierce of Big Rapids, Edward "Mike" (Eiko) Stacks of California, Joseph (Rochelle) Stacks of Washington; and Lani Stacks of California; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers; a sister-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11 at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Manistee, with military honors provided by the Naval Operations Support Center out of Grand Rapids.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan may be forwarded directly or left in care of the Mohrke Funeral Home in Big Rapids.

Memorial service

Patsy Ramsey: 11 a.m., July 13, Christ Episcopal Church

A celebration of the life of Patsy P. Ramsey will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 13 during a memorial service at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 200 State St., in Charlevoix.

Patsy was born Dec. 29, 1956 and

went to join the Lord and Jon Beier on June 24.

Patsy is survived by her husband, John; son, Burke; stepson, John Andrew; stepdaughter, Melinda; three grandchildren; sisters, Pam and Polly; father, Don; and stepmother, Doris.

A luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall at the church, immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Patsy P. Ramsey Ovarian Cancer Foundation, 108 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Board begins search for interim superintendent

By BENJAMIN GOHS
 Staff writer

Minutes after superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, tendered his letter of resignation on July 5 effective, July 28, school board members devised a plan to acquire his replacement.

Four retired superintendents, James D. Cooper, Kent Reynolds, Kenneth J. Walcott and Dennis R. Hagey expressed interest in acting as interim superintendents in Charlevoix while the school board searches for a permanent replacement.

Newly appointed vice-president of the board, Dean Spenceley, said, "I think we need to get someone in here relatively quick, even if it's just temporary. John (Sturock) would probably be of great help to them just in setting them up and showing them the ropes."

Recently appointed school board president, Bill Trubilowicz, said there isn't much time to dally.

"We always have the option of

searching for a permanent superintendent, but I agree, we're kind of late coming out of the gate," he said. "Starting the school year, I don't think it's out of the question to say the first three months maybe, so that would definitely put us at a disadvantage."

He added, "It seems to me, if we could get someone to start Monday,

that wouldn't be too soon."

Sturock outlined several steps the board could take, including beginning the search for a permanent superintendent immediately or over the course of the next school year.

"If you were to go out and look for a new superintendent and go through the process, it would take until October," he said. "First of all, you'd have to look at hiring someone to help through the

process, then they would come in and most likely do some work in the community to find out what would be the characteristics and qualifications the community might be looking for in a superintendent, and they would put that all together and advertise for at least a good month."

Spenceley asked how intricate the hiring process should be.

"In my experience, and this will be my third superintendency, but coming from Concord to Charlevoix, those jobs aren't that much different," Sturock said. "It's probably just learning the lay of the land, learning people and beginning relationships. But as far as the nuts and bolts of getting involved with superintendency, all of these people have that experience they need."

He added, "I think you need to move fairly quickly. I don't think they want

"I think we need to get someone in here relatively quick, even if it's just temporary."

Dean Spenceley,
 Member of Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education

to be put through any lengthy process. I think if you do that, you'll lose them — they'll pull out."

According to the outgoing superintendent, any one of the four candidates could do a fine job.

"What you're looking for is the best fit for Charlevoix. They are all superintendents that have retired and three of them have served on an interim basis," Sturock said. "I think if you could bring them on board the last couple weeks in July or the last couple days in July, that would be more than adequate."

In addition to getting an experience

enced interim superintendent, by hiring a retired person, the district will save money on the Federal Insurance Contributions Act and health care.

A committee consisting of Trubilowicz, Spenceley and re-appointed secretary, Larry Levensgood, was scheduled to spend the morning of Friday, July 7 conducting conference calls with the four interested parties.

A special school board meeting was held at 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. on Monday, July 10 in the high school media center for the board to interview both Hagey and Cooper respectively.

"Following the interviews, the board will deliberate and choose which one we want to enter into contract negotiations with," Trubilowicz said.

Information on which candidate was chosen was unavailable by press time.

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Skatepark grand opening celebration this Saturday

Who: Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc.
What: Grand opening celebration
When: 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 15
Where: Charlevoix Community Skatepark, 401 West Carpenter Avenue

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
 Special to the Courier

After more than three years of dreaming, planning and fund-raising, the Charlevoix Community Skatepark is finally open to the public.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. is celebrating this long-awaited park by hosting a grand opening on Saturday, July 15.

The park, located at 401 West Carpenter Avenue, has been open to the public for almost a month, and it seems local and out-of-town kids are really catching on.

"I've been to a lot of skate parks, but this one's great because the way it's set up," said 9-year-old skater, Ian Miller. "I've never been to a park with a half pipe like this one."

Miller's mom, Theresa, is glad there is an outlet like this one available for kids.

"The park's small, but it's nice. They've got some really innovative ramps," she said.

East Jordan residents Nick

Kidder, 15, and Josh Force, 15, were impressed with the park.

"This is our first time out here, and it's pretty cool," Force said.

At the grand opening this Saturday, Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. will have free food, a raffle and live music by Cereal Box Propaganda. Modern Day View and Simplicity.

Skateboarders, in-line skaters and BMXers of all ages are welcome, but children under age eight must be supervised by an adult.

Summer hours are from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31. Park passes run anywhere from \$3 a day to \$75 for the summer. They also offer helmet and pad rentals.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. has set up a scholarship fund in memory of the late Patsy Ramsey who played an instrumental role in the planning of the park.

To donate to the Patsy Ramsey Scholarship Fund or for more information about the skate park, contact Laura Stebe at (231) 675-4505.



Photo by Kimberly Agnello

Nick Kidder, 15, of East Jordan utilized the Charlevoix Community Skatepark on July 6. Skaters, park supporters and the public are invited to attend the park's grand opening on July 15.

Crooked Tree hosts plein air workshops and exhibits

Two exhibitions which celebrate the art of plein air painting are now open at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

In the Edith Gilbert Gallery, the works of four nationally known plein air artists are represented. They are those of Scott Christensen from Jackson Hole, Wyo., Gil Dellinger from Stockton Calif., Dan Gerhartz from Kewaskum, Wis. and Bill Hosner from Petoskey.

In the West Gallery, Crooked Tree Arts Center is hosting the 2006 Juried National Plein Air Competition. All work in this exhibition was painted

between May 2005 and April 2006 in northwestern Michigan counties.

Both exhibitions will run from July 8 through Aug. 27.

From July 10-14, and again from July 17-21, master pastel painter, Bill Hosner, will give two, five-day plein air painting workshops. On July 29 and 30, a plein air paint-out is being organized.

For more information, visit www.crookedtree.org, or call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey.



Courtesy photo

"A Cottage in Devon," by Gil Dellinger, is one of many pieces of art on display at Crooked Tree's plein air exhibit.

Library Pennies from Heaven fund-raiser ends on July 31

The Charlevoix Public Library's two-year Pennies from Heaven fund-raiser which was started in conjunction with the capital campaign to assist in funding the new building will come to an end on July 31.

According to library director Valerie Meyerson, since the penny fund-raiser's inception, children with coffee cans full of pennies have regularly visited the library. Adults and service organizations have also brought piles of pennies. The pennies are stored in a large wooden box in

the library foyer.

The Pennies from Heaven campaign will officially end on July 31 when library personnel will open the box and count the pennies. The campaign goal is one million pennies or \$10,000.

The funds will be used for the purchase of library materials including books, puppets, puzzles, CDs, movies and databases.

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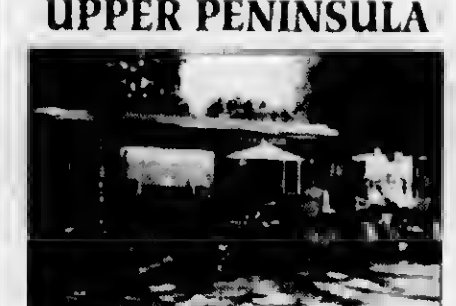
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America in Bloom judges to critique Charlevoix

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

"Charlevoix the Beautiful" — Charlevoix's town motto, may soon be its claim to fame.

America in Bloom, a national organization that awards towns for their efforts in beautification, will be coming to Charlevoix on July 17 and 18.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful submitted an application early this spring after an anonymous citizen brought the idea to the committee's attention, said Keep Charlevoix Beautiful president, Bob Hoffman.

The two America in Bloom judges, Dwight Lund and Norm Kleier, both of the Chicago, Ill. area, will be in Charlevoix for just 24 hours.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, along with the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and various citizens, will give the judges a tour, concentrating on the petunias, local gardens, and historic sites like the Harsha House Museum and Earl Young homes.

"Basically we're going to show off our little town," said Keep Charlevoix Beautiful member, Lori DeGrazia. "We want to put our best foot forward and have Charlevoix look good."

The judges will give points in categories like landscape areas, floral displays and community involvement and then compare Charlevoix's point values to other towns our size across the country.

"We've spent a lot of time and effort with our petunias," Hoffman said. "Winning would give the people who have helped Keep Charlevoix a great place to live and visit some recognition."

Besides the famous petunias, Hoffman said he thinks Charlevoix might have a great shot at winning an award.

"Round Lake, our three beaches and the water really give us a unique edge over other towns in the country, I think," Hoffman said.

The winners will be announced during an award ceremony this fall in Arkansas.



Photo by Kimberly Agnello

Two judges representing America in Bloom, a national organization that awards towns for their efforts in beautification, will be coming to Charlevoix on July 17 and 18. Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, along with the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and various citizens, will give the judges a tour, concentrating on the petunias, local gardens like the planted entrance marker on Charlevoix's north side pictured above, and historic sites like the Harsha House Museum and Earl Young homes.

CMU to host program on Beaver Island biological station July 13 at Depot

The College of Science and Technology of Central Michigan University is inviting alumni, friends, society members, and the public to its program on the university's Beaver Island biological station.

The program, to be presented by director of the station, Jim Gillingham, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the Depot in Charlevoix.

Refreshments will be served. Those who plan to attend are asked to con-

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One injured in personal water craft accident July 1

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A 6-year-old child was injured while riding as a front passenger on a personal water craft operated by Matthew Grigg of St. Louis, Mo.

Grigg stated his personal water craft jumped as he encountered a large wake at which time

the 6-year-old boy was lurch forward into the handlebar receiving a laceration to the inside and outside of his nose. The child was treated and released from Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater reminds all personal water craft operators to use the utmost care and caution on this type of water craft when children are aboard.

Michigan Singers to perform July 13 at Charlevoix Family Camp

Michigan Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. on July 13 at Charlevoix Family Camp, located at the corner of Loeb and Venstra roads.

Michigan Singers was founded in

1980 and now includes 50 young, Christian people from Michigan who travel across the country performing live contemporary music.

Writing workshop on Beaver Island

Western Michigan University's popular writing workshop on Michigan's scenic Beaver Island will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 17 through July 20, at the Beaver Island Community School in St. James.

"Writing for Publication: A Workshop on the Craft of Publishing Articles in Magazines or Professional Journals," is a coached, hands-on program for educators and others who have little experience in writing for or getting published in periodicals, particularly professional journals.

It focuses on how to start articles effectively; perfect a clear, forceful writing style; eliminate jargon

and fuzzy language; and make articles attractive to editors of periodicals. Participants leave with a completed article and suitable submission letter.

The program is held on Beaver Island as a way of stimulating the creative senses. The 90-square-mile island is located in Lake Michigan about 22 miles from Charlevoix and is considered one of Michigan's most beautiful and treasured historic places. Workshop participants spend their mornings in an intensive learning environment, then have their afternoons and evenings free to continue working or touring Beaver Island.

"Writing for Publication" is be-

ing presented by Western Michigan University's Office of Lifelong Learning and Education. Leading the workshop will be Dr. Lawrence Schlack, Western Michigan University associate professor emeritus of educational leadership. Schlack is a former intermediate school district superintendent who has taught writing workshops in Michigan and several other states for more than 20 years.

The workshop cost is \$275 per person. Academic credit from Western Michigan University is available for an additional fee.

For a program brochure and registration information, visit www.cup.wmich.edu/olle/conferences or call (269) 387-4174.



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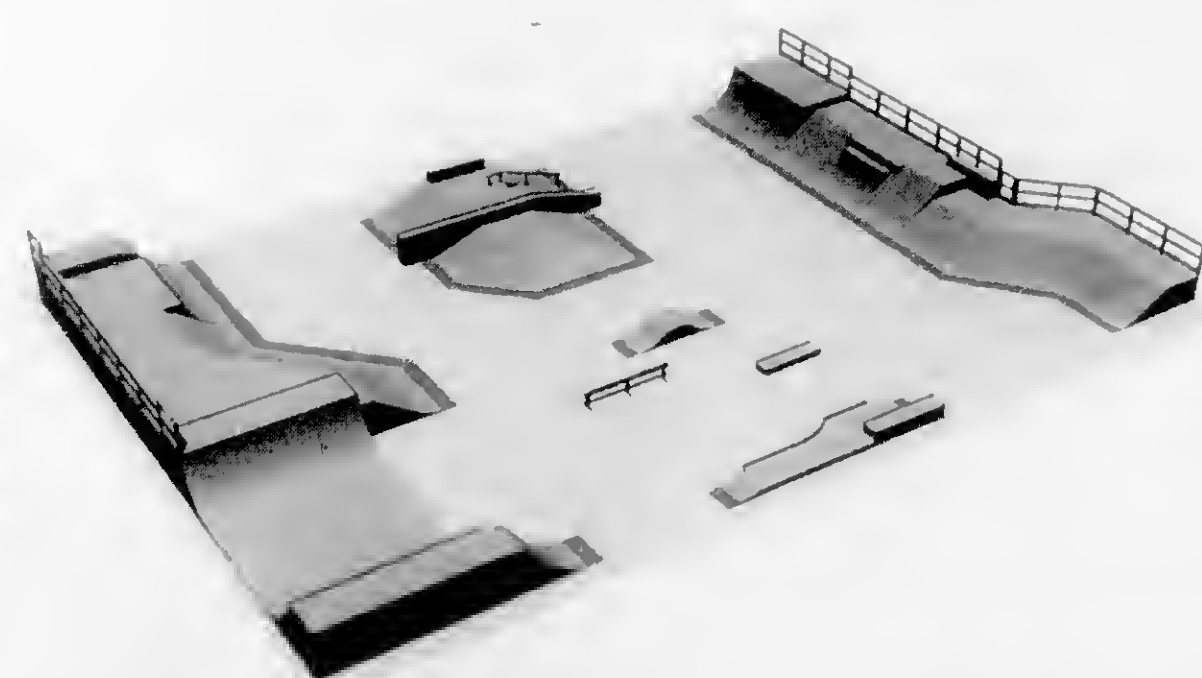
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Venetian Festival Country Kickoff at the Castle



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By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor



DeWayne
Spaw

Excitement is building in anticipation of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Country Kickoff.

On Tuesday, July 18, the 76th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival and Charlevoix's Historic Landmark, Castle Farms, will join forces once again and this time it will be quite a ride.

The Super Kicker Rodeo will showcase professional, tough nosed cowboys and about 30 of their "ranked" bulls in a rodeo exhibition which is sure to impress. To accompany the western heritage, country artist, DeWayne Spaw, who is famous in the rodeo circuit, will headline the

Who: Charlevoix Venetian Festival

What: Country Kickoff

When: 5 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18

Where: Castle Farms off M-66

hoe-down.

Spaw will perform from 7 to around 7:30 p.m. when the Super Kicker crew take over and execute daredevil rides. He'll return to the stage at 9 p.m. to play another set.

The Charlevoix City Band and the Northwest Academy Jazz All-stars will open the event with performances beginning at 5 p.m.

Children will also squeal with excitement as they are entertained by numerous kid-friendly activities available. These will include rides on "Baby Laura" the elephant and "Mongo" the mechanical bull as well as activities like the Chamberlain petting zoo, a rock climbing wall and an inflatable slide.

The kids won't have a monopoly on the fun, though. This year those 21 and over will have the opportunity to

lounge in the beer and wine pavilion, specially secured to prevent underage entry and alcohol consumption outside the pavilion. Grey Gables will cater the event. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

The all inclusive admission fee (other than food and beverages) is \$12 for those ages 12 and over and \$8 for kids. Children under 3 can attend free-of-charge.

The Castle gates will be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with the Charlevoix City Band performing at 5 p.m., the Northwest Academy Jazz All-stars at 6 p.m., the Super Kicker Rodeo bustin' loose at 7 p.m., immediately followed at 8:30 p.m. by the toe tapping tunes of DeWayne Spaw.

Participants are asked to bring your own lawn chairs for the performances.

Cowboys with the Super Kicker Rodeo and 30 bulls will put on a rodeo exhibition at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18 during the Charlevoix Venetian Festival's Country Kickoff event at Castle Farms. The event will also feature live music and children's activities including elephant rides and inflatables.

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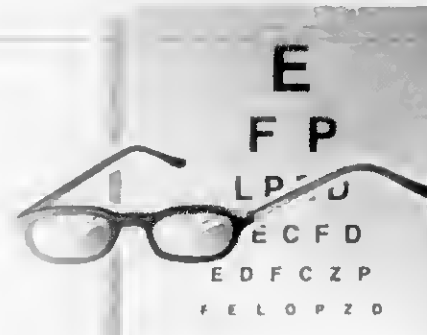
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Committee of the Whole hash out administrator's role

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

At the July 6 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' Committee of the Whole meeting, they discussed what they would like to see in a potential county administrator.

"As you know, over multiple years, there has been discussion over this, we've talked about it," said Second District County Commissioner Randolph Frykberg. "We had concepts, but we never got down to the point of saying, 'This is where we're going to go.'"

Frykberg presented the committee with a draft job description.

"This was taken from looking at some of the literature that's out of the Michigan Association of Counties and other management guidebooks," he said. "I tried to cover the bases of what I've heard, what I have experienced from other county boards of commissioners."

The commissioners tentatively decided on the administrator title because it offers them a level of control they might not have over a county controller or county coordinator.

"Their (administrator) power, their authority comes from the

county board," he said. "The administrator is carrying out and answering directly to the board."

While it is still subject to changes and the complete wording of their draft is not included here, some of the duties in the draft job description include: Financial management, which would cover budget development, accounting, purchasing and grant research; human resource management, which would include things like labor relations for non-elected department heads and their employees, benefit plans, training and personnel development; information and communication systems like phones, computers and office services; and to serve as a liaison between department heads and the board of commissioners.

The committee agreed they would like to see candidates with a degree and, "substantial course of study in organizational management, public finance, public administration, human resource management and policy analysis."

The draft further states, "Strong preference will be given to progressive administrative experience combined with demonstrated results in municipal settings as county administrator, assistant county ad-

ministrator or equivalent."

A potential county administrator would research for, inform and advise the board of commissioners on policy, program effectiveness and management issues, make recommendations on human resource matters, oversee compensation and classification process, guide the administration of government, serve as a purchaser in order to reduce costs and duplicative services and serve as the ombudsman among units of county government.

The person in the county administrator position would also become the new Freedom of Information Act coordinator, implement directives and policies, attend functions on behalf of the board, make reports, conduct staff meetings, prepare notices, agendas and distribute them to the county board of com-

missioners and the county clerk.

While the two positions are not identical and the commissioners have not yet revealed what the pay would be for the potential county administrator, Emmet County Controller, Lyn Johnson, receives a salary of \$95,670.

Johnson said he acts as the main buffer between the Emmet County Board of Commissioners and department heads, while performing many duties similar to those outlined in the Charlevoix County Commissioners' draft of job duties.

The Emmet County office of county controller was created in the early 1980s.

According to Johnson, one of the main differences between hiring a county coordinator and hiring a county administrator is that

it takes two-thirds of the county commission to fire the coordinator, while it takes a simple majority to terminate the administrator from employment.

Committee of the Whole members agreed to discuss the matter further during the 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 board meeting in the commissioners' room, located at 203 Antrim St. in downtown Charlevoix.



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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, July 3, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the contract with Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc.
- Motion passed approving the fireworks permit for the Venetian Festival
- Motion passed authorizing execution of the hold harmless agreement with Colonial Fireworks Co.
- Motion passed approving the professional services agreement for the Mason Street storm sewer project with Pollack Design
- Motion passed authorizing execution of the Michigan Community Block Grant (CDBG) for Michigan Scientific sewer project
- Resolution 2006-07-01 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 1, Council Filling of Vacancies
- Resolution 2006-07-02 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 2, Council Minutes and Notices Thereof
- Resolution 2006-07-03 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 3, Mayor-Deputy Mayor-Duties
- Resolution 2006-07-04 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 4, City Manager-Appointment [Residency]
- Resolution 2006-07-05 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 5, City Manager-Appointment
- Resolution 2006-07-06 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 6, Employee Contracts-Severance Payments
- Resolution 2006-07-07 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 7, Electors
- Resolution 2006-07-08 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 8, Capital Budget
- Resolution 2006-07-09 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 9, Board of Review [Assessor]
- Resolution 2006-07-10 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 10, Board of Review-Meetings
- Resolution 2006-07-11 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 11, Deputy Mayor-Election of

[NOTE: Proposals will be printed in their entirety at a later date. Proposals along with a summary of the Charter section affected are available at the Office of the Clerk, City Hall, 210 State Street.]

Council addressed a letter regarding public access to the road end at Eaton Street. The Manager will take appropriate action.

Council adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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July 13

Chris Martin

Chris Martin has been a successful live and studio musician for over 25 years. He has appeared live on the big stage opening for name acts in country music. His guitar and song style have been compared with that of Willie Nelson. His broad experience adds to his mix of oldies, rock and country, and his eclectic style and wit provide fun entertainment.

July 27

Petoskey Steel Drum

The Petoskey Steel Drum Band was formed in 1998. The group performs throughout the school year but is most active during the summer months. They have recorded 4 CD's: "Jamaican Me Crazy", "The Petoskey Steel Band Steals Christmas", "Mardi Gras-Taking It to the Streets" and "Lord of the Pans".

August 3

Jelly Roll Blues Band

The Jelly Roll Blues Band has been a longstanding favorite of locals and visitors. These versatile musicians have played numerous concerts and festivals with great results. They perform a mélange of blues, rock and swing originals, along with hundreds of popular cover tunes.

August 10

Pine River Jazz

Gary Stutzman, Director of Bauds at Northwest Academy, organized this newly formed group. He always wanted to put together a group of local jazz musicians and name the group after the famous body of water that brings boats into our beautiful harbor. The main course of music for the evening will be Dixieland with a mix of up-tempo jazz tunes from the 40's and 50's.

August 17

Chris Dominic

Chris is a Charlevoix native who spends part of his time in Nashville. He performs country covers and his own music. He has currently released his second CD You Better Believe which showcases his original work. He has opened for many of the top country stars including Crystal Gayle, Sammy Kershaw, Pam Tillis, Ronnie Milsap and Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers.

August 24

University of Michigan Friars

Charlevoix is proud to host the University of Michigan for a relaxing evening of entertainment again this year. Performances will include an encore presentation by The Friars and other talented musicians from the School of Music. The Friars are a cappella octet that will have you tapping your feet and clutching your sides. Experience the U-M's super crooners, armed only with their eight golden pipes and a marked propensity toward verve and vivacity.

August 31

Northwind Brass

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76th Annual Venetian Festival Event Schedule

Sunday - July 16

"Summer Slam" Basketball Tournament

Keith Carey Cup Junior Golf Tournament

Tennis ProAm Tournament

Monday - July 17

Croquet Tournament

Tuesday - July 18

Venetian Kick-Off at the Castle

Keith Carey Cup Adult Golf Finals

Soccer Tournament

Wednesday - July 19

Swim Championships

Sailing Regatta for Venetian Cup

Co-ed Volleyball

More Soccer

"Rhythms" Music &

"Rayder Battle of the Bands"

Carnival

Thursday - July 20

Kid's Day

Tennis Finals

"Rhythms" Music

Craft Courtyard

Carnival

Friday - July 21

Detroit Pistons & Shock Pointers

Historical Society Heritage Display

"Rhythms" Music

Craft Courtyard

Carnival

Friday - July 21

Queen Coronation

Swing Dance

Night Sky Fireworks over Lake

Charlevoix

Saturday - July 22

Drenth Memorial Foot Race

Pistons/Shock "Shoot Around"

Street Parade

"Rhythms" Music

Carnival

Craft Courtyard

Historical Society Heritage Display

Boat Parade

Harbor Fireworks

Sunday - July 23

Sporting Clays

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Jul 12	8th Annual Garden Walk 536-7342
Jul 12	Charlevoix County 27th Annual Senior Picnic 237-0103
Jul 12	Charlevoix Senior Center Chicken Dinner 547-5361
Jul 13	D'Art for D'Art 347-4337
Jul 13	Charlevoix Lion's Club Golf Tournament 547-2512
Jul 15	14th Annual Street Legend's Classic Car Show 547-2101
Jul 15	Friske Orchard Cherry Jubilee 599-2604
Jul 15-16	8th Annual Charlevoix Antique Show 237-0884
Jul 21	Venetian Fireworks Potluck 547- 0373
Jul 25	Charlevoix Senior Center Turkey Dinner 547-5361
Jul 29	Literary DeLights 547-4109
Jul 29-30	Castle Farms Fiber Arts Festival 237-0884
Aug 01	Emerald Isle Annual Sunset Cruise 547-0373

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Five vie for the 2006 Miss Charlevoix crown

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Five Charlevoix women are competing to earn the coveted Miss Charlevoix crown for 2006.

Diana Phillips, who has coordinated the Miss Charlevoix competition for the past 11 years said the Charlevoix Venetian Festival pageant provides both educational funding and professional opportunities to winning candidates.

In addition to the crowning of the Venetian queen, awards for Miss Congeniality and Scholastic Achievement will be presented at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 21, at the bandshell in East Park.

Candidates for Miss Charlevoix must be 16 to 22 years old, have a primary residence in Charlevoix or have graduated from the Charlevoix School District, be single, never have been married and have no children.

Candidates for this year's crown are: Zita Anderson, Kim Way, Madison Ramsey, Samantha White and Kara Ciesielezyk.

Anderson, 16, the daughter of John and Zita Winn and Steve Anderson, is a member of the Charlevoix High School class of 2007. She is involved in sports

including basketball, volleyball and soccer and plays the piano. She aspires to be a math teacher.

Anderson is working at the Charlevoix Municipal Marina this summer. She said the most challenging part of the competition will be the essay portion while public speaking will come most naturally to her.

Kim Way, the 17-year-old sister of Miss Charlevoix 2005, Kari Way, is the daughter of Kris and Barney Way of Charlevoix. Like Anderson, she will also graduate from Charlevoix High School in the spring of 2007. She plans to study computer graphics in college. Currently, she's working at Dry Harbour Marine designing its Web site. She said competing for the Venetian Festival crown has been her goal since she was young.

"The parades, meeting other people, seeing different towns — the whole thing is prestigious," Way said.

Madison Ramsey, the 18-year-old daughter of Keith and Mary Ramsey, graduated from Charlevoix High School this spring. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall where she'll study business or elementary education.

The accomplished athlete and prom queen said the speeches will be her

greatest challenge but she feels the overall experience will help her grow. "Meeting people and getting experience public speaking and in doing things I haven't done in the past (will

tend Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant to study business or journalism.

White enjoys snowboarding, cheerleading and photography.

She said the competition brings great opportunities to meet new people and the speeches present her with the greatest challenge.

Kara Ciesielezyk, 17, is the daughter of Carey and Nichelle Ciesielezyk of Charlevoix and Karyn Callenborn of Traverse City. Following graduation in 2007, Ciesielezyk plans to attend a college in Michigan to study business or journalism.

Her hobbies include cheerleading and softball. She entered the Miss Charlevoix competition for the overall experience.

"I like trying new things and being able to say I've done that, I've been there," she said.

The two-day competition, operated under the direction of three judges from outside Charlevoix County, is going on

this week. Day one includes a five to seven minute informative speech and a panel interview. Day two brings a 20-minute personal interview and a second reflective speech.

The queen will not only receive an honorary scholarship, she will represent Charlevoix at various parades and events throughout the state. This year's scholarship award is expected to range from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

On July 22, Miss Charlevoix 2006 and her court will ride in the Venetian Festival Street Parade and the Grand Electric Boat Parade.

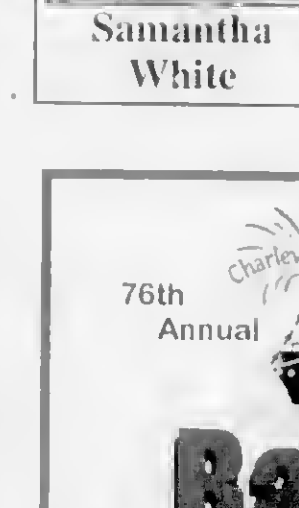
"Basically they are the ambassadors of our town," Phillips said.



Madison Ramsey



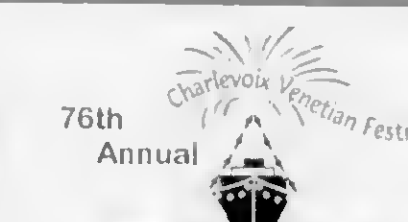
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Competing for the crown

One of these five women will be crowned Miss Charlevoix 2006 on July 21. They are (back, from left) Kara Ciesielczyk, Kim Way, Samantha White, (front) Madison Ramsey and Zita Anderson. For more information, see page 19.

Charlevoix County Democrats to host a pig roast on July 30

Charlevoix County Democrats will host a pig roast from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 30 at Whiting Park, located off Boyne City-East Jordan Road.

Candidates Bart Stupak, a U.S. Congressman running for reelection to the first district; Tom Hay Bauer, who is running for the

Michigan House of Representatives in the 105th House District; Sharon Unger, who is running for State Senator in the 37th District; and Denise Hitch, will be present.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and a bathing suit. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

To register, call (231) 547-2138.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS JUNE 28, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on June 28, 2006. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #06-043, P.A.S.T. Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #06-044, Amend Deputies Contract, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract amendment.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Children's House accepts scholarship applications

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation and private donations have awarded Charlevoix Children's House Inc. grant money for the school's upcoming 2006-2007 scholarship program.

Charlevoix Children's House offers the opportunity for families to apply for full or partial scholarships for the school year and Summer Discovery Camp. The school serves children ages 2-and-a-half to 6 years old within the Montessori curriculum.

The scholarship program is reliant on donations and fund-raising efforts. Therefore, the amounts awarded fluctuate from year to year.

The Montessori curriculum offers a unique learning environment and school administrators encourage families to familiarize themselves with the school before requesting a scholarship application.

For more information on the Charlevoix Children's House or to schedule a visit, call director Barbara Godwin-Chulick at (231) 547-5599. Or visit www.charlevoixchildrenshouse.org.

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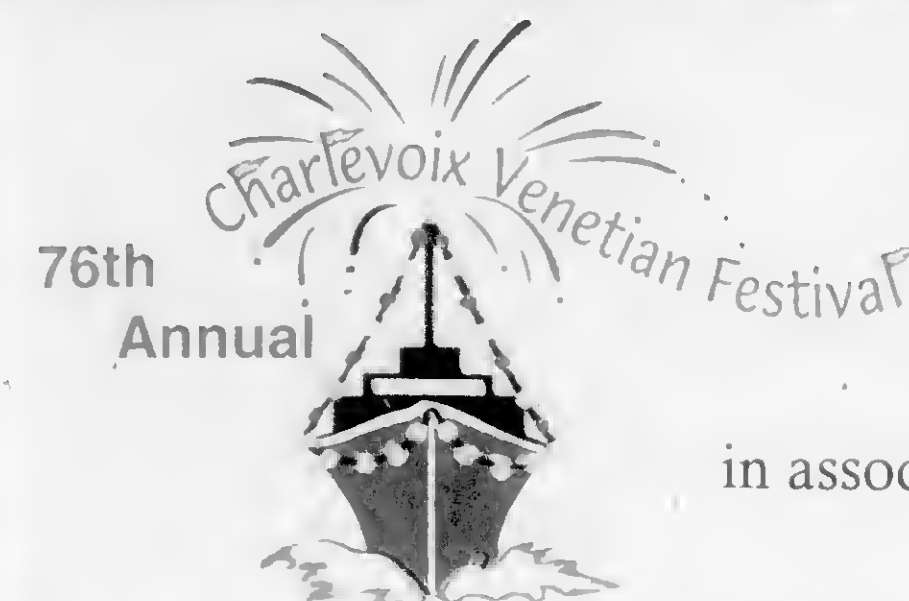
Activities with no charge:

- Ragamuffin Children's Theatre & Choir shows at 11:00 & 1:30
- "Twister Joe" Balloon Entertainment
- Kookle the Clown Entertainment
- Petting Zoo
- Bubble Land - Hands on fun!
- Child Finger Printing by Charlevoix County Sheriff from 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Northern Martial Arts demonstration 3:15 p.m.
- Temporary Venetian Tattoos
- Face Painting
- Free Popcorn & Balloon

Activities that require a kid's day wristband:

- Kid's Day Wristband \$7.00 each
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Craft Tent Keepsake
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Giant Inflatables Fun*
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mongo The Mechanical Bull*
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rayder Jump House

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7:00-7:30 p.m. DeWayne Spaw on Stage

7:30 p.m. Super Kicker Rodeo

9:00 p.m. DeWayne Spaw again on Stage

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Senior center requests millage allocation



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Representatives of the Charlevoix Senior Center have approached the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners to request funding from the county-wide senior millage. The money is currently handled by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. The Charlevoix Senior Center (pictured above) is located off Norwood Road.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A dispute over funding between the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and Charlevoix Senior Center Inc. has yet to be resolved.

During the July 5 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' Personnel/Internal Government Committee meeting, members of the Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix Senior Center discussed whether or not the latter can receive additional funding from the former.

"I apologize for even being here, because in February, when we met with the senior center, (they) were supposed to come back to our subcommittee to work on issues between (us)," said Sue Bergmann, director of the Commission on Aging. "I thought we were getting somewhere, but when I find out that they had come to your board first, before coming to our board, I questioned

how well that works."

Charlevoix Senior Center vice-director, Richard Tunison, told the committee they have the ability under the law to appropriate more operating funds to the center, if they choose.

"We now raise \$136,000 for our budget through fund-raisers, grants, gifts and membership dues," he said. "We do not want to turn that back over to you in exchange for \$136,000 we're asking for to run our budget."

He added, "The reason that we're asking for (\$100,000) money is so we can cut down all the fund-raisers we have to do to keep operating and direct our efforts toward more service. We're trying to expand our activities."

According to Bergmann, the Charlevoix Senior Center taxpayers account for about one fortieth of the Commission on Aging's overall budget.

"We're trying to be fair and equal," she said. "But I don't feel that they're

entitled to the whole amount without participating with our senior centers or our Commission on Aging."

In budget year 2005-2006, Charlevoix Senior Center Inc. received \$3,316.18 for natural gas, \$845.99 for telephone and \$6,645.30 for water and electricity from the Commission on Aging.

Tunison outlined a trial balance sheet from Charlevoix County which shows the Commission on Aging with a fund equity of nearly \$1.5 million.

"They've set aside \$1.5 million, that's money not spent on seniors," he said. "Understanding that a person should have a reasonable rainy day fund, but a million and a half for a budget of \$500,000 is probably a good sized rainy day fund."

He added, "It certainly isn't going to hurt anybody to give \$100,000 to the senior center in Charlevoix."

Bergmann said the Commission on

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Free pony rides are one of the many fun-filled activities the lucky winner of the Charlevoix Public Library's Venetian Kid's Day reading contest will partake in.

Library to award Venetian Kid's Day armband to read club winner

A free armband for Charlevoix Venetian Festival Kids Day will be awarded in a "By the Book" contest offered to Charlevoix Public Library's Summer Reading Club members.

Parents and children in the Read-to-Me club, and Summer Reading Club for children ages 6-10 will compete for free armbands to be used at Kids Day activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 20 in East Park. The event will include pony rides, a craft tent and other special activities.

"Imagination never ends," said Annette Nesburg, coordinator for the Venetian Festival Kids Day.

This is the fourth year in a row that the festival has donated armbands to Charlevoix youth as a reading incentive.

Summer Reading Club top readers and winners of the Venetian Festival armbands will be announced at the Summer Reading Club program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. Winners need not be present to win. But armbands not picked up by noon on Wednesday, July 19, will be awarded to the next top reader in that age group.

Summer Reading Clubs conclude on July 25 with invitation only events including a wrap party for teens at 3 p.m. and at 7 p.m. a performance for young readers and their parents by ventriloquist, Virgil Norgrove.

Club registration continues through July 18. For more information, call Chris Hauke at (231) 547-2651.

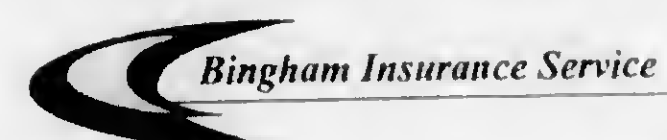
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County commission: Senior center, commission on aging must negotiate SENIOR

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Aging pays for all the senior center's expenses except those connected with the nutritional program and expressed concerns about potential duplication of services caused by the Charlevoix Senior Center. She also said the Commission on Aging gives the senior center \$25,000 a year in millage money.

"That's more than generous compared to any other senior center in this region without participation," Bergmann said. "So I would recommend, and I know the majority my board feels the same, that (we) continue negotiations to come up with an agreement and then bring it back to this board."

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, has been working on this issue for at least four years.

"If you're worried about duplicative services, that can be written into the contract," he said. "(And), if it's true that the Commission on Aging pays everything except the nutritional part, then if you take out the cost of the food services and the people who prepare it, then the commission should pay all the rest and they don't."

He added, "To say that they (Commission on Aging) give \$25,000 for the building for electricity and water, that's a county-owned building, that \$25,000 is sort of illusory because, if they (Commission on Aging) didn't pay it, the county would have to."

Tunison said the senior center wants to get away from their current, "Hand to mouth budget."

"We're more than willing to be accountable," he said. "We'd like to divert more of our energies toward providing senior services and not so much toward fund-raising."

Second District County Commissioner, Randolph Frykberg, asked both sides if they could put the small issues aside and work on the larger points of contention, and reminded them that there are two other senior centers, one in East Jordan and one in Boyne City.

"To go in and have it fair to the other two agencies, I think we have to have some ground rules that are similar," he said. "You've got to get some paperwork down and get started."

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' personnel/internal government committee told both sides to go back to the negotiating table.



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Good Samaritan Family Services seeks matching funds for truck purchase

Rotary Charities of Traverse City recently announced approval of a matching grant for \$15,000 to be given to Good Samaritan Family Services in Ellsworth.

The purpose of the grant is to purchase a truck for picking up food for the Good Samaritan pantry to help the growing number of needy client families in Antrim and Charlevoix counties.

The Good Samaritan pantry has had an increase in food client families on an average of 25 percent a year since the year 2000. The pantry provided food for 276 needy families in May. The number of needy families is expected to increase well into the future.

The pantry currently purchases and transports more than 14,000 pounds of food each month for cli-

ent families. Most of the food is purchased from the Manna Food Bank in Harbor Springs, a 120-mile round trip. The transporting of food is being done by volunteers using their own pickup trucks making multiple trips each month. The increase in pounds of food has made this method impractical and nearly impossible during the last two years.

Good Samaritan must raise \$15,000 in order to receive the \$15,000 matching grant for the truck. Those interested in making a tax-deductible matching gift can make a check out to Good Samaritan Family Services, and send it to: Good Samaritan Family Services, P.O. Box 206, Ellsworth, MI 49729.

For more information, call Bill Broadwick at (231) 533-5552.

Challenge Mountain Arctic Cat ATV drawing is July 15

Challenge Mountain fund-raiser organizers will draw the name of the winner of an Arctic Cat, semi-automatic ATV this Saturday.

The raffle tickets are \$10 each. The donation is tax deductible and 3,000 tickets are being sold.

The drawing will take place at noon on Saturday, July 15 at the Petoskey Resale Store. Participants need not be present to win. Hot dogs, soda and chips will be offered in anticipation of the drawing that day.

Tickets are available at the Challenge Mountain Resale Store, located at 01158 M-75 South, in Boyne City; or the Petoskey Resale Store, located at 2429 U.S. 31 North.

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Pictured above are representatives of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union with five winners of the bank's annual \$1,000 scholarship competition. They are (from left) John Dixon, Bay Winds' board president, Matt Johnson of Central Lake High School, Cora Rogers of Petoskey High School, Eric Hansen of East Jordan High School, Matt Novotny of Charlevoix High School, Megan Bascom of Boyne City High School and David Leusink, president and chief executive officer at Bay Winds Federal Credit Union.

Matt Novotny one of five to win \$1,000 scholarship from Bay Winds

On June 27, David Leusink, president and chief executive officer at Bay Winds Federal Credit Union announced the five winners of its annual \$1,000 scholarship competition.

This yearly competition is open to all graduating high school seniors in Charlevoix and Emmet counties and Banks, Central Lake, Forest Home and Kearney townships in Antrim County.

The scholarship competition attracted nearly 60 applications from 11 high schools.

The Bay Winds Federal Credit Union \$1,000 scholarship winners for 2006 are: Megan Bascom

of Boyne City High School; Eric Hansen of East Jordan High School; Matt Johnson of Central Lake High School; Matt Novotny of Charlevoix High School; and Cora Rogers of Petoskey High School.

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Comedy at the Castle draws crowd of 350

About 350 people attended the 2nd Annual Comedy at the Castle on July 6, in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms. The event featured nationally known comedian, Bruce Cameron and his guest, Cathryn Michon. Cameron is the award winning author of, "How to Remodel a Man," and "8 simples Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter." The nationally known comedian and author also has northern Michigan ties. His parents are summer residents on Holy Island. Michon's routine was based on her humorous book, "Girl Genius Guide to Life." All proceeds from the event will benefit the students at St. Mary School for the upcoming year.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

(Above) Author and comedian, Cathy Michon, reads from her guidebook to becoming a girl genius at the Comedy at the Castle event.

'Let's Go Mountain Biking' offered July 13 at library

A program entitled, "Let's Go Mountain Biking" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on July 13 in the meeting room at Charlevoix Public Library.

Dwain Abramowski and Chet Morris will present this introductory program on mountain biking in northern Michigan. The program will cover equipment, rules of the road, safety while biking and the best trails in this area.

The program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Abramowski is the author of two books, "Mountain Biking" and "Mountain Biking Trails in Southern Michigan." He is also co-founder of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association. Morris owns and runs Revolution Bikes in Charlevoix.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651. The Charlevoix Public Library is located at 109 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix.



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Carrie Sherwood of Arizona and Holy Island, laughs aloud as Michon tells her tale of becoming a girl genius.



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Nationally known comedian, Bruce Cameron, delivers his stand-up routine based on his book, "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter."

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BUSINESS

Engstrom purchases local Amick real estate office



By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Charlevoix resident Kimberly Engstrom has taken over Amick Lakeside Rentals and Charlevoix Lakeside Rentals and Management.

Engstrom, who has been in the real estate business for five years, purchased the business in September 2005 from former broker, Carol Amick, who started the company in 1998 with her husband, the late Ed Amick.

Prior to taking the business leap, Engstrom was an escrow agent for Northern Preferred Title.

She said her real estate experience coupled with 25 years in the fields of sales and marketing, the business venture was the next natural step.

Services offered at Amick Lakeside Rentals and Charlevoix Lakeside Rentals and Management include sales and short and long-term rental of commercial and residential properties. Engstrom said they specialize in waterfront

properties.

The real estate office offers four agents to service clients. They are: Engstrom; former owner, Carol Amick; Sharon Tormey; and Sue Carlson.

Since acquiring the business, Engstrom has got a new Web site up and running which is equipped with a live Web cam that pans the Charlevoix Municipal Marina and East Park. Office space at the group's headquarters at 105 East Clinton St., overlooking Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix, has also been expanded.

Changes they are working toward include increasing property rentals and sales and bringing more agents on board.

Engstrom is the wife of Charlevoix attorney Ed Engstrom. They have two children, Kelsey, 8, and Tyler, 11.

For more information about Amick Lakeside Rentals and Charlevoix Lakeside Rentals and Management, visit www.charlevoixrealstate.com. Or call Engstrom at (231) 547-2222.

Bridge Street Book Shop to host Behrend and Johnson book signing events

The Bridge Street Book Shop, located at 407 Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix, will feature two author events this week.

The first, Carl Behrend, author of "Legend of the Christmas Ship" will be at the store at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12. He will be reading and signing his book which details the saga of the Rouse Simmons, which sank in 1912 after sailing out of Manistique, bound for Chicago, Ill.

The second author at the store this week is Evelyn Johnson, who wrote, "Barns of Old Mission Peninsula and Their Stories."

Johnson will be available at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 14 to discuss and autograph her book which features stories and photos of many of the barns on Old Mission Peninsula where she has lived since 1995.

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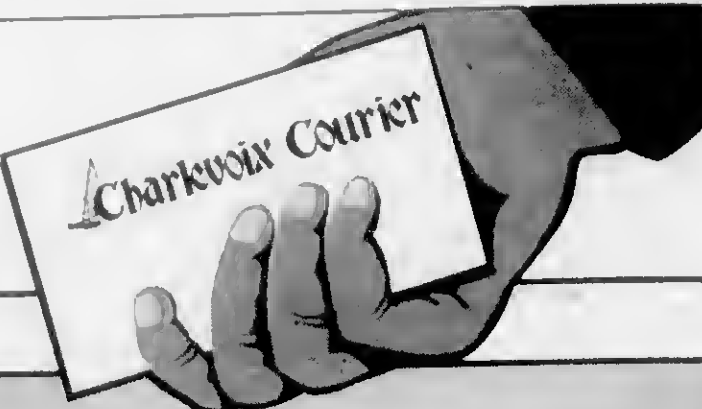
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Rainbow Shoppe new home at Brumm's Showroom



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Officers with The Rainbow Shoppe board of directors, Barbara Jensen, Rita Orłowski, Ceil Doan and Pastor Dan Gilmore stand on the front steps of the Norman Brumm Showroom building, located at 06480 Old U.S. 31 South. They plan to purchase the building in September and relocate The Rainbow Shoppe there.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix residents Joan and Dawson Way have taken steps to bring one of Charlevoix's longest standing retail stores, The Rainbow Shoppe, closer to its relocation goal.

"They are the first two angels to come forward to offer this beautiful space to us," Barbara Jensen a member of The Rainbow Shoppe board of directors, said.

The Rainbow Shoppe board of directors is negotiating the purchase of the Norman Brumm Showroom building, located at 06480 Old U.S. 31 South near the intersection of Bell's Bay Road and U.S. 31.

The Rainbow Shoppe, has been in business for 22 years in Charlevoix and is a local thrift store operated under the direction of a 20-person board of directors made up of two representatives each from 10 area churches.

The group has put \$15,000 toward the \$50,000 down payment and will now pursue fund-raisers and donations to finance the \$35,000 balance. The total cost is \$450,000.

"We want to appeal to the com-

munity for this," said Rita Orłowski, a board member and store founder.

"We need quite a few more angels." According to Jensen, the store has outgrown its existing location at #1 Van Pelt Alley in downtown Charlevoix, where there is no on-site parking.

The board's decision to move was also made in response to proposed rent increases. The organization currently pays \$2,500 a month to rent the Van Pelt Alley space.

In a previous interview, Orłowski explained that in May 2005 the board's landlord, Bill Decker of Detroit, approached its members with lease changes to reflect a triple net set-up under which rent would include the lessee's share of insurance, taxes and repairs.

The board opted to decline this agreement.

Decker also offered to sell the board the building for \$375,000. However, Orłowski said this was determined to be an undesirable move for the group.

The current site is 12,000 square feet, 8,000 of which is used for retail

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Rainbow Shoppe seeks support for relocation

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space. The proposed Brumm's location includes over three acres of property and offers over 13,000 square feet of retail space, a huge amount of storage space and two apartments.

Orlowski and Jensen said the extra space will allow for sale of larger furniture items and living quarters may be used in the future to house a live-in caretaker or to expand the Shoppe's outreach efforts by providing emergency housing.

"We don't know how the Lord is going to expand our ministry, it's exciting," Jensen said.

While the group has spent 20 years at its current location, members of

the board said the new location offers better exposure. They added that while loyal customers will have to adjust to traveling to a new place to shop they don't think business will be hurt.

"We aren't afraid of that. We've been faithful, honorable merchants and I'm sure the community will follow us. After a lot of prayers and meetings, we felt this was the way to go," Orlowski said.

The site is currently occupied by the showroom of local artist Norman Brumm, 67, who specializes in nature inspired art. He has been at the showroom site since 1980. Brumm's sister is Joan Way.

He plans to down size his operation and move next-door to the location currently occupied by Northern Sky Obedience Academy, located at 6462

Old U.S. 31 South. The academy is relocating.



Norman Brumm

"It's hard to leave, everything is arranged here for my work. But it's just too expensive," he said. Brumm said the showroom is costing him over \$1,000 a day to operate with taxes, electric bills from kiln use, and labor topping the list of costs.

"I can't make that up. My work is improving but I can't do it all day like I used to. I don't want to have to make \$1,000 a day. I don't want to work under pressure. Too much

pressure and the wrong kind of pressure is bad. I can apply pressure to myself in the areas I want to grow," Brumm said.

Upcoming fund-raisers for the site purchase include two concerts in East Park sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association. The first is a church youth event, which is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on July 23. The second, United Church Singspiration will take place at 6 p.m. on Aug. 27.

Others are also being planned.

From 1983 to 2003 the Rainbow Shoppe had given away \$1 million to organizations in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. The Charlevoix Ministerial Association is one of the 33 groups they support. According to Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene pastor Dan Gilmore, the associa-

tion's emergency assistance program, which helps with housing and medical needs of Charlevoix residents, gleans about \$20,000 a year from the Shoppe.

On a daily basis the Rainbow Shoppe staff also works with the Family Independence Agency and walk-in clients in need, to provide goods quickly and free-of-charge.

The store started at an Antrim Street location with seven volunteers and now utilizes 172 volunteers and seven full and part-time staff members.

The Rainbow Shoppe is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information or to donate to the shop's relocation effort contact Rita Orlowski at (231) 547-5518 or Ceil Dean at (231) 547-0376.

BUSINESS

Thousands flock to two-day chamber craft fair

Over 200 visiting artisans and craftsmen showed their wares at the 38th Annual Charlevoix Art and Craft Show on Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9 in East Park. It included a mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass bead work as well as a variety of rustic and contemporary lawn and garden accessories, pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing, dried floral arrangements, hand-woven rugs and quilted works.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Larry Gilbert, of Lake Superior Carvings from Sault Ste. Marie, whittles a fish while speaking with some potential customers.

Concerts in the Park lineup

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has released the following lineup for its 2006 Charlevoix Concerts in the Park.

Performances take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 29 through Aug. 31.

The Charlevoix City Band will perform each Tuesday.

- July 13 — Chris Martin
- July 27 — Petoskey Steel

Drum Band

- Aug. 3 — Jelly Roll Blues Band

- Aug. 10 — Pine River Jazz
- Aug. 17 — Chris Dominic

Concerts will be moved to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue should it rain.



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Richard Barnett of East Jordan looks at some of the basswood flowers created by D&M Wooden Flowers. Mike Miller carves the flora out of basswood and his wife, Dee, paints them. The husband and wife team hail from Saline.



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Aaron Sault of Marquette stopped by Sergio Barcena's booth of metal work on Saturday, July 8, in East Park during the 38th Annual Art & Craft Show. Barcena, from Grosse Pointe has been an artist for 22 years.

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Men's rec softball team scores from July 6 games

Men's rec league slo-pitch softball teams continued their season on July 6.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 6 games, Boss Engineering beat Ace Hardware 7-1. For Boss, Jeremiah Teuscher had two hits, one of which was a double.

In game two, Carlson's Home

Improvements beat How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating 14-11. For Carlson's, Mike Thompson had three hits, one of which was a triple. Jody Putman for Carlson's had three hits, two of which were doubles and one was a triple. For How About Bob, Luke Whitley had a triple.

Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing to benefit football

A four person scramble Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing to benefit the Charlevoix High School football program will take place on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Registration will take place at noon and teams are expected to tee off at 1 p.m.

The cost for lunch, golf and dinner is \$80 per person. Prizes, drawings and complimentary gifts will be given.

The deadline to register is July 29. To register, make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing, 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.



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Fun in the sun

Chafer Jolman, a 3-year-old from Grandville, spent last Saturday at Ferry Beach with his family. Here little Chafer has just experienced the thrills of the twirly slide.

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Charlevoix Yacht Club Summer Series race results

The second race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club's summer series was sailed on July 5 in moderate winds.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for July 5 are:

The winds were steady through the end of the evening, allowing for a full course of seven windward-leeward legs. Twenty-four boats participated in the race. The first four boats in the P-26 fleet finished within one minute of each other, with the first two boats only seven seconds apart. Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Exitus (Pung).
P-26 fleet: 1 — Tireless (Carland); 2 — Cygnus (Stewart); 3 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 4 — Apothecary (Ochs); 5 — Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 2 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 3 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 4 — Four at Play (Herald); 5 — What's Her Name (Robinson); 6 — M3 (Carey); 7 — Fairret (Seymour).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 — MJ2 (Begow); 4 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 5 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Northern Light (Orlow); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Windrunner (Pirie); 4 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 5 — 616 (Thomas).

Summer series results after two races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (2); 2 — Exitus (4).
P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (3); 2 — Tireless (4); 3 — Tie: Lost Vermonter and Original Sin (7); 5 — Apothecary (9).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Suzie Q (3); 2 — Paleface Lite (4); 3 — Thunderstruck (5); 4 — Tie: What's Her Name and Four at Play (9); 6 — M3 (12); 7 — Fairret (15).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (3); 2 — Hoi Polloi (5); 3 — Booma (6); 4 — MJ2 (7); 5 — Sail La Vie (10).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Tie: Moxie and Northern Light (4); 3 — Affinity (5); 4 — Windrunner (7); 5 — Tie: Padawan 2 and 616 (12).



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This will be a fun-filled day of pet and family activities on the beautiful Lake Charlevoix waterfront.

The main event is a leisurely dog walk along the waterfront. People may collect pledges or pay a registration fee to participate. The registration fee is \$25, but is waived if at least \$25 in

pledges is collected.

There will be prizes for the top three pledge collectors, and t-shirts for the first 75 people to register the day of the event. People may walk with or without dogs. Other activities include dog contests, a police K-9 demonstration, reduced price microchip clinic, vendors, food, face painting and games.

Pet contests include biggest dog, smallest dog, best pet trick, Charlevoix Courier fetch contest and a pet/owner look-alike contest. Dogs adopted from the

Charlevoix County Humane Society, may also be entered in the PoochFest King and Queen contest.

All are welcome. Proceeds from the event go to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Registration forms are available at Bay Shore Animal Hospital, Charlevoix Veterinary Hospital, Gruler's, the Charlevoix Area Public Library and Esperance.

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Strings on the Lake, a benefit for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, took place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Riecker, located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Division Street. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will go toward a \$433,750 renovation project that will house a LightSpeed VCT Select Computed Tomography Scanner at the hospital. The event featured the symphonic sounds of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra String Quartet.



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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-011000-DE

Estate of Jack F. School, Deceased

Date of birth: July 30, 1926

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jack F. School, who lived at 04477 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan, died June 12, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Martha J. Kupka, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 7, 2006

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 11, 2005, by Tamera Meadows, a/k/a Tamera Laurie, and Mark Follette, wife and husband, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 24, 2005, at Liber 668, Page 780, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$52,249.32 principal, \$998.46 interest, and \$60.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, July 14, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at pub-

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PARCEL 2: The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 29, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, EXCEPT a strip of land 30 rods wide East and West and 80 rods long North and South, off the East side.

PARCEL 3: That part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 33 North, Range 5 West lying on the East side of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road. EXCEPT for the following described parcel: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 30, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; thence West along the North eighth line 490 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 215 feet to an iron stake; thence West, parallel with the North eighth line, to the center line of the Boyne City and Springvale State Road (Old State Road); thence Southwesterly along said center line to the intersection with the North eighth line; thence East along said eighth line to the point of beginning.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 7.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: June 14, 2006

The Bank of Northern Michigan

Mortgagee

406 Bay Street

Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)

Joel D. Wurster, PLC

Attorney for Mortgagee

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF
CHARLEVOIX

CHRIS M. FRASZ and
MICHELE M. NICKEL FRASZ,
as assignees through
HAROLD I. HAMLIN, JR., Trustee
of the Harold I. Hamlin, Jr.,
Revocable Living Trust,
U/T/A dated 11/9/1990
Plaintiffs,
v

File No: 01-1111-19-CH

HARRY A. BURKHART III,

Defendant.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Heather S. Frick (P67958)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

309 Petoskey Ave., P.O. Box 309

Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

(231) 547-9950

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On March 15, 2002, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan, entered a Default Judgment of Foreclosure. On June 15, 2006, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan amended the Default Judgment of Foreclosure in favor of the Plaintiffs, Chris M. Frasz and Michele M. Nickel Frasz and against the Defendant, Harry A. Burkhardt, III.

2. On August 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office

at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

A part of Lot 35, Block F, of South Boyne as recorded in Liber 1, page 9, Charlevoix County Records; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the above Lot 35; thence South 103 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence North 103 feet to Main Street; thence East to Place of beginning. AND ALSO, a parcel of same above Lot 35; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence West 33 feet; thence North 53 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 53 feet to place of beginning. AND ALSO, 4 feet off the West side of Lot 36 of said plat of South Boyne.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

June 28, 2006

Sharon M. Selissen, County Clerk
L(07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 07/26, 08/02, 08/09)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian K. Simons, a single man, to The Prime Financial Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 27, 1999 and recorded September 1, 1999 in Liber 371, Page 169, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said

mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. 1/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 37/100 Dollars (\$61,812.37) including interest at 8.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made an provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Court House in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on AUGUST 11, 2006. Said premises are located

in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: One Square Acre out of the Southwest corner of the following described parcel: A part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; Commencing 56 Rods East of the Northwest corner of said Northeast one-quarter; thence East 24 Rods; thence South 38 Rods; thence West 24 Rods; thence North 38 Rods to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The fore-

closing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 12, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Servicer

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

July 12

Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a luncheon at noon on July 12 at the home of Judy Bryan, located at 317 Fairview, in Petoskey. Julieanne Tomatoes will cater the luncheon.

Julie Norcross of McLean & Eaten Booksellers in Petoskey will present a program called "Kids and Cookbooks."

All Panhellenic women of the area are invited to attend. For reservations, call (231) 348-1197.

July 13

Michigan Singers

Michigan Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. on July 13 at Charlevoix Family Camp, located at the corner of Loeb and Veenstra roads.

Michigan Singers was founded in 1980 and now includes 50 young, Christian people from Michigan who travel across the country performing live contemporary music.

July 13

Lions Golf Tournament

The Charlevoix Lions will host their twelfth annual charity golf fundraiser on Thursday July, 13, at the Belvedere Golf Club. Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m.

The \$98 per player fee includes 18 holes of golf, the cart fee, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of \$12.90 is charged for awards dinner only guests. Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams who would like to play can find registration forms at locations around town, or by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117, or Bern Cannan at (231) 547-5512.

All proceeds go to the club's beneficiaries.

July 15

Skatepark grand opening

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, which opened its doors on June 17, will host a grand opening celebration from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 15 at the park.

The event will feature live entertainment, free food, raffles and more.

The park will be open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

July 18

City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

July 18

Retired federal employee lunch

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, July 18, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, the guest speaker will be Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

July 18

Caregiver support group

An Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18 at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

July 19

Panhellenic meeting II

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a luncheon at noon on Wednesday, July 19 at the Dillworth Hotel in Boyne City. A brief business meeting will follow lunch. The owners of the Dillworth, Sue and Ray Christensen will talk about the history of the hotel and then

give the panhellenic members a tour of the building. Hostesses for this day are Sylvia Bock and Sara Kolodisa.

To make a reservation, call (231) 582-9259. All panhellenic women of the area are invited to attend.

July 20

CMU alumni event

The College of Science and Technology of Central Michigan University is inviting alumni, friends, society members, and the public to its program on the university's Beaver Island biological station.

The program, to be presented by director of the station, Jim Gillingham, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the Depot in Charlevoix.

Refreshments will be served. Those who plan to attend are asked to contact Lori Kreiner at (989) 774-1916 or e-mail keiin111@cmich.edu by Thursday, July 13.

Aug. 2

Coast Guard reunion

The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival's Retiree's Reunion Dinner will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The event is open and free to all Coast Guard retirees and former Coast Guardsmen and their families.

For more information, call W.C. Boonstra, chairman of the Coast Guard Festival Reunion, at (616) 846-5940.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which

takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The swim will not take place on July 5. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from July 1 through Sept. 2. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

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Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

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Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harbordind.com.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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Marina project dodges delay

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council decided the risks of delaying the renovation of the Charlevoix Municipal Marina for one year outweigh the possible cost of the project overlapping into the 2007 tourist season.

"The community has waited long enough. It's time to push forward. It's a small price to pay for what we are going to get," said city mayor Norman Carlson Jr. at a joint Downtown Development

Authority and city council meeting on July 17. "I've been bombarded with calls saying, 'I'd rather get the damn project done.'"

Carlson credits John Winn, a Charlevoix resident and former Michigan Waterways Commission chairman, for keeping the project on track. Winn drafted a plan that will stage the project allowing for limited use of the park and winter construction of the new marina.

According to city officials, this means the new sea wall and dock system will likely go to bid within the next month.

Approval of the dock and sea wall contract will need to come from both the state funding agency, the Waterways Commission, and the city.

The city is aiming to start construction of the water side of the project some time between October and Dec. 1. The project construction is expected to take about four-and-a-half months. The ultimate goal is to have the water side of the project complete by Memorial Day 2007.

The marina project will include replacement of the sea wall, removal of the existing 17 docks which at the fur-

thest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake and replacement of those docks with a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point.

The grand scope of the project which includes construction of a new performance venue and a new harbor master's building will extend through the 2007 tourist season. East Park will likely only be open from Clinton Street to Mason Street next summer — meaning art and craft shows will have to be relocated for

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Big Rock Point moves toward public purchase

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A dream of public ownership of some of the most sought after waterfront property in Charlevoix County is beginning to materialize.

The Parks and Recreation Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently applied for a \$3 million grant through the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire Consumers Energy Big Rock Point in Charlevoix's Hayes Township.

The Trust Fund board, which allocates about \$25 million a year in grant money, is expected to make a decision on this request at its Dec. 6 meeting in Lansing. Approval requires a majority vote of the five-member board.

"This is the first step to see if the (Department of Natural Resources) Trust Fund board is interested in acquiring that property for the State of Michigan. And if they are interested, there is interest in spreading out payments over several years," said Mary Dettloff, the public information officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

According to Dettloff, that grant application requires a \$3 million matching grant which has been applied for through the U.S. Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservancy Program run by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Tom Bailey, executive director of the Little Traverse Conservancy and one of many people on a local ad hoc committee working toward public acquisition of the

property, said the Big Rock Point grant request is twentieth on a list of 41 applicants for Land Conservancy Program grants.

According to Bailey, the deal with Consumers Energy has not yet been reached. But he said the ballpark total cost is \$20 million.

He added that discussions with the company as to the terms of purchase have taken place and are contingent on the money coming through.

Bailey said plans for the property if it is turned over to the State of Michigan may include an interpretive center highlighting its importance as a historic site.

In February, the state evaluated the property to see if it fit the department's criteria to do its work — conservation, recreation and preservation of wildlife habitat.

Dettloff said the decision to move forward with the grant request is linked to the findings of that evaluation.

She said the property, which includes a total of 530 acres of land, encompasses about 1.5 miles of Lake Michigan frontage and 330 acres of virtually undisturbed cedar-swamp wetlands which is ideal habitat for deer. She said also included are several threatened plant species and migratory habitat for birds and butterflies.

"It's lakefront property on Lake Michigan which is always of interest to us. That's becoming a very rare commodity for public access," she said.

This is the same rare commodity that according to Tim Petrasky, Big Rock

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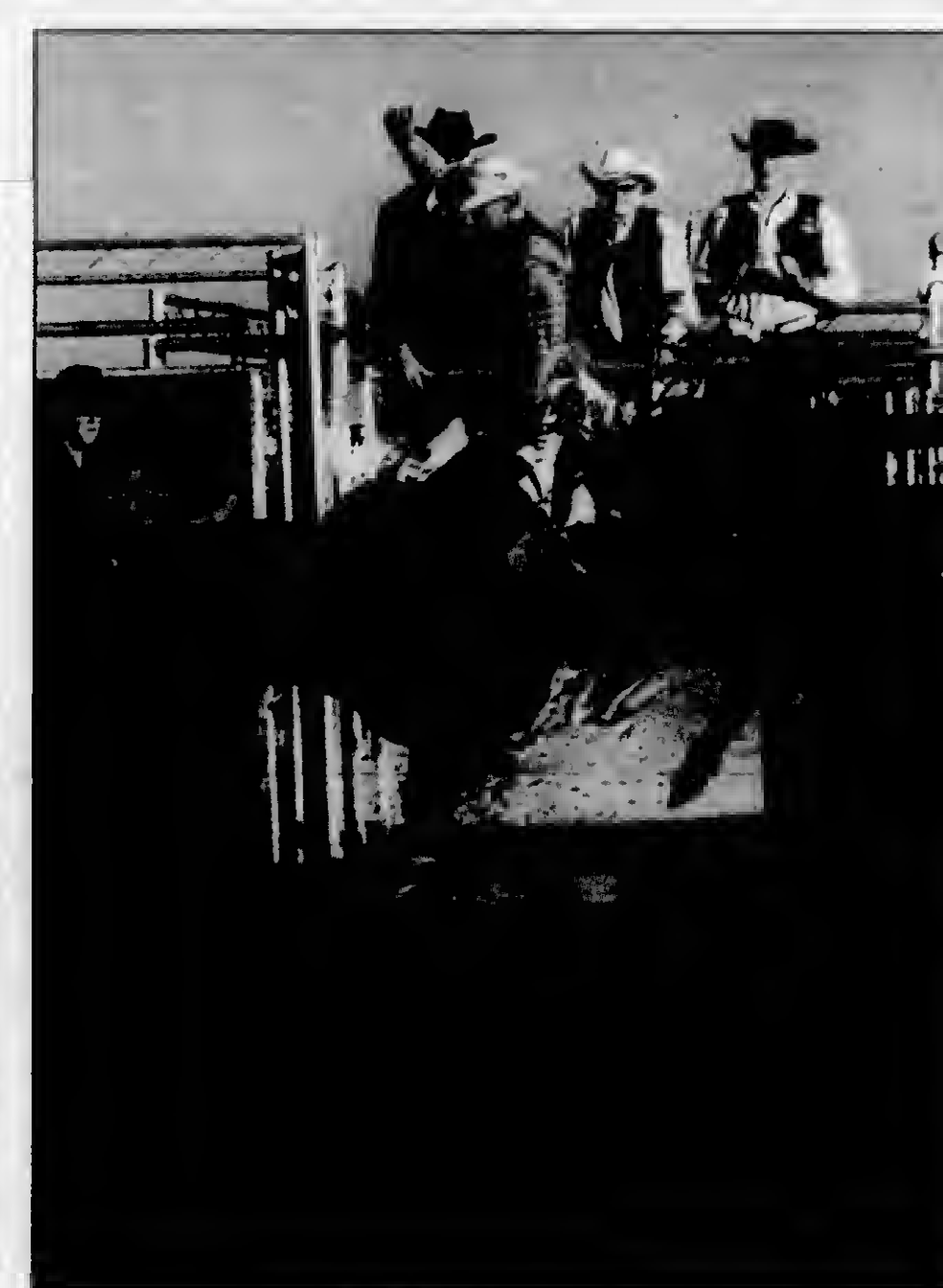


Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Rootin tootin kickoff

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival kicked off on Tuesday, July 18 with the 2nd Annual Country Kickoff at Castle Farms. The Super Kicker Rodeo and country act DeWayne Spaw were featured. For more festival information, see pages 17 and 18, or pick up a copy of the official program guide at the Courier office, located at 112 Mason St. in downtown Charlevoix.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Earl Charles Williams, 52, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Donna Lynn Idolski, 40, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Teresa Lynn Bartholomew, 36, Petoskey. Allow unlicensed minor to drive. Serve five days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Emily Elizabeth Vandeweghe, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Serve 60 hours of community service work, to attend Zero Tolerance class; \$100 in fines and costs.

Jason Jay Arnold, 22, East Jordan. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Emileigh Eve Ireland, 19, Brighton. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling \$260.

Seth David Hughes, 23, Levering. Use of marijuana; and open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Serve 90 days in jail, 84 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$600 in fines and costs.

Micah Daniel Thrift, 21, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; no contact with the victim; visitation arranged by a third party; \$1,086.44 in fines and costs.

John Joseph Sutherland, 21, Ellsworth. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Lisa Marie Franzoni, 20, Rochester Hills. Larceny-less than \$100. Serve 12 days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Joshua Brenton Laub, 22, Rochester Hills. Larceny-less than \$100. Fines and costs totaling \$400.

Timothy Steven Pheils, 23, Boyne City. Count one: Assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, 91 days held in abeyance; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; \$850 in fines and costs. Count two: Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 20 days, to serve 30 days in jail, 43 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; \$500 in fines and costs.

Scott Michael Wiltjer, 20, Petoskey. Minor in possession-second offense. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Jason E. Birch, 20, Pellston. Reckless driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 87 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve four months probation; \$824.03 in fines and costs.

Richard Alan Foster, 46, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended-first offense. Serve six days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Spencer Mitchell Hanks, 17, Charlevoix. Attempted criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree-force/coercion. Serve 181 days in jail with credit for one day, 159 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve five months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; no contact with the victim; visitation arranged by a third party; \$1,086.44 in fines and costs.

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Kiel James Pemberton, 21, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 29 days in jail, 320 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,055 in fines and costs.

Patricia Ann Levens, 33, Charlevoix. Disorderly conduct. Pay \$350 in fines and costs or serve 15 days in jail.

Robert Bradley Cartford, 21, Harbor Springs. Use of marijuana. Serve 30 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Melissa Dianne Klintworth, 38, Gaylord. Larceny-less than \$1,000, but more than \$200. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 19 days in jail, 150 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; write a letter of apology; \$1,100 in fines and costs.

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Sarah Lee Groh, 29, East Jordan. Count One: Controlled substance-deliver/manufacture narcotic/cocaine (less than 50 grams). Serve 11 months in jail. Count two: Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Serve 11 months in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$960 in fines and costs. Count three: Sale breaking. Serve 11 months in jail with credit for 59 days, to serve six months in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$599 in fines and costs.

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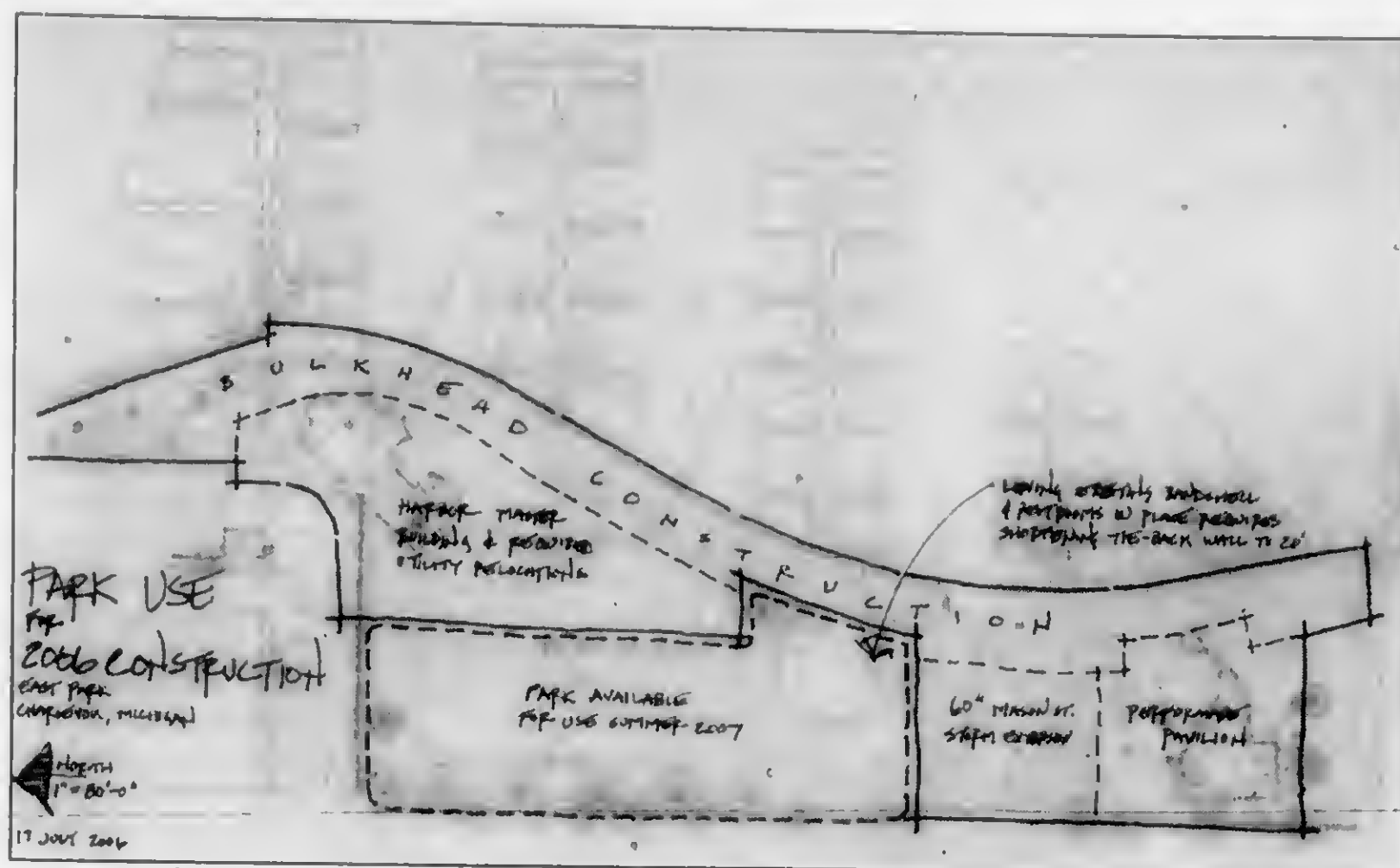
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Courtesy graphic

This plan, submitted by Charlevoix resident and former Waterways Commission chairman, John Winn, was instrumental in encouraging Charlevoix City Council to move forward with the marina and East Park renovation project. The dotted line in the center shows the area of East Park, from Clinton to Mason Street, which will be available in the summer of 2007, if the project is properly staged.

Marina and park project to move forward this year

MARINA

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one year. Demolition of the bandshell and existing Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building is expected to take place on Dec. 10.

City harbormaster Hal Evans said the schedule will result in inconveniences for some boaters who use the shower facilities but about 50 percent have accommodations on board. The new harbormaster facility with boater use areas may be open by mid-July 2007.

While Charlevoix city manager Mike Wiesner and the Downtown Park Renovation Committee recommended the project be held off until fall of 2007 to avoid complications with park and marina use, they too said they understood and support council's decision to press on.

Wiesner explained that the main project setback is a result of lengthy reviews of the project by the Waterways Commission. The commission is funding 75 percent of the project, but according to Wiesner, this is the first time they have been in charge of closely reviewing plans as well.

Future delays in the review process could add six weeks to the expedited project schedule. The schedule is based on a four week review time but Waterways has said the review could take up to two months.

In a preliminary project schedule assuming a four week review time provided by East Park design firm Pollack Design Associates, the grand opening for the entire East Park and marina project is expected to take place on Sept. 23.

On June 12, city council approved the \$8.2 million grant agreement with Waterways. This is about \$800,000 or 10 percent higher than was initially budgeted. The Charlevoix Downtown

Development Authority will fund most of the \$4.7 million East Park project. The bond request the city approved for \$5.5 million gives the city \$4.9 million after costs for bonding, to spend on the project.

Grant requests submitted to buy Big Rock Point

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Point public affairs director, has attracted "numerous" developers to the site.

Not included in the grant application is the 30-acre parcel which houses the dry fuel storage facility which is approximately the size of a basketball court.

This is expected to be dismantled by 2012 pending the opening of Yucca Mountain in Nevada which is expected to happen in 2010. In a previous interview, Petrosky said it will take a year to ship the material and another year to dismantle the dry fuel storage facility.

A commitment to this removal and overall approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission signifying the property is clean is needed before any state agency will fork over funding.

"The Trust Fund board won't spend a dime of public money without a guarantee from Consumers, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the property is completely clean," Dettloff said.

Approval by the Trust Fund board may also be hampered by board president Lana Pollack's opposition to the project.

At the June board meeting, Pollack voiced her adamant opposition to the state's proposed purchase of Big Rock Point because of its background as a nuclear power generation site and the continued storage of nuclear waste at the site.

Big Rock, the fifth nuclear power plant in America, officially ceased providing power in 1997 because it was no longer economically viable. At that time efforts began to decommission the site back to green field status.

Green field status is a term used by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which means that a location which once housed a nuclear plant can have its radioactivity levels lowered to the point that the property can be released for public or private sale.

Big Rock Point has scheduled a green field celebration to take place on Aug. 29 to celebrate the end of the decommissioning project. Paperwork filed with the regulatory commission releasing the property is expected to be approved in early 2007.

Petrosky said there is no set deadline at which time the property must change hands.

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A 'thanks' and 'spanks' shout out to Charlevoix

EDITORIAL

The mishmash of positive and downright questionable actions by Charlevoixians in the last month have sparked a new editorial approach.

This week, we want to congratulate positive thinking by offering thanks to those that have made life in town more livable. And spanks to those that have us shaking our heads.

We'll start with the good and move on to the bad and the ugly.

Thanks to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners for addressing meeting time mishaps with forward thinking. After a county resident questioned the legality of a meeting due to improper posting they took the bull by the horns and installed new, locked cases for meeting notices. And they've even posted notices on the door of the commissioners' room.

Thanks to Pat Harmon and the Charlevoix County Road Commission for their vision. While we may not want to fork over more money in the form of a 1 mill county wide road millage, no one else is going to pay for it. The feds and the state have made their penny pinching philosophy clear. "No road construction money." Someone has to foot

the bill and it has to be us.

Thanks to Charlevoix Public Schools' teachers for foregoing a 2 percent raise and choosing health plans which are less costly. This is a win for students. And a win for students is a huge victory for the community.

Charlevoix City Council is getting the spank. Since April the city has known the United States Coast Guard signed off on language in a bill which would retain the cutter *Acacia*, or if decommissioned (as it was on June 7), would replace it with another ice breaking asset. However, in spite of the fact that council approved a month to month contract with lobbyist Bob Davis to achieve the same result, they continue to pay Davis \$3,000 a month. Council members have voiced concerns at meetings but it's high time someone stops the bleeding.

Just one more lashing. To who or whatever is the cause of petunia beds being overrun with weeds — they look awful. Whether it be poor soil or under weeding by the Charlevoix Public Schools Band Boosters who have the contract, a change needs to be made next year.

Letters Policy

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

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Month designations should be connected to natural world



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Even though our brightest theoretical physicists aren't sure just what time is, the rest of us have historically busied ourselves dividing it up in all sorts of ways.

We have years, months, days, hours, minutes and seconds. The last three of those are pretty much arbitrary divisions of what seems to be continuous time. Months and years have mostly been related to celestial events: Years to the journey of the earth around the sun and months to the observed changes in the appearance of the moon.

For a biologist, it would make a lot more sense to have the months connected to events in the natural world, like the beginning of growth in the spring or the falling of leaves in autumn. Of all the various calendars of months, only those of aboriginal peoples all over the world have any-

thing to do with natural events.

Our usual names for months come to us from what is called the Gregorian calendar and are designated either for ancient gods, Roman Caesars, Roman generals or the month's supposed place in the year. January is for the Roman god Janus, July for a Roman general and August for one of the Caesars. September of course means the seventh month and October the eighth month. As you can see, our names for months are pretty much arbitrary.

I really prefer the Odawa month names. What we usually call March, for example is the Snow Crust Moon, April is the Syrup Moon, June is the Blooming Moon, July the Berry Moon and October the Falling Leaves Moon. I celebrate every one of those months every year in the way the Odawa name suggests.

Maybe if we named our months for real events in the natural world rather than for mythic gods or heroes we could more easily be aware of the changes in the world around us. Really seeing the plants and animals that we share the world with has a lot of advantages, both for those other living things and for ourselves.

We need not use names that are

already in the historical record. I have a few suggestions from my own contacts with our Charlevoix world. There certainly is a zucchini month each summer. Maybe we should rename August as tomato and zucchini month. The Odawa calendar had a Sucker Moon, coinciding pretty much with our May, when the streams were filled with easily available suckers. We should have a moon or month when the salmon return.

In Charlevoix, there is clearly a month when many people move to a warmer climate, and a month when many people return. A trillion month would be a pleasant reminder of the rebirth of flowers. Maybe if we devoted a full month to the harvesting of deer, we could cut down on their overpopulation.

I welcome any further suggestions, and even if we wind up with 20 overlapping months rather than our standard 12 or so, we would still be better connected to our climate, vegetation and animal life. And that would be a very good thing.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Pitch in with petunias

Editor:

I just got home from helping the Charlevoix High School Band Boosters weed the petunias — a hard job, but fun and rewarding. What I wonder is why the businesses and homes behind the flowers along U.S. 31 don't weed their frontage.

I realize they didn't ask for the job and weren't given a choice, but just the fact that their homes/businesses would look better if the weeding was constant should be incentive.

I also understand that in some cases the residents are unable to help maintain the beds. There's also the idea of civic pride — we have a beautiful little town, we're known for our petunias, and they

always make a big hit with visitors. Just a thought.

Judy Willey,
Charlevoix

Support Tripp

Editor:

This letter is in support of Shirlene Tripp in her bid for First District Charlevoix County Commissioner. We have known Shirlene for at least 35 years. We have always found her to be extremely honest and fair in every facet of her life.

She is a strong believer in support of local government as being the method of government most beneficial for the residents of this county. She has already

proven her worth in Hayes Township by her prior service on that township board. She feels it is very important to listen to the people she represents, and we know she would give all Charlevoix County residents the best possible service in her role as commissioner.

David L. and Lillian M. Arnold
Charlevoix

Support Drebenstedt

Editor:

I endorse Robert T. Drebenstedt for Charlevoix County Commissioner. I have known Drebenstedt for many years through his work with the Charlevoix County Veterans Administration and as a

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fellow volunteer mediator with Northern Michigan Community Mediation. He has helped many veterans using his skills and resourcefulness, and has successfully mediated many disputes with compassion, insight, and intuitive handling of opposing parties.

He serves his community well and as a veteran has also served his country well. He's going to do a great job serving Charlevoix County as a commissioner and has my vote.

Adolph W. Cwik
Boyne City

Library changes

Editor:

We love being busy and having our library the center of summer activities. And boy, does it get crazy in here. We hope you will all be patient with us during our last summer at 109 Clinton St. We know that sometimes you have to wait to use a computer, stand in line to check out a book, sign up to use the constantly-in-use downstairs meeting area, and squeeze into a corner in order to read the latest copy of the paper. Luckily it won't be long until we are in our new building with the grand opening scheduled for Oct. 7.

Meanwhile, please take advantage of our cozy, small library, where everything is a few steps away, including the new books and staff. Enjoy our summer programs planned for readers of all ages — a schedule is available at the front desk. And get ready for the move. If you are interested in assisting us with the move this September, call the library at (231) 547-2651 and we'll take your name.

Valerie Meyerson
Director, Charlevoix Public Library

'Thanks' PA supporters

Editor:

On behalf of the Charlevoix High

School Performing Arts students, we would like to thank everyone who stopped by our booth Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9 during the craft fair.

Thank you to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, artists and craftsmen. The student and parent volunteers raised over \$1,100 for the upcoming Charlevoix High School performing arts season.

We welcome Jill Tahaczka as our new teacher along with Connie Ford as our coach.

Our next parent meeting is at 7 p.m. on July 31 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

People wishing to donate pop bottles and cans to assist in purchasing theater costumes and building materials for performing arts program, call Autumn Atkins at (231) 547-4165.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the theater.

Nancy Beghein and Tina Whitley
Charlevoix

Help, I'm choking

Editor:

(From the perspective of a Charlevoix petunia) Help, I'm choking. I used to love summer — sitting by the side of the road, watching all the traffic go by. But this summer, I'm on the north end and I can see nothing. The weeds are so tall and so thick I can hardly breathe.

I am no longer a part of keeping Charlevoix beautiful. Someone please help me.

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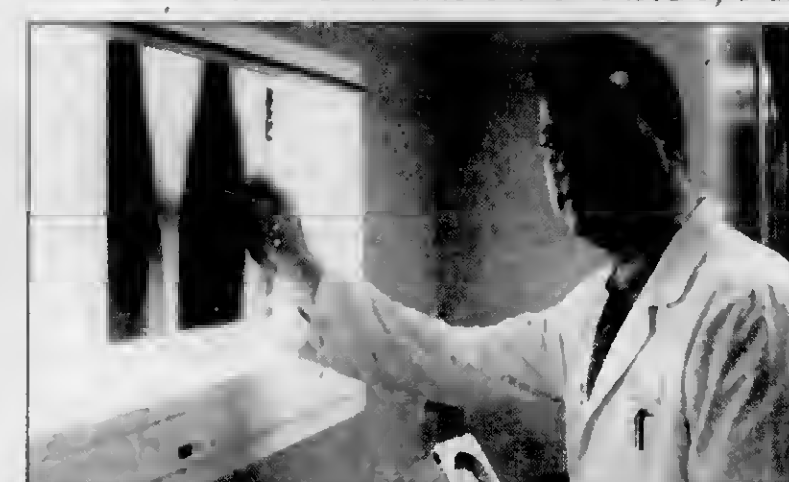
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Garden event winners announced



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Carrie Minch helped guide people around Turtle Hill, the garden of Joan and Kenneth MacGillivray, during the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's 8th Annual Garden Walk on Wednesday, July 12.

Design awards were also given to Margaret Heath for her "Hats On The Rack" entry; Patti Aikin for her "Hats Off To Fall" entry; Pat Roski for her "Hats On For Winter" entry; Cathy Hamilton for her "Hats Off To Spring" entry; Kathie Briggs for her "Hats Off To The World Traveler" entry; Bonnie Lenhart for her "Hats Off To Sports" entry; Ingrid Nedwick for her "Hats Off To Summer" entry; Joan Nowak for her "Hats On For Tea Time"; and Nancy Fowler for her "Hats Off To A Party" entry.

All winners were from the Charlevoix area unless noted otherwise.

At an afterglow following the walk, chairperson Marsie Gowdy drew the winning ticket for the handmade quilt which was won by Karen Stolt of Petoskey.

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Engagements

Kleist — Ward



Brian Christopher Ward and Maegan Bradleigh Kleist have announced their engagement.

The groom-to-be is the son of Bernie Ward III and Sandy Ward. Brian is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and Ferris State University with an associate's degree in construction technology and a bachelor's degree in construction management. Brian is employed as a senior project engineer with Centex Corporation at their headquarters in Raleigh-Durham, N.C.

Maegan Kleist is the daughter of Bill and Linda Kleist of Warren. The bride-to-be graduated valedictorian from Rochester Hills Christian School and is studying English and business at Oakland University.

Early this month, Brian's parents hosted an engagement party at their home.

A late August wedding is being planned at Calvary Christian Church in Royal Oak.

Dickinson — Brooks



Stephanie S. Dickinson and Allen F. Brooks are announcing their engagement.

The couple is planning an Aug. 18 wedding at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of David and Karen Dickinson of Charlevoix. Stephanie is attending Wayne State University School of Pharmacy. In her third year of study, she's working toward a doctor of pharmacy degree.

The groom-to-be is the son of Fredrick and Cindy Brooks of Charlevoix. He graduated, *summa cum laude*, in May from the University of Detroit Mercy. He was given a Rackham Regents Fellowship and will begin study for a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry at the University of Michigan in the fall.

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Zonta Club to host Literary Delights July 29 at Castle

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club will host its Second Annual Literary Delights fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The event will feature three, female authors from Michigan. They are Gloria Whelan, author of the children's book, "Listening for Lions," Nancy Vogel, author of "Chicken Soup for the Single Parent's Soul," and Grace Tiffany, author of the teen favorite, "Ariel."

Lunch is included and will be provided by Grey Gables.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased at the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix or by contacting Linda DeGrow at (231) 547-4109 or Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Proceeds from the event will be directed toward several initiatives the worldwide service organization supports in its effort to advance the status of women.

These include major international projects like support of micro-loans

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Who: Charlevoix Area Zonta Club
What: 2nd Annual Literary Delights
When: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 29
Where: Castle Farms

for women in Niger Africa to help them become self-sufficient and tetanus prevention in Afghanistan. Clubs traditionally send one-third of their service dollars to support these international projects.

The remaining two-thirds is directed to the club's local projects. Since the club's inception, 17 years ago, it has placed \$85,000 back into the Charlevoix area through programs. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club presently provides

\$3,500 in scholarship money annually for women planning to attend or currently attending college. An endowment fund is also available at the Women's Resource Center for women trying to improve their employment status. Another success has been the club's Sights on Success day-long event offered free-of-charge to sixth through eighth-grade girls aimed at helping participants make good life choices.

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Alma College dean's list

Alma College has named over 375 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2006 winter term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list. Located in the middle of Michigan's lower peninsula, Alma College is a nationally distinguished, academically strong liberal arts college that promotes active, personalized learning.

Junior Nathanael Teuscher of Charlevoix, a 2003 graduate of Charlevoix High School, is the son of Rev. Michael and Mrs. Elisabeth Teuscher of Charlevoix.

DePauw University dean's list

Jennifer Lorraine Rowe of Charlevoix is among 798 DePauw University students who have been recognized for outstanding academic performance and named to the dean's list for the 2006 spring semester. Rowe is a junior at DePauw. To be eligible for the dean's list at DePauw, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average. DePauw University is located in Greencastle, Ind.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers

The following teachers from Charlevoix are featured in the 9th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers: Paul Gelderblom, Ann Gorney, Linda Leavitt, Jennifer Platt and Mary Beth Zimmerman.

Olivet College dean's list

Madison McKenzie of Charlevoix is one of 239 students named to the Olivet College 2006 spring semester dean's list. To make the dean's list, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Olivet College is located in Olivet.

Kirtland Community College graduates

Michael Kilkenny, of Charlevoix, earned his associate's degree in nursing and Jacklyn Riley, of Charlevoix, earned her associate's degree in creative writing from Kirtland Community College in June.

Stoppel scholarship concert

Hannah Stoppel's dream to attend Interlochen Arts Academy is finally coming true.

Stoppel, 15, of Charlevoix, who currently attends Petoskey High School has been accepted to attend Interlochen Arts Academy in the fall of 2006, where she will study voice as a high school junior.

While acceptance to the academy marks the pinnacle of her singing adventure thus far, Stoppel's many accomplishments include writing a musical; playing Mary Claire in Bay View's production of "Secret Garden," and Kate McGowan in Northern Michigan Chorale's "Titanic"; and involvement in several music ensembles.

As a send off and scholarship concert, the accomplished singer will perform

with a myriad of friends and mentors at 7:30 p.m. on July 25 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

Song selections include jazz standards, songs from musicals, Celtic and traditional pieces as well as classical tunes.

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For more information call her mother, Julie Stoppel, at (231) 348-5338.

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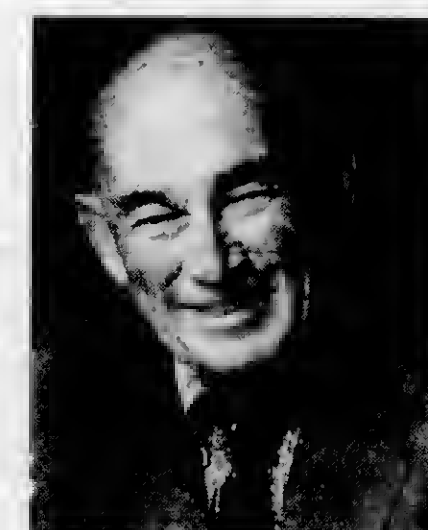
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Obituaries

John Flanigan: Died May, 17, 2006

John P. Flanigan, a retired insurance agent and broker and former St. Louis University basketball coach, died Wednesday, May 17, at Mari De Villa Retirement Center in Town and Country. He was 92 and a resident of Ladue, Mo.

Flanigan was born in Chicago, Ill., and moved to St. Louis, Mo., with his family when he was 1-year-old. He was a 1931 graduate of St. Louis University High School and a 1935 graduate of St. Louis University, where he played on the basketball and baseball teams and was president of Pi Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

For the next 12 years, Flanigan stayed active in basketball, qualifying to play in several Amateur Athletic Union national tournaments in Denver, Colo., and serving as a referee and later as a coach at St. Louis University from

1945-1947. He coached the Billikens to their first Missouri Valley Conference Championship during the 1946-47 season. In 1995, he was inducted into the Billiken Hall of Fame, joining seven of his players.

Ed McCauley, a basketball star at St. Louis University and in the National Basketball Association, once said Flanigan contributed more to his career than anyone else. "Nobody's ever given him credit that I think he deserves," McCauley said in a 1991 interview.

Flanigan entered the insurance business as an agent and broker in 1940. In 1950, he founded Flanigan Insurance Agency in Clayton, Mo. He retired in 1989. Two of his sons, John Flanigan Jr. of Webster Groves, Mo., and David Flanigan of Chesterfield, Mo., now run the firm.

Flanigan, a former member of the

Belvedere Club Trustees, was also an avid golfer and won the 1970 Belvedere Golf Club Championship in Charlevoix.

He served on the board of the White House Retreat League and was president of the St. Louis Priory Father's Club.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at the Church of the Annunziata in Ladue, Mo. Burial will be private.

In addition to sons, John and David, among the survivors are his wife of 60 years, Ann Allen Flanigan (sister of the late Mrs. Diddy Schade); three more sons, Philip Flanigan of Jacksonville, Fla., and Peter Flanigan and Christopher Flanigan, both of Ladue, Mo.; two daughters, Florence "Missy" Clark of Norfolk, Va., and Annie Flanigan of Ladue, Mo.; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Masses or the donor's choice.

Ernest Potter: Oct. 21, 1915 - July 9, 2006

Ernest Potter, 90, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, July 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral took place on Wednesday, July 12, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Michael Maurer of Barnard United Methodist Church officiated and burial took place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Ernie was born Oct. 21, 1915, in Charlevoix, the son of Hiram and Hattie

(Sitzema) Potter. On March 28, 1947, he married Marguerite "Mildred" Gamble. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Ernie worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation as a road surveyor for more than 20 years. He enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing, hunting, jet skiing and woodworking. Ernie was a member of Charlevoix's American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post #226.

Ernie is survived by his wife, Mildred;

son, Donald E.; brother, Garrett (Bertha); and sister, Clara Bogart, all of Charlevoix.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Frank and "Jr." Harm Potter; and sister, Aggie Warner.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712 or to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Bob Roberts Jr.: July 4, 1956 - July 11, 2006

Bob Roberts Jr., 50, of East Jordan died suddenly on Tuesday, July 11 in Hubbard Lake.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 14 at the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. James Jordan officiated.

He was born on July 4, 1956 in Charlevoix, the son of Robert T. Roberts Sr. and Diane (Paterka) Roberts. On April 12, 1975 in East Jordan, he married Pamela A. Moore.

Bob worked, as a truck driver, for

Pinney's Logging Company in East Jordan. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid NASCAR fan.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela A. Roberts of East Jordan; five children, Billie Jo (Joe) Platte of East Jordan, Tammy Lynn Roberts of South Carolina, Mary Ann Roberts of Ann Arbor, Robert Thomas Roberts III of East Jordan and Justin Tyler Roberts of East Jordan; six grandchildren, Briney Marie Sumner, Trevor Allen Newmann, Kody James Newmann, Felisha Ann Donnellan, Shelby

Lynn Donnellan and Chae Douglas Densel; his mother, Diane Roberts of East Jordan; three brothers, Kenneth (Mary) Roberts of Brutus, David Roberts of Boyne City and James Roberts of East Jordan; two sisters, Lorraine Roberts of East Jordan and Margaret Ann Aveni of Gaylord; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert T. Roberts Sr., on March 15, 2001.

Memorial contributions may be given to Roberts Family.

Agnes Simmerman: April 21, 1920 - July 15, 2006

Agnes Simmerman, of Holland and formerly of Charlevoix, passed away on July 15 at Zeeland Community Hospital.

She was born on April 21, 1920 in Toledo, Ohio to Antonia and Thomas Kovar who moved their family to Charlevoix in 1924. On Jan. 20, 1940 she married Wesley Simmerman of East Jordan in Detroit where they made their home until returning to Charlevoix in 1973. During the 1940s and 1950s Agnes enjoyed working at a variety of jobs which included riveting air planes during World War II, and working for the Parke-Davis pharmaceutical company. She also served as a Girl Scout leader in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Above all, Agnes was a devoted wife and loving mother who always made her family her top priority. It

wasn't until after 21 years of marriage that Agnes and Wes had their first and only child, Susan. Agnes often said that she had the benefit of having both a daughter and a granddaughter in her one child. In regards to her family, Agnes truly lived her life in the spirit of 1 Corinthians 13:8, "Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Beyond family, the greatest joys of Agnes' life included baking, bingo, sewing, gardening and animals. She possessed a quiet, gentle spirit and had a great appreciation for the beauty in nature. Beyond pets, she always showed care and loving compassion to any creature needing help including birds, mice, frogs and snakes. She seemed to be the living embodiment of Mother Nature.

After 60 years of marriage, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley, in July of 2000. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Antonia Nalepa, Mary Cooper and Terri Jaskierski.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan, and son-in-law Julius Koenigsnecht of Holland; and her sisters, Anna Schwarz of Holland and Bette McConaughy of Traverse City.

A visitation took place on Tuesday, July 18, followed by a funeral service, at the Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix. Interment immediately followed at St. Mary Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. Nancy Rhode officiated. Donations may be made in memory of Agnes to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, or to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Charlevoix Lions Club proteges Rachel and Natalie Nesburg attended the Lions Club award banquet July 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall which followed the local civic group's annual golf outing. They assisted their dad, Roger Nesburg, with serving the famous Lions' chicken.

Memorial service

Barbara Russell: 2:30 p.m. on July 21

A memorial service for Barbara Ann Russell, 71, of Charlevoix, will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21, at Brookside Cemetery in

Charlevoix, with Pastor James R. Mort officiating. Russell passed away on May 12.

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This year, J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5, and Schubert's Symphony No. 5 will be performed to celebrate the anniversary. Also on the lineup is music by Mozart, Copland, Carl Maria von Weber and the choral and orchestral masterpiece, Vivaldi's Gloria. Three conductors and five soloists will be featured, together with nearly 80 performers from Beaver Island, mainland Michigan and eight other states.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday evening, July 29, a Chamber Music Concert at the Beaver Island Christian Church will feature varied instrumental ensembles including string, keyboard, brass, woodwind and recorder groups. Additionally, students from the Beaver Island Community School, participating in a "musical mini-camp" sponsored by Baroque on Beaver, will be featured.

The Baroque on Beaver concerts are offered free-of-charge. For more information, call Jane Maehr (231) 448-2926.

County Democrats to host July 20 pig roast

Charlevoix County Democrats will host a pig roast from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 30 at Whiting Park, located off Boyne City-East Jordan Road.

Candidates Bart Stupak, a U.S. Congressman running for reelection to the first district; Tom Hay Bauer, who is running for the Michigan House of Representatives

in the 105th House District; Sharon Unger, who is running for State Senator in the 37th District; and Denise Hlitch, will be present.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and a bathing suit. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

To register, call (231) 547-2138.

Beaver Island Music Fest is on tap this weekend

The Beaver Island Music Festival will take place on July 21 and 22 on Beaver Island.

Artists included in the entertainment lineup include Natives of the New Dawn; Back Forty; Simplicity; P-A-U-L and the Harper Woods Heroes; the Ragbirds; Prisoners of Paradise;

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Griffon search faces challenge from state

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The LaSalle-Griffon Project kickoff was held Monday, July 17, with a press conference and fundraiser after a last minute threat was rescinded.

On Wednesday, July 12, Assistant Michigan Attorney General, Tracy Sonneborn, sent cease and desist letters to those involved with the press conference and fundraiser portion of the project. An apology letter followed on July 13.

"It's very obvious it was to get the City of Charlevoix and the (Charlevoix Area) Chamber (of Commerce) to not support this project," said Steve Libert, president of Great Lakes Exploration Group, LLC.

Libert, who thinks he found the Griffon in Lake Michigan in 2001, has battled with the state over a salvage claim since 2004.

Sonneborn apologized for erroneously claiming appropriate paperwork had not been filed.

"Great Lakes Exploration Group, which is a non Michigan based LLC, are not allowed to solicit charitable contributions in Michigan," said Nate Bailey, spokesman for Michigan Attorney General, Mike Cox. "The Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management (a Michigan-based non-profit working with Libert) is in the process of being licensed so they would be legally allowed to solicit funds."

The first letter demanded details of correspondence, agreements and conversations between Great Lakes Exploration Group and the Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management, the chamber and the city among others.

"It seems as though the Great Lakes Exploration Group is doing all the work on this. And though they purport to be raising this money for charity, it

is unclear what, if any involvement the Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management has had in this," Bailey said. "This is a real problem if these people think they're giving money to a charity, but if in fact they're funneling money into what amounts to Mr. Libert's pocket. That would be our concern."

Libert isn't sure whether the state's actions were deliberate.

"If it takes a court order for me to get the paper transaction, I will. And then I'll make a decision on whether or not to take legal action," he said. "They have done a significant amount of harm. If this had gotten out to the public, you can imagine what would have happened — nobody would have showed up (at the July 17 press conference)."

He added, "I could have lost over \$100,000 just on this. I had to hurry up and let them know the paperwork has been filed, that everything has been done legally — 100 percent."

Bailey said his office will await a response from the Great Lakes Exploration Group and the Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management.

"There may be clear and defined ways that this money is going to be handled," he said. "And that may satisfy both the law and the protection of donors."

While some may be uncertain about the fate of the Griffon project, press conference moderator, TV 7&4's meteorologist, Greg McMaster, had no doubts about the Griffon's importance.

"Finding a historic shipwreck of this significance can only be compared to a likeness of a ship sailed by Christopher Columbus," he said. "Our hope is to see

a broad based scientific investigation of the site the Great Lakes Exploration Group believes to be the Griffon."

According to Center for Maritime and Underwater Resource Management president, Kenneth Vrana, there is nothing yet to exclude Libert's find as the Griffon.

"We found a single timber with characteristics consistent with early ship-building techniques," Vrana said. "Our recommendation at this point to Steve is to take a precautionary approach. And, treating it as if it might be Griffon is definitely warranted."

Whether Libert's group is allowed to continue with phase two is still up to a federal court.

"The state is trying to say that it's an abandoned ship and therefore they own it, but there's a lot more to it than that," he said. "It's a legal process that I couldn't even begin to tell you. It's going to take a lot of money and I'm going to fight."

Built by, Rene-Robert, Sieur de LaSalle, a man instrumental in securing the territory which would later become part of the Louisiana Purchase, the Griffon is thought to be the first European ship on the Great Lakes.

With a crew of 35, the Griffon's maiden voyage consisted of sailing from the Niagara River to Wisconsin. LaSalle then instructed a crew of half a dozen men to sail back to Niagara with a load of commerce while he pressed on via canoe. The ship was last seen in September 1679.

For more information about the LaSalle - Griffon Project, visit www.lasalle-griffon.org.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Steven Libert, president of Great Lakes Exploration, LLC, discusses the status of the LaSalle-Griffon Project and answers questions from the half-dozen reporters in attendance.

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Cooper, top choice for interim superintendent

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix schools are one step closer to having an interim superintendent.

During the Monday, July 10 Charlevoix Public Schools' Board of Education, emergency meeting, board members voted unanimously to enter contract negotiations with former, five-year interim Boyne City Public Schools superintendent, James Cooper.

"I started looking at the possibility of what I might do after I left Boyne City," he said. "And, I considered interim superintendency and some other things."

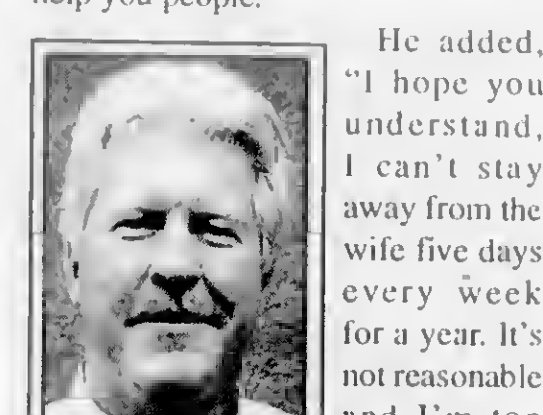
He added, "My passion and my interest is education."

Following interviews via telephone with four initial candidates on Friday, July 7, Cooper and Dennis Hagey, were chosen for an interview before the board and the public.

During the post interview process, school board members agreed both candidates were topnotch, however, they had issues with Hagey's unwillingness to act as a full-time interim superintendent.

"I completely understand if you feel I can't give you the same amount of

time as the other individual," Hagey said. "Even if you don't select me, I could be convinced to come up and help you people."



James Cooper

He added, "I hope you understand, I can't stay away from the wife five days every week for a year. It's not reasonable and I'm too old."

In his 30 years in the

business, Cooper has also worked as a superintendent for Hopkins and Harbor Springs Public Schools.

During the nearly two hour process, the candidates were asked questions from the board on subjects ranging from what candidates would do when faced with an irate parent to why they are best suited to work for Charlevoix Public Schools.

Cooper, who left Boyne City Public Schools due to a limit on the number of years an interim superintendent may serve in each district, said the position in Charlevoix interested him because it is such a strong district.

And, he said, "I think the best thing

you can do with an irate person is listen. Many times you just need to let them get the issue out that's concerning them."

Cooper said he looks at each case individually and evaluates it in relation to board policy, legal aspects involved or differences of philosophy.

School board president, Bill Trubilowicz asked Cooper how he would familiarize himself with students, staff and the community in general.

"It's all about visibility and establishing relationships," Cooper said. "I think the most important thing you do as a superintendent is to build relationships and help promote the success of the school district by being active and letting people know you're available."

Cooper cited the need for staff meetings outside the office setting, open door policies and openness with the community.

Trubilowicz asked how Cooper's former staff would respond if asked how they felt about him.

"Overall, I think they would describe me as being fair and consistent. I think they would tell you I am a good listener and I care about them as well as the kids," Cooper said.

"And, that I'm a pretty good problem solver, I follow through on what I say and I also believe that I have a good sense of humor. I take my job very serious, but I don't take myself very serious."

Trubilowicz then asked how Cooper would resolve conflicts between the superintendent's office and the school board.

"It needs to be upfront, open and honest," Cooper said. "If you have a problem, then you need to let me know or it will fester and grow into a bigger problem."

After Cooper stressed the importance of working with local government and service organizations, board member, John McLean Jr., asked him about his long and short-term goals.

"My goals are to be the very best superintendent that I can be (and) to

work as hard as I can to fulfill any goals the district has," Cooper said.

Cooper quoted two businessmen from the 1980s who said organizations are either improving or they are not.

"I believe there are two types of school districts, those that are improving and those that aren't, and I believe that," he said.

But, he added, "It's not coming in with any preconceived idea about the district. It's not coming in to be a change agent without knowing what changes there may need to be."

While Cooper was the board's first choice, if he doesn't accept a deal from the board, Hagey may be offered the position.

The search process for a permanent superintendent could take anywhere from a few months to a year, Trubilowicz said.

"To think any great candidates will be available before the first of the year, I think, is wishful thinking," he said.

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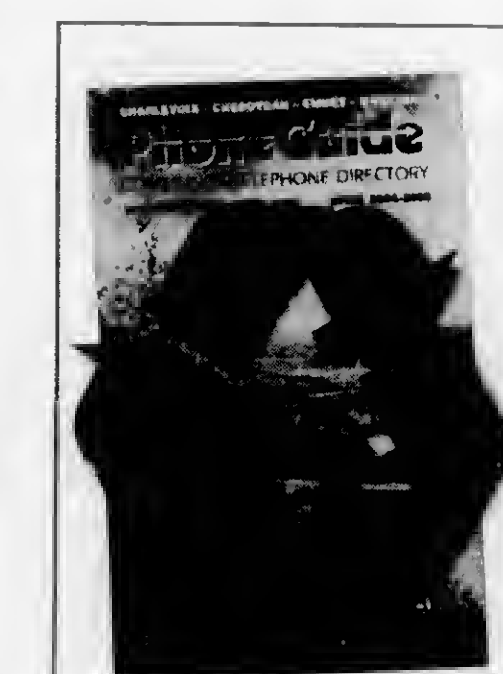
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July 5 (Wed)	High School	Organizational meeting/followed by regular monthly meeting
August 14	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
September 11	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
October 9	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
November 13	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
December 11	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
January 8, 2007	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
February 12	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
March 12	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
April 10 (Tue)	High School	Regular meeting (date changed due to Spring Break)
May 14	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month
June 11	High School	Regular meeting second Monday of the month

United Way awards grants to 22 local agencies

Twenty-two local health and human service agencies have received allocation grants from the 2005-2006 Char-Em United Way Campaign, and an additional 11 have received designated donations.

"We were pleased to award \$78,428 in allocations and an additional \$26,427 in designated gifts to local agencies," said Martha Lancaster, United Way executive director. "By provid-

ing funding, we helped hundreds of individual and business donors, partner with these agencies to help meet local needs."

United Way partner agencies receiving allocations are: American Red Cross; BASES; Bergmann Center; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Boyne City Nursery; Catholic Human Services; Charlevoix Alano Club; Charlevoix Senior Center; Child Abuse Council; Crooked Tree Girl Scouts; Exceptional

Riders; Holy Childhood Day Care; Hospice of Northwest Michigan; Living Room; Lutheran Child & Family Services; Manna; Michigan Dyslexia Institute; RSVP; Salvation Army; Scenic Trails Boy Scouts; Third Level Crisis Center; and Women's Resource Center. These agencies submitted funding requests for specific projects which were reviewed and approved by United Way volunteers.

Most of the partner agencies also received donations specifically designated to them by individual donors. In addition, the following agencies received designated gifts from the United Way Campaign: Boyne City Swim School; Camp Daggett; Child & Family Services; Friendship Center; United Way of Northwest Michigan; Hospice of Little Traverse Bay; North Country Community Mental Health; North Central Michigan

College; Northern Michigan Hospitals Building Fund; St. Francis Church/Brother Dan's Pantry; and YMCA.

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Waltonen faces prison for drug deals and prostitution

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Charlevoix Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas exceeded the sentencing guidelines in a case involving drugs and prostitution.

On June 30, Judge Pajtas handed down a sentence of four to 20 years in prison to Lloyd Waltonen, 43, of Charlevoix who was convicted on two counts of delivering a controlled substance and one count each of maintaining a drug house, attempted eavesdropping and prostitution.

Arrested in February, Waltonen pled to those five charges on June 15. During that plea agreement the prosecutor dismissed a habitual offender charge, stemming from two prior felony convictions from the early 1990s which could have doubled the maximum sentence prescribed. Also dismissed were two counts of delivering a controlled substance, three counts of maintaining a drug house and three counts of prostitution.

According to Judge Pajtas, the sentencing guidelines for the five

counts he was convicted of carry a penalty of a minimum of up to 11 months in jail. However, in sentencing Waltonen, he said he felt the guidelines didn't account for the severity of the situation. He said the length of time over which the crimes were committed, three years, and the number of deliveries involved justified the substantial increase in prison time.

"The guidelines do not give weight to this continuing pattern of criminal behavior," Judge Pajtas stated on the record. "Further, the guidelines do not consider that the defendant exploited a vulnerable person. He was 22 years her senior and he knew she had a drug problem when he met her. He knew she was on probation for a drug conviction. Yet, for almost three years when he knew she was severely addicted, he kept feeding her oxycontin and methadone for sex."

Chief assistant Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara, who did not formally request Judge Pajtas exceed the sentencing guidelines, said the outcome was favorable.



Lloyd Waltonen

judge's decision addressed those concerns," Fanara said.

According to summaries of testimony by two women in an affidavit of probable cause given by Charlevoix County Sheriff's detective corporal Chuck Vondra, Waltonen forced oral and vaginal sex in exchange for oxycontin and methadone.

A search warrant executed at Waltonen's residence on Feb. 9 resulted in seizure of pill bottles labeled Lloyd Waltonen containing methadone, oxycodone, amphetamines and Adderall XR pills.

Waltonen, who has been transferred to the Southern Michigan

"It was nice for the victims. They had to come forward and talk about a really bad time in their lives and were doubtful the system could help them. But the

Correctional Facility in Jackson, may appeal the sentence on the basis that it exceeds the applicable guidelines. He has not yet entered this appeal.

While Waltonen has been sentenced on the former charges, Fanara said this will in no way limit the prosecutor's office from going forward with possible criminal sexual conduct charges if the court of appeals finds in their favor.

Judge Pajtas quashed four, first-degree criminal sexual conduct charges which were appealed by Fanara on April 13 when she filed an objection and a motion to reconsider. Judge Pajtas then issued an April 19 order denying the chief assistant's motion for reconsideration.

"The issue presented to the court in the defendant's motion to quash is whether or not criminal sexual conduct can be charged where a

person engages in consensual sexual intercourse in exchange for illegal drugs," Judge Pajtas states in the order. "The answer is obvious. There can be no criminal sexual conduct where the sexual conduct is between two consenting adults."

Judge Pajtas, in his order, further stated, "This court has reviewed the entire preliminary examination transcript. The complainant's testimony was unequivocal that while she didn't desire to have sex, she voluntarily did so to obtain illegal drugs. While there may be probable cause to charge the supplier of the drugs with prostitution, he or she does not commit CSC first degree."

Fanara awaits a decision from the court of appeals on the alleged criminal sexual conduct aspect of the case. She said a decision will likely be made in about six months.

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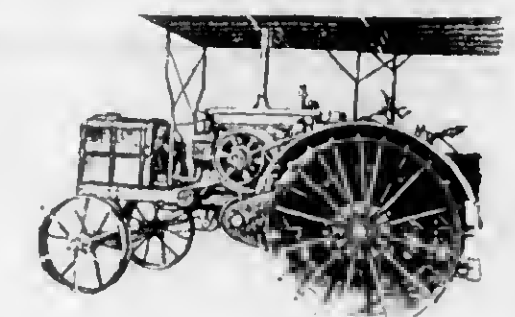


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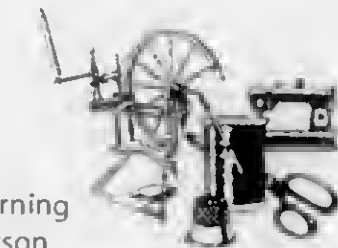
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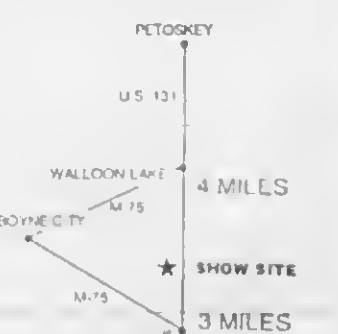
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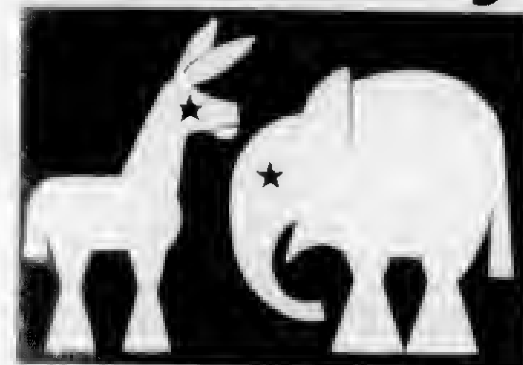


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County road millage goals announced



ELECTION 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Voters at the Aug. 8 primary election will decide the fate of a Charlevoix County Road Millage proposal.

State and federal road construction funds may not be forthcoming in the near future, said Charlevoix County Road Commission officials during a July 12 press conference, and that leaves local residents responsible for the condition of their highways and byways good or bad.

"Things have fallen apart way faster than the township or the road commission has money to fix," said Charlevoix County Road Commission manager, Pat

Harmon. "If passed, all the money collected in Charlevoix County, gets spent here in Charlevoix County. It's not going to go to Washington D.C., it's not going to go to Lansing."

And, while Charlevoix's primary paths are in peril, the Michigan legislature continues to take whacks at the state's already brittle transportation budget.

"Just three weeks ago, we got a letter from the county road association," Harmon said. "Our legislative people took \$11 million from the Michigan Transportation Fund to fund the Secretary of State's issuing new license plates."

Harmon speculated that reduction could account for as much as \$40,000.

A successful millage would be levied from 2006 to 2010, with roadwork to begin next spring on several of the 44.08 miles listed. The following years of operation and lengths of roads repaired may vary depending on potential increases in fuel and materials costs.

• Year one, 5.59 miles of Boyne

City-Charlevoix Road, from Nelson to Pincherry Road.

• Year two, 6.39 miles of Camp Ten Road and 5.45 miles of Springvale Road.

• Year three, 3.79 miles of Ellsworth Road and 3.38 miles of Six Mile Lake Road.

• Year four, 4.04 miles of Kings Highway, 3.47 miles of Deer Lake Road and 2.65 miles of Kortlase Road.

• Year five, 2.20 miles of River Road and 7.12 miles of Marion Center Road.

During the conference, Harmon and members of his handpicked Road Advisory Committee discussed why they feel passage of the proposed millage is important. The committee includes East Jordan Chamber of Commerce

Who: Charlevoix County Road Commission
What: 1 mill road repair millage proposal
When: Aug. 8
Where: Local polling stations

director, Mary Faculak; supervisor of Wilson Township, Todd Sorenson; business owners Douglas Bergmann and Dave Kortlase; Charlevoix Township supervisor, Dale Glass; and Chandler Township supervisor, Dennis Howard.

Criteria used to compile the list included road condition, access to primary highways, traffic volume and miscellaneous safety concerns.

"We wanted to separate this money so there would be some improvements throughout the entire county, instead of just one

portion of the county," Harmon said. "The roads we picked, we thought would benefit most residents in the county."

If passed, residents would be billed on their home's taxable value, not the State Equalized Valuation. For example, if your home's taxable value is \$100,000, you would pay an extra \$100 per year.

Twelve of the county's 15 townships currently have road millages which, Harmon said, could be maintained to focus on por-

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Proposed millage to pay for road repairs

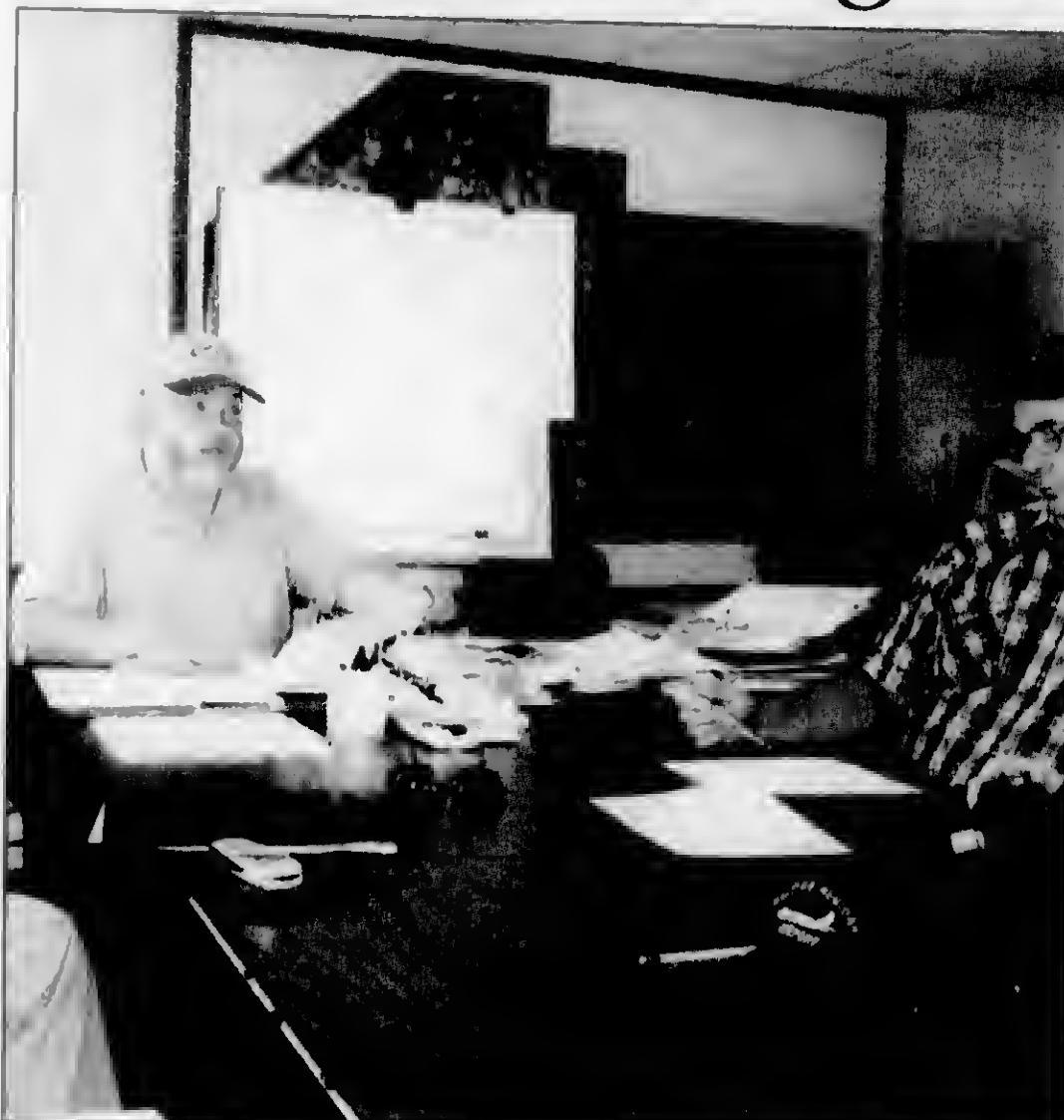


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Charlevoix County Road Commission manager, Pat Harmon, explains the costs and benefits if citizens approve Charlevoix's county wide road millage on Aug. 8. Harmon also outlined the roads which would be at the top of the repair priority list.

MILLAGE

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ects the road commission can't get to.

"I'm probably one of the last people to come to this understanding," Howard said. "I've fought local tax dollars for roads my whole career."

Howard changed his mind only after realizing no one from the state or federal level intended to fix the situation.

If the millage proposal fails, general maintenance such as snow removal and pothole filling will continue.

"But as far as major reconstruction or re-paving roads, there won't be any funds to do this," Harmon said.

The following is the balloting wording exactly as it will appear

on election day: "For the sole purpose of funding general operating expenses to be incurred in maintenance and repair of primary roads and highways within the County of Charlevoix, shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6, of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Charlevoix be increased by 1 (one) mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of 5 (five) years, 2006-2010 inclusive, for road purposes within incorporated cities and villages in Charlevoix County and to improve, repair and maintain existing county primary roads within the townships in Charlevoix County, Michigan with the money to be collected and distributed in accordance with all applicable statutes? (It is estimated that this proposal would produce revenue of \$1,866,066.83 during the first calendar year)."

Lisa Dixon Scholarship Fund July 23 can drive

The First Congregational United Church of Christ is holding a car drive for the Lisa Dixon Scholarship Fund from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 23.

Dixon was an eighth-grade Charlevoix student who died 20 years ago of meningitis. A scholarship fund has been set up in her name to support students in the Charlevoix school district through enrichment programs.

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There will be a bubble land and pint sized ponies as well as a craft tent

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Also available will be a giant inflatable slide and obstacle course, Rayder moon walk, jump house, and petting zoo.

Two performances by the Ragamuffin Children's Theatre are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the bandshell. "Twister Joe" will pro-

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The purchase of a \$7 arm band will gain participants entry into the craft tent and giant inflatable fun land. The band will also allow kids to ride ponies and explore their cowboy blood

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Mary Ann's Take Out opens on south side

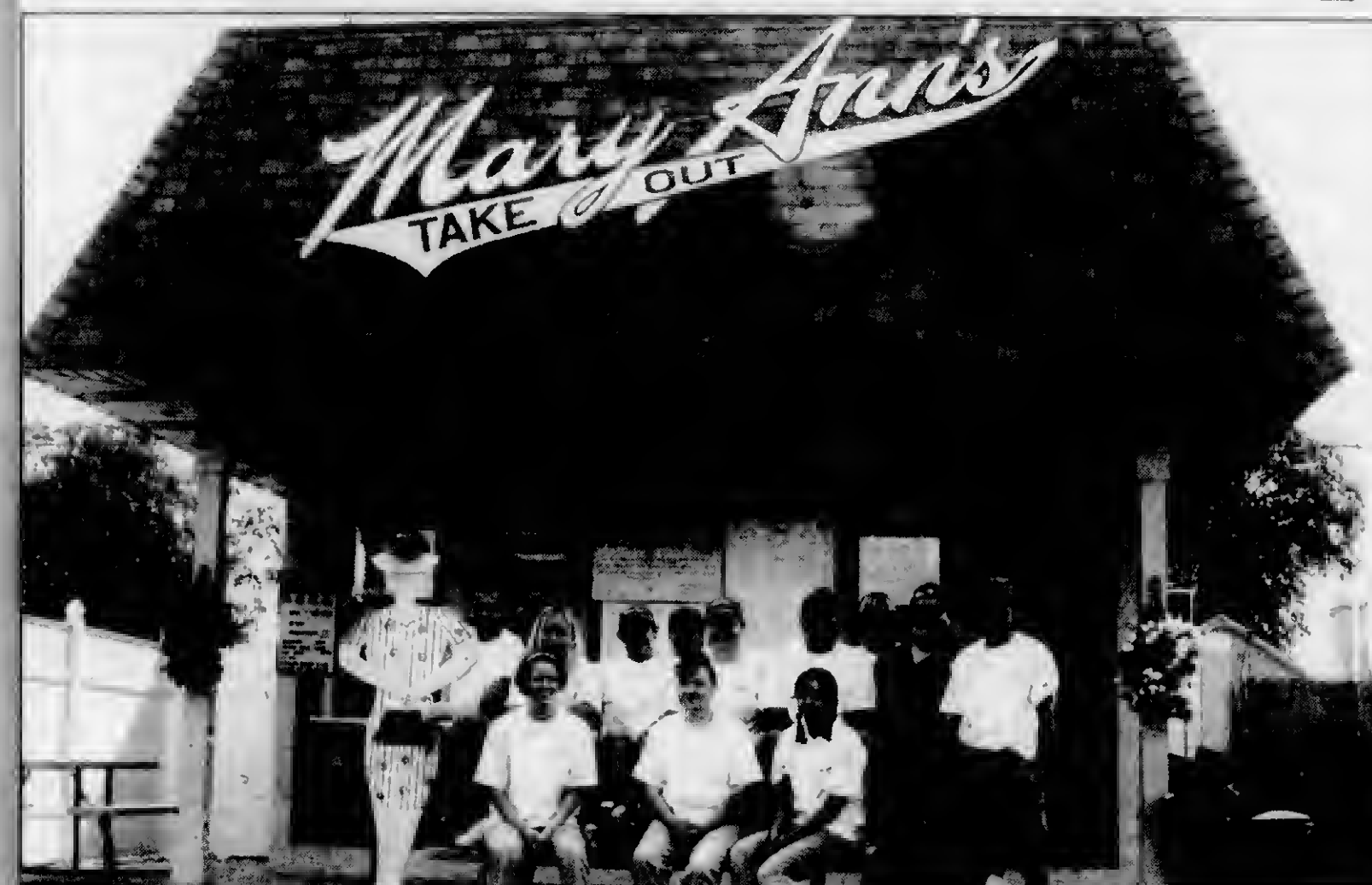


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Pictured above is the Mary Ann's Take Out Restaurant of Charlevoix staff. They are (front, from left) Charity Wynkoop, Amy Vanniman, Melissa Shepard, (middle) Andrew Kenwabikise, Carrie Silva, Aaron Hagen, Claire Ransom, Segundo Ascencio, Jill Haggerty, Lisa Nicola (back) Mary Ann Hodack, Annette Stool and Jessica Whitley.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's newest take-out restaurant, Mary Ann's, located on the south side has turned fast service and quality menu items into a strong new business.

Co-owner, Mary Ann Hodack, said the take-out stop which offers burgers, sandwiches, Coney dogs, salads and ice cream, opened on May 1 and has since reaped the benefits of its location at 1531 U.S. 31 South and its regular customer base.

"The locals have made our first two months a real success and we plan to serve them the very best for many years," Hodack said.

The site is the former location of the Silver Birch Motel, across from the Charlevoix Municipal Airport, which burned down on Jan. 18, 2002.

Hodack, 48, said this business venture was a perfect opportunity for her to pursue her lifelong dream of opening a Coney Island type restaurant. The idea came from her father, Bob Hodack of Flint, as did the secret Coney sauce recipe.

After over a year of planning,

Hodack opened the restaurant this spring with fellow Charlevoix resident, Lisa Nicola, 42, who is originally from Iowa.

Hodack is a prior owner of Juilleret's where she worked for 10 years. The two also currently own and operate Charlevoix Irrigation, an estate management business. Prior business undertakings include former ownership of Backwoods Party Store in Intron and design of Helen's, a restaurant at the Centennial Farm in Bellaire.

"We have opened and enjoyed success at four businesses in northern Michigan. We love the community and appreciate its support," she said.

Future expansion plans may include construction of a closed in entrance area and food delivery service this fall.

The restaurant employs 15 people, six of who are full-time employees. It is operated under the management of Charlevoix resident, Jessica Whitley. Current hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

For more information or to place an order, call Mary Ann's Take Out Restaurant of Charlevoix at (231) 237-9700.

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BUSINESS

Antique lovers flock to Castle Farms show July 15-16



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

There was plenty of sunshine as people from all over the area visited Castle Farms for the 8th Annual Antique Show on July 15 and 16. Everything from furniture and musical instruments, to jewelry and paintings were up for sale at this event.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Duane Weeks of Saugatuck takes a moment from assisting customers during the antique show at Castle Farms to pose in front of this bronze horse. Weeks, owner of Bird Cage Antiques, has been in the business for 30 years.

Bridge Street Book Shop to host book signing events

The Bridge Street Book Shop, will host three book signing events this week.

Dr. Dale Herder, author of "Common Sense Rediscovered" will be at the shop at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 20. The book is an analysis of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 and the implications and impact it has had on America.

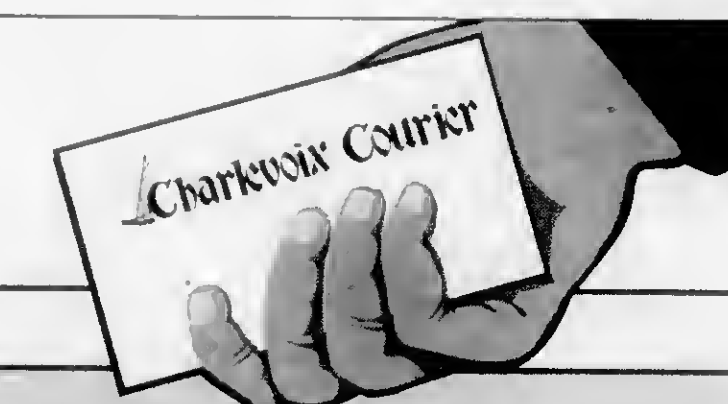
Henry Payne, illustrator of "Where Did Daddy's Hair Go?" will follow at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 21. Payne is the editorial cartoonist for The Detroit News and a freelance writer. Payne produces five cartoons a week for the News which boasts a circulation of 250,000 papers daily.

Also featured on Friday, will be Bill Broder, author of "Taking Care of Cleo." For more on Broder, see page 24.

The Bridge Street Book Shop is located at 407 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

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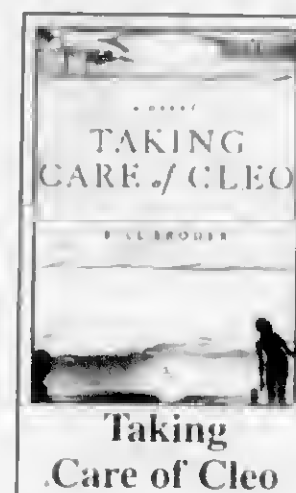
Bill Broder, author of "Taking Care of Cleo," will be signing books at the Bridge Street Book Shop at 7 p.m. on July 21.

"I love Charlevoix," Broder said. "It's very beautiful and I've always wanted to write about it." In the novel, he draws upon his own experiences of the summers he spent as a young boy in Charlevoix.

"It was the beauty of the place that I remember most," he said. "The townspeople were wonderful to us while we were living there."

"Taking Care of Cleo" chronicles one summer in the life of a Jewish family living in Charlevoix during Prohibition.

The Bearwalds own a dry goods store and have two daughters. Cleo, 20, is autistic and 18-year-old Rebecca, the narrator of the story, is anxious to escape a life-



time of "taking care of Cleo." The lives of this small family change drastically when Cleo discovers a beached yacht filled with bootlegger's whiskey and convinces Rebecca to help her

sell it.

Unfortunately, the girls attract attention from the Purple Gang, the leading Jewish gang in Detroit.

Learn what happens to the Bearwalds in "Taking Care of Cleo," perfect for a Charlevoix-themed summer read.

"It's an excellent book," said Bridge Street Book Shop owner, Jim Berlage. "It's especially good because it's all about Charlevoix in the past."

Broder's "Taking Care of Cleo"

is a finalist for this year's Great Lakes Book Award, given out by The Great Lakes Booksellers Association. Winners of this prestigious award will be announced in late August.

Copies are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop for \$24.95.

The Charlevoix Public Library also has one copy available for check-out and one copy for patrons to browse through in their Michigan Room.

Charlevoix Street Legends: More than just cool cars, it's a lifestyle



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Linda and Jim Boss of Charlevoix check out what Traverse City resident Ken Sterling has under the hood of his Ford Cobra 427 at the Street Legends Car Show July 15 in East Park.

Hundreds of classic and souped up cars lined the tiers of East Park at the Charlevoix Street Legends 14th Annual Car Show on Saturday, July 15. The show included entertainment, door prizes, games, raffles and more. Street Legends is a not-for-profit organization which has donated over \$60,000 to local charities, including Camp Quality and hospice organizations over the last 13 years.



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Street Legends has hosted its car show at various locations including Shanahan Field and Castle Farms. The club opted to move the show back to its home base, East Park, this year. Pictured above is the layout of cars.

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Venetian Festival Pro/Am Tennis event wrap-up

On Sunday, July 16, the 3rd Annual Venetian Festival Pro/Am Tennis Exhibition was held at Shanahan Field. Participating area pros included Erik Lundteigen of the Belvedere Club and Charlevoix High School; Thomas Meinac of Bay Harbor; Gary Roche of Charlevoix's Chicago Club; Maurice Orellana of Boyne Mountain; and Larry Letwin of Michigan State University. They were joined in play by Charlevoix area residents Frank Hagelshaw, Nick Kling, Stuart Mary Kaye-Goldblatt and Karen Peters.

Registration for 4-H soccer clinic and fall program is underway

Registration is underway for an upcoming 4-H soccer training clinic and the fall program. Representatives with the 4-H soccer group will be on-hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during Venetian Festival Kid's Day events on Thursday, July 20 in East Park. The training clinic, operated under Charlynn Gray, program development instructor for Charlevoix 4-H soccer, is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 14 with beginner to advanced soccer skills. Gray, who played soccer at both the high school and university levels, has also coached at each stage of play. The first session, open to students ages 9 to 14, will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. on July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2 at Shanahan Field, located near the intersection of Waller and Old Orchard roads in Charlevoix. Cost for the first session is \$50 and includes a t-shirt. The second session, open to students ages 5 to 8, will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2 at Shanahan Field. Cost for the second session is \$30 and also includes a t-shirt. Sessions will focus on footwork, technical skill development and defensive tactics. Participants are asked to bring a water bottle, shin guards, a ball if available and rain gear. For more information or to register, contact Gray at (231) 838-5808 or by e-mail at charlynn@charlevoixsoccer.com.

Country club to host benefit golf tourney

Registration is underway for the Charlevoix Country Club's Ladies Golf Tournament. The Charlevoix Country Club's Annual Ladies Golf Tournament to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital's Circle of Strength cancer program will take place on July 25. The tournament events will kick-off with a continental breakfast, followed by an 18-hole scramble and lunch. Participants are asked to form a foursome, or have tournament coordinators assign teams. The cost to participate is \$100 per player. For those who will begin with lunch and play nine holes of golf, the cost is \$80. Of the registration fee, \$35 is tax-deductible. Additional donations will also be accepted. Business sponsors are asked to sponsor a hole for \$250 or provide prizes for the event. Individuals may also sponsor a hole and celebrate the life of a survivor or remember a loved one. For sponsorship opportunities, to register or for more information, call the Charlevoix Country Club at (231) 547-1922.

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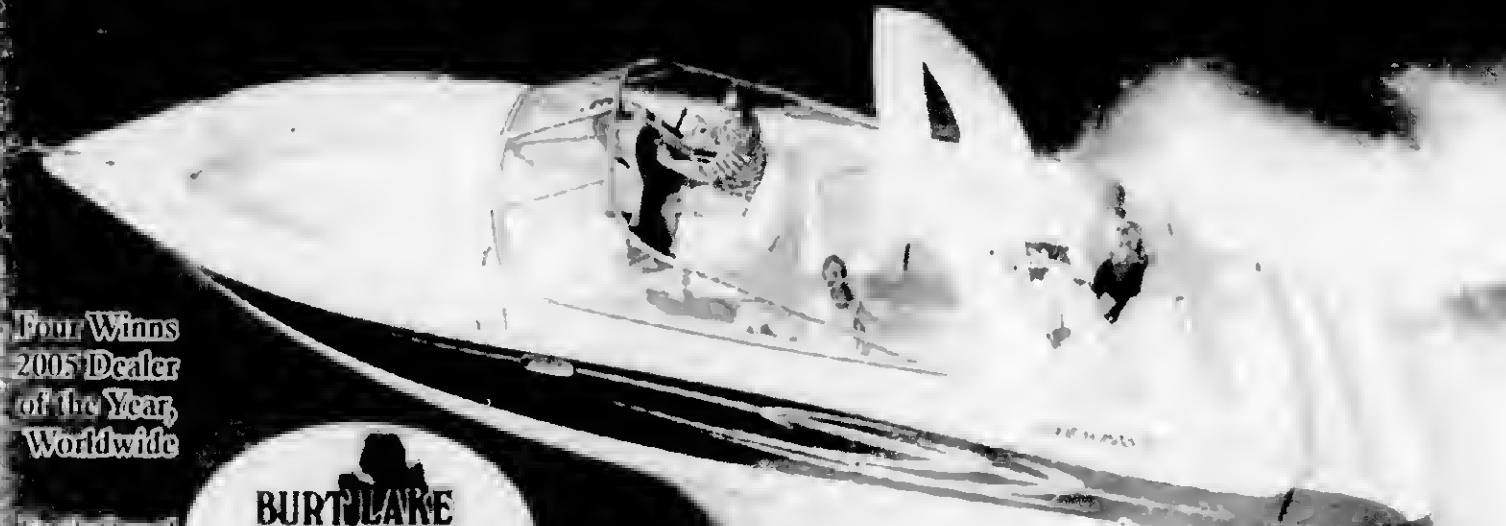
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(05-31-1f-169)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

RASPBERRY LANE PROPERTIES LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,

v

File: 06-249 -21-CH

WILLIS J. KERNS and BLANCHE KERNS, husband and wife; and CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia Corporation; Et al; and all heirs, assigns and executors of such Defendants, and any claiming thereunder,

Defendants.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)

Attorney for Plaintiff

111 State Street, Suite 1

Charlevoix, MI 49720

231/547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 7th day of July, 2006.

PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On June 8, 2006, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiff, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

In the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a Charlevoix County marker at the North quarter corner of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; Thence along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, South 00°56'56" East, 1866.18 feet (recorded as South 00°58'06" East and South 00°26'40" West 1866.55 feet) to a 1/2" rod on the Northwesterly line of the former Chicago & North Michigan Railroad right-of-way, being the

POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; Thence continuing along said quarter line, South 00°56'56" East (recorded as South 00°58'06" East and South 00°26'40" West) 119.27 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the Southeastly line of said right-of-way; Thence along said Southeastly line, North 55°50'02" East 689.25 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the center line of the former Emmet & Grand Traverse State Road; Thence continuing along the last described course, North 55°59'46" East 62.60 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the North line of said road; Thence along the North line of said road, South 87°48'28" West 189.71 feet to the Northwesterly line of said former railroad right-of-way; Thence along the Northwesterly line of said railroad right-of-way, South 55°59'46" West 62.60 feet to a 1/2" re-rod; Thence continuing along the last described course, South 55°45'02" West 462.98 feet to the

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Point of Beginning, being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants WILLIS J. KERNS and BLANCHE KERNS, husband and wife, and Defendant CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia Corporation, as above named, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before August 30, 2006. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on: September 22, 2006, at 2:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: July 7, 2006

Richard M. Pajtas

Circuit Court Judge

L(07/19, 07/26, 08/2)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

CHRIS M. FRASZ and

MICHELE M. NICKEL FRASZ,

as assignees through

HAROLD I. HAMLIN, JR., Trustee

of the Harold I. Hamlin, Jr.,

Revocable Living Trust,

U/T/A dated 11/9/1990

Plaintiffs,

v

File No: 01-1111-19-CH

HARRY A. BURKHART III,

Defendant.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Heather S. Frick (P67958)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

309 Petoskey Ave., P.O. Box 309

Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

(231) 547-9950

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On March 15, 2002, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan, entered a Default Judgment of Foreclosure. On June 15, 2006, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan amended the Default Judgment of Foreclosure in favor of the Plaintiffs, Chris M. Frasz and Michele M. Nickel Frasz and against the Defendant, Harry A. Burkhardt, III.

2. On August 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County,

I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

A part of Lot 35, Block F, of South Boyne as recorded in Liber 1, page 9, Charlevoix County Records; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the above Lot 35; thence South 103 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence North 103 feet to Main Street; thence East to Place of beginning. AND ALSO, a parcel of same above Lot 35; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence West 33 feet; thence North 53 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 53 feet to place of beginning. AND ALSO, 4 feet off the West side of Lot 36 of said plat of South Boyne.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

June 28, 2006

Sharon M. Selissen, County Clerk
L(07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 07/26, 08/02, 08/09)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

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any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 12, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Servicer

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Area events

July 19

Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a luncheon at noon on Wednesday, July 19 at the Dillworth Hotel in Boyne City. A brief business meeting will follow lunch. The owners of the Dillworth, Sue and Ray Christensen will talk about the history of the hotel and then give the panhellenic members a tour of the building. Hostesses for this day are Sylvia Boek and Sara Kolodisa.

To make a reservation, call (231) 582-9259. All panhellenic women of the area are invited to attend.

July 20

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, on the corner of U.S. 31 and Neech Street.

Donors are asked to bring an American Red Cross donor card, or photo identification.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or drop in on the day of the drive.

July 20

CMU alumni event

The College of Science and Technology of Central Michigan University is inviting alumni, friends, society members, and the public to its program on the university's Beaver Island biological station.

The program, to be presented by director of the station, Jim Gillingham, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the Depot in Charlevoix.

Refreshments will be served. Those who plan to attend are asked to contact Lori Kreiner at (989) 774-1916 or e-mail keini11@cmich.edu by Thursday, July 13.

July 21

Class of 1986 reunion

Members of the Charlevoix High School Class of 1986 are invited to attend a gathering at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 21 at the Michigan Beach pavilion.

Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass or refreshments.

For more information, contact Kristine (Austin) Roy at (231) 946-6568 or by e-mail at kristineroy@chartermi.net.

July 22

Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free gardening class, "Strategies & Plants for Parched Places" at 11 a.m. on

Saturday, July 22. Participants will learn about plants that are better suited to tough conditions, as well as ways to make your dry areas more hospitable to plants.

To register, call (231) 599-2824. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

July 25

Senior Center digner

The Charlevoix Senior Center will serve a Turkey-fundraiser dinner on Tuesday, July 25. The center is located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

July 25

City band rehearsals

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

July 26

Nature hike

The Little Traverse Conservancy is hosting Compass Camp, a summer nature program geared toward children ages 7 to 12.

Compass Camp will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday July 26 at the Ransom Nature Preserve in Charlevoix.

Participants will learn how to read a map and use a compass to follow the different routes on the preserve. Parents are encouraged to participate, as one adult will be needed to accompany each group.

Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Pre-registration is required by calling (231) 347-0991.

July 26

Panhellenic meeting II

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a luncheon at noon on Wednesday, July 26 at the cottage of Ruth and John Dyer in Wequetonsing. This gathering is the

group's annual "invite your spouse day." Hostesses will be Janet Bates, Judy Bryan, Grace Hinman, Sharon Taylor and Sue Trevarrow.

Following the luncheon the group will be entertained by their scholarship student recipient. To make reservations, call (231) 348-1197.

Aug. 1

Sunset cruise

The 9th Annual Sunset Cruise sponsored by the Charlevoix Historical Society take place on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The Emerald Isle will depart promptly at 8:30 p.m. from the Beaver Island Boat Company dock in Charlevoix. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be available and live entertainment will be provided by the Bud Bechtold Quartet.

Because of the increased cost of single-event insurance for the sale of alcohol, a cash bar will not be offered.

Tickets purchased in advance at the Harsha House Museum or the Bridge Street Book Shop are \$15 per person. Tickets purchased at the Beaver Island Boat Company dock before sailing are \$20.

For more information, call the Harsha House Museum at (231) 547-0373.

Aug. 2

Coast Guard reunion

The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival's Retiree's Reunion Dinner will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The event is open and free to all Coast Guard retirees and former Coast Guardsmen and their families.

For more information, call W.C. Boonstra, chairman of the Coast Guard Festival Reunion, at (616) 846-5940.

Aug. 4

Rayder Golf Outing

A four person scramble Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing to benefit the Charlevoix High School football program will take place on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Registration will take place at noon

and teams are expected to tee off at 1 p.m.

The cost for lunch, golf and dinner is \$80 per person. Prizes, drawings and complimentary gifts will be given.

The deadline to register is July 29. To register, make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing, 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Grange auction

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in late September in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

Bergmann sale

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix, a 501C3 non-profit organization is accepting donations for its annual garage sale to take place on Sept. 21-23 and September 28 and 29. All donations must be in good to excellent condition and clean.

To schedule an appointment for a drop off, call Kim Brock at (231) 547-2979.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The swim will not take place on July 26. The sessions will resume Aug. 2. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from July 1 through Sept. 2. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

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The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

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Local woman on 60-mile mission to quash cancer

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

Tonya Mann, 34, of Charlevoix, doesn't stroll through downtown like most people, she power walks.

She isn't window shopping or getting an ice cream cone from Kilwin's, she's on a mission.

A mission that requires a 60-mile walk in just three short days, all in the name of breast cancer research and awareness.

"My mom was diagnosed with breast cancer six years ago," Mann said. "It's a disease that affects my mom and everyone else in my family, including me."

The Breast Cancer 3-Day walk, set to take place in the Detroit area, raises money for breast cancer research, screening, treatment and education through the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust.

"I'm walking in honor of my mom, because she is an awesome person, friend, grandmother and mother," Mann said.

According to representatives of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 200,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Nearly 40,000 will die from the disease.



Photo by Kimberly Agnello

Charlevoix resident Tonya Mann will partake in the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. Here she is pictured with her son, Morgan, six months, daughter, Kiley, 4, and family pup, Bailey.

"That's why I'm walking so far, to do something bold about breast cancer," Mann said. "Plus, for me it's a personal challenge. It's something I've always wanted to do but never had the time."

So with that goal in mind, Mann has raised \$1,700, just shy of the \$2,200 she needs to reach before

the walk on Aug. 11.

She also has a coach, set up through the Breast Cancer Foundation, who gives her advice on exercising and checks up on her weekly.

"I've been trying to keep with the schedule they've given me," she said. "I just wouldn't have had a

clue how to walk 60 miles without my coach."

During the walk, she'll be trek-

Motorcycles aren't mopeds

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater wishes to advise citizens that there is a noticeable increase in the numbers of motorcycles that are being illegally registered and operated as mopeds.

The Michigan motor vehicle code 257.32b defines moped as a two or three-wheel vehicle that does not exceed 50cc, is two horsepower or less and cannot propel the vehicle at greater than 30 mph on a level surface.

Several of these vehicles have been stopped recently for speeds far in excess of 30 mph. Lasater said if the vehicle cannot conform to all of the above requirements then it's a motorcycle and the operator is required to have a driver's license with a cycle endorsement, vehicle title, registration plate, insurance and be wearing an approved helmet.

Lasater warns that fines and costs associated with operation of these "illegal mopeds" can be misdemeanors running into hundreds of dollars. A "no insurance" conviction on an operator's driving record will later subject that individual to several years additional "driver responsibility" fees

to the State of Michigan.

Pamphlets outlining how these vehicles are dealt with under

Michigan state law are available at the sheriff's office, located at 1000 Grant St. in Charlevoix.

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Double duty investigation

Prosecutor looks into legality of elected officials with dual roles

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office is investigating several local officials after questions about potentially incompatible offices were raised.

Attorney Ellis Boal of Charlevoix asked the prosecutor's office whether some elected individuals in the county are in violation of Michigan's version of the federal Hatch Act, a law enacted to prevent people from simultaneously holding jobs and elected office for the same governmental body.

"I am investigating Marc Seelye and other individuals who may have a conflict. It was brought to my attention from Ellis Boal that there's an apparent conflict with Mr. Seelye being the drain commissioner and soil erosion officer," Charlevoix County Prosecuting

Attorney, John Jarema, said. "I am looking into the laws on that conflict and am going to ask for an opinion from the attorney general's office."

The investigation into the legality of Seelye's status in both positions sparked questions about other area elected officials who simultaneously hold hired positions for the same political body, however, Jarema did not release those names by press time.

While Michigan's version of the Hatch Act does not apply to volunteer firefighters or candidates yet elected, it prevents school employees from holding

a position on the school board, a city employee from holding an office in city government and certain county employees from holding county office.

MCLA 15.403 states violators could face a 30-day suspension or removal from office.

The Michigan law was created to prevent undue influence by an office holder on his employment and to prevent supervisors from having power over the political actions of one of their employees.

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Rave reviews follow Venetian

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Venetian officials and local law enforcement agree the 76th Annual Venetian Festival occurred as smoothly as it could have.

"This is my 20th year as an officer during Venetian, and it was all typical stuff — dogs in the park, lost children, shoplifters, people vending without permits," said Charlevoix City Police Chief, Gerard Doan. "And that normally comes out on Saturday night with all the people."

He added, "This year, things went very smooth. I'm very pleased with the way everything turned out."

Doan said the number of participants, complaints and incidents were all down during the festival.

"It's been that way all summer," he said. "We had a couple shoplifting incidents where the culprits stole quite a bit of clothing articles, those were separate incidents, and three missing children — but everybody went home safe."

In addition to Doan, there were seven full-time and three part-time city police in addition to several deputies each from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and the Petoskey post of the Michigan State Police.

"We had a few disorderly arrests that were related to alcohol, no major traffic incidents," he said. "I'm real pleased with all the efforts from the officers and the good work they did this weekend."

President of Charlevoix Venetian

Festival Inc., Dan Barron, said. "We're very pleased. It seems that, by and large, our activities and events are running smoother and smoother each year due to the great effort and additional experience and wonderful efforts of our volunteers."

He added, "Especially those in key committee positions. They're capable and enthusiastic and did one whole of a job."

According to Barron, most of the events had similar turnouts to last year.

"I think the bull riding numbers were up slightly. I believe the Thursday night Trick Pony concert was the biggest turnout we've had to date in East Park," he said. "It's a wonderful feeling when we can top off the week's activities with one of the most premier fireworks displays in the country."

Barron said the 76th Venetian Saturday fireworks display was bigger and better than the one which kicks off the Kentucky Derby Festival.

"Our shell count intensity for the Saturday night display exceeded that of Thunder Over Louisville, which is typically the largest fireworks display in North America," he said. "So it really is fun to be able to wrap up the festival on that note."

Even though the Venetian Festival has only been over for a few days, Barron and his cohorts are already holding meetings and planning for next year.

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Boaters docked in the Charlevoix Municipal Marina enjoy their front row seat to the July 22 high intensity, renowned Harbor Fireworks display over Round Lake put on by master pyrotechnician, Frank Loffredo, Jr., and his assistants in Colonial Fireworks Company.

Photo by Julie Witthoef

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Lucas Ray McFarland, 24, Grand Rapids. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

Collin Ray McFarland, 57, Harbor Springs. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

Crystal Rose Hankins, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. To take intervention classes; \$200 in fines and costs.

Ryan James Whipple, 20, Wallon Lake. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. To take H. H. Critical Choices class; \$300 in fines and costs.

Saul James DeYoung, 18, Charlevoix. Breaking and entering-illegal entry without permission. Serve seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail; serve four months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; \$300 in fines and costs.

Casey James Fortune, 45, Grand Rapids. Assault/assault and battery; and entry without permission. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 20 days; to serve 73 days in jail; \$411 in fines and costs.

Cynthia Ajam Rose, 42, Boyne Falls. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 93 days; \$100 in fines and costs.

Jeremy James Rykse, 28, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Richard Joseph Lang II, 34, Elmira. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Brock Kenneth Barber, 29, St. Johns. Disorderly person/drunken. Fines and costs totaling \$500.

Robert Allen Worgess, 43, Ellsworth. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana; and use of cocaine. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two days, 343 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Kathleen Rose Walsh, 31, East

Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$650 in fines and costs.

Justin Paul Mosley, 21, Boyne City. Failure to stop after a collision. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Ryan Patrick Latham, 22, Grosse Pointe Farms. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Serve 90 days in jail; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Clayton Edward Wiseman, 23, Traverse City. Malicious destruction of property more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 18 days in jail, 324 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; to write a letter of apology; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Chores Galore, 05834 U.S. 31 South, Norwood, by Bradley Worgess

Auto Rentals 203 Mill St., East Jordan, by Connie Roberts and Ed Roberts

Boyne Process, 4101 U.S. 131 South, P.O. Box 111, Boyne Falls, by Robin D. Bashaw and James M. Bashaw

Walloon Equestrian Center, 2500 Old State Road, Boyne City, by Susan Grace Lyons and Robert Sibley Powers

Mangosteen is 4 you, 04845 Kuzmik Road, Elmira, by Lisa J. Skop

The Finishing Touch, P.O. Box 50, East Jordan, by Ryan Murawski

Tommy Tropic, 02612 South Ranney Road, East Jordan, by Thomas D. Petric

Conifer Construction, 5515 Ridgeland Road, Charlevoix, by

Gary Schmidtke

Boyne City Family Barber Shop, 210 Lake St., Boyne City, by Shirley J. Matz

Boyne Four Hunting Lodge, A Michigan Co-Partnership; 10777 Stafford Road, Boyne Falls and 275 Clute Road, Boyne City, by Elwood Hardy Sr., Lester Hardy, Stephen J. Baker and Brett A. Brooks

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jacob Isaac Terry, 21, Duncombe, Iowa and Kasandra Kay Rauszer, 24, Charlevoix

Brian James Kent, 19 and Keshia Lee McClellan, 18, both of Charlevoix

Christopher John Bearden, 25 and Nichole Rosalee McCaig, 19, both of East Jordan

Steven Paul Crandell, 29 and Regina Marlene Lacey, 32, both of Charlevoix

Harmon Canfield Grubbs Jr., 38 and Melissa Ann Snowden, 27, both of Boyne City

John Edward McLean Jr., 40 and Julie Anne Bernhardt, 33, both of Charlevoix

Lucas John-Fred Reinhardt, 24 and Katherine Louise Goebel, 24, both of East Jordan

Rocky Lee-Ailan Peters, 23 and Trisha Kay Phersons, 20, both of Boyne City

Joshua David Williams, 24 and Jessica Marie Campbell, 21, both of East Jordan

Raymond Scott Fuller Jr., 20 and Kelly Marie Hand, 20, both of

Charlevoix

Roger V. Dunstan Jr., 28 and Patricia J. Allen, 49, both of Charlevoix

Births

William Douglass Arensen weighing 9 pounds was born on July 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Heath and Kelly Arensen of Cambridge, Mass. His grandparents are Linda Douglass of Glendale Heights, Ill. and Shel and Kym Arensen of Naivasha, Kenya. His great-grandparents are Benjamin Douglass of Charlevoix and Tsabelle Hogan of Lakewood, Wash.

Gage Michael Behling weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces was born on July 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Raymond "Joe" and Jasmine Behling of Boyne City. His sibling is Kanden Hunter Behling. His grandparents are Dawn and Lindsay Thayer of Boyne City. Bill Behling and Becky Behling, both of Boyne Falls. His great-grandparents are Charles and the late Carolon Thayer of East Jordan, the late Garth and Phyllis Hall of Boyne City, Margaret and the late Raymond Behling of Petoskey, Jim and Janet Shepherd of Boyne City and the late Nancy Shepherd of Boyne City.

Ronin William Reiter weighing 9 pounds 6.4 ounces was born on July 11 to Robert and Tiffany Reiter of Traverse City. His grandparents are James and Marlo Stoneham of Charlevoix and Robert and Chris Whitten of Traverse City.

Correction

Due to a reporter's error it was stated in the July 5 "On the record" section that Charlevoix resident Steve A. Martin was sentenced to six days in jail in connection with not having an operator's license on his person. Martin was fined \$150 but was not sentenced to jail time.

Bull rider injured at Country Kickoff

A bull rider injured during the Venetian Festival rodeo was treated at Charlevoix Area Hospital and released.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office assisted City of Charlevoix emergency responders during the July 18 Charlevoix Venetian Festival Country Kickoff at Castle Farms when a 20-year-old male from Alpena was thrown from the bull he was riding.

John Bygden was seriously injured after being struck in the back of his head by the bull.

Bygden was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix EMS with head injuries. He underwent x-ray's and other treatments and was released.

Venetian Festival: Big bang small burden

VENETIAN

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"(Next year's) theme might be, 'How the heck do we do Venetian?'"

because the parks are going to be ripped up and we're going to be under construction," he said. "We are already meeting and will have half a dozen meetings alone on how to stage next year's festival."

He added, "We're going to move around and have some things that might not have worked as well in the past, but we'll make them work as well as they can for what may be a chaotic construction situation downtown."

But, Barron assured, wherever the Venetian Festival is held, it will be something to celebrate.

"Venetian will be alive and healthy next year, it's just a matter of figuring out where we'll be on any given night," he said.

East Park is expected to be under construction in conjunction with a \$4.7 million park renovation project during the 2007 Venetian Festival.

What was your favorite event at the 76th Annual Venetian Festival?



"The bagpipers play 'Amazing Grace' at the Town House after the (street) parade. If you've never seen an entire bar in tears you have to see it."

— Dan Drost, Charlevoix



"The Friday night fireworks. They were nice and loud."

— Mike Washburne, Charlevoix



"The Friday night fireworks. They were a lot better than Petoskey and Bay Harbor (July 4 fireworks displays.)"

— Sophia Cinnamon, Petoskey



"I've been doing this for 20 years — it's the most fun I've ever had. The parade, how friendly everyone is, the whole thing is worth it."

— Mike Ryckman, Brighton



"The rides. They're fun."

— Leann Bentley, Laramie, Wyo.

County officials elected and hired, is it legal?

COUNTY

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John Jarema

is in his fifth year as soil erosion officer and second year of his drain commission term, refused to answer any questions regarding the investigation, including who gave him the go-ahead to hold both offices.

"John Jarema is handling it at this point," Seelye said.

According to Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon, Seelye made close to \$3,000 last year as the drain commissioner, a position to which he was elected and his adopted salary for 2005 as soil erosion officer was \$33,182.

Charlevoix's storm water ordinance states, "Any person aggrieved by the action or inaction of the Soil Erosion Officer related to this ordinance may appeal to the Charlevoix County Storm Water Appeals Board."

One of Boal's concerns is that the same person acting as soil erosion officer and drain commissioner would have to recuse himself from all appeals therefore defeating that part of the drain commissioner's job.

According to former Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, JoAnne

Beemon, shortly after Seelye was elected, she questioned whether he could serve in both offices.

"He said he had checked into it and said it was legal for him to do that. You can make the drain commissioner the agent for soil erosion, but you can not give the soil erosion agent the responsibilities of drain commissioner," she

said. "I did talk to them (the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners) about it and I said this could very easily be solved. I said you could pay your drain commissioner a salary and then make him the soil erosion agent."

She added, "It's done all over Michigan, and it's legal."

Beemon said, while her warning

went unheeded, she doesn't think Seelye did any of this intentionally.

"Someone misinformed Marc, he is a decent guy and I think he wants to do

the right thing," she said.

The fate of Seelye and the unnamed officials now await an opinion from the Michigan Attorney General.

Weather

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July 18	90	63	tr
July 19	77	61	—
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July 23	72	59	—

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Gas price solution is just a field away



Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

Gasoline prices continue to rise and they are never coming down. And here is some more good news about gas, it won't last forever.

While smog-choked cities everywhere may rejoice, running out of fuel tops our petty complaints about spending a few more hucks on it each week.

As much as I worry about the future and our fuel situation, I still get a kick out of listening to people in the cradle of capitalism fume over high prices. Some even go so far as to demand action from their congressman. But we'll pretend asking the government to control prices isn't socialism.

Americans don't complain about capitalism when 7-year-old Chinese slaves keep store shelves packed with cheap toilet brushes and knick-knacks, but don't mess with our wheels. We want our fuel cheap, clean and renewable we can live without. And since we don't want to be controlled by Crown Prince, Short-Fuse of Bomb-bangistan, we routinely take peacekeeping trips to secure desert regions — the machine guns are a figment of your imagination.

Meanwhile, genius types worldwide debate what we should do when the crude oil disappears, and U.S. politicians promise to spend your taxes in search of alternative fuels. I guess nobody told them the technology to run a diesel engine on peanut oil has been around for 108 years.

Extremists interested in keeping this country on the dino-teat scare the rest of us by claiming alternative fuels are a communistic, tree-hugging, hippie plot.

I don't see how putting some un-

employed American farmers and autoworkers back on the job producing straight vegetable oil (SVO) and building SVO-equipped diesel engines is anti-capitalist. But what do I know.

There are some who claim SVO is harmful to engines (look for the guy wearing the Amoco hat and a T-shirt which reads, "I heart Ahmed"), yet there are many vehicles which have been running on biofuel for decades.

The problems come when someone tries to use E85 (15 percent gas/85 percent alcohol) or B100 (diesel made from veggie or animal fat) in an engine not designed to run it. Then, when it causes damage, the critics jump up and say, "See, we told ya. You can't get away from petrol."

I'm not saying oil is evil. I love my V-8 gas guzzlers, all three of them. We need fossil fuel, we just don't need it to fuel our vehicles.

Even if we became SVO dependent in the next 20 or 30 years, we would still need foreign oil. Without

it we wouldn't have Band-Aids, Tylenol, paraffin, asphalt, polyester, CDs, DVDs, surgical tubing and thousands of other products.

Some items made from oil have substitutes, but I'd rather not wear natural rubber shoes which are gummy in August and stiff in January, and I could write with a turkey feather dipped in blueberry juice, but I'd rather use a Bic.

I'm not saying it would be cheap for us to run out tomorrow and buy a diesel-powered car, equip it with an SVO kit (from \$400 to \$1,500) and spend \$5.99 a gallon on soybean oil. Though if SVO was mass-produced as a fuel, the price would surely come down.

If the auto and agricultural industries phased SVO vehicle technology in over time, we might be able to make it work.

Granted, we'd need a lot of farmland. The oil expelled from about 2-and-a-half acres of certain seeds could power an efficient diesel about 10,000 miles.

We could plead with our leaders

to help, but Rudolf Diesel invented his SVO engine in the 1890s. If they wanted to act, they would have by now.

Private sector stewards in agriculture and auto manufacturing with vision and deep pockets need to get this going.

If your red-blooded, meat eating, American machismo prevents you from switching fuels to save the planet, do it to spite all those brown-skinned boogiemens we're always trying to stabilize in far-away lands.

I'm not sure who will take responsibility for our future, but maybe we could start by contacting the secretary of agriculture and our favorite auto manufacturers with our thoughts, it could prove more useful than grinding your teeth and snarling at the gas station attendant.

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Summer brings family and community reunions



Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

We recently held a family reunion in our home and a neighbor's home.

It's nice to have good neighbors that let you move in when they aren't home. Honest, we didn't break in — we had permission to use it. Family reunions can be stressful which is probably why my husband refers to them as family rebellions. I think it went very well considering it was sweltering inside without air conditioning in either of the homes. The warm haze brought us all out onto the deck and front porch for conversation and lemonade, which also

brought back memories of days past.

The Detroit Tigers hummed on the television inside and we would occasionally send someone in to check the score. The scene was reminiscent of another time in my life when the men in the family sat in a straight line, gripping their folding chairs, intently listening to the score that emanated from the small, plastic square box. We'd hear the infrequent outburst of male voices when a player made a hit. The women of our family giggled in their own gathering which was set in a perfect half circle. They regaled sharing the latest escapades of their spouses and children while we youngsters were entertained playing badminton, horseshoes, and looking for frogs in a nearby pond. Back then, every age group was present just as it was this past weekend. We had infants in tow passed from grandma to aunt to mother, needing just as much care as the elderly in their walkers who were also visited in turn by each of us.

Everyone got along and it was especially nice to see the younger children turn into delightful teenagers.

As we sat on the front porch we listened to the chatter of the frequent passersby commenting on how we must have cooler evenings up north because the flowers are plentiful and absolutely beautiful no matter which direction they look. We also heard the occasional, "My goodness the new library is absolutely gorgeous and isn't it huge?" Our conversations were only mildly interrupted by the honk of a horn signaling a vehicle was secure for the night. The mild, click, click, click, of the sprinkler lulled us back into a dream state and the chirping of a displaced squirrel would bring us back to our senses again. I wondered what my family would take away in their memories of this trip north and thought how lucky we are to live here in an area that can bring back childhood memories.

The family was mentioning how well they slept in the clean, northern Michigan air. I was too busy thinking about meals to cook and activities to plan when my brother took notice and gently reminded me to stop and take in the beauty around me while I was able to do so. He was right. I stopped what errand I felt was so important to do and grabbed a metal skewer and took on the task of making the perfect toasted marshmallow.

As the family members started their sojourn south, it was time to prepare for yet another reunion — Venetian Festival. Whew...made it through another one unscathed and all in one piece. July 4 seems to mark the beginning of summer in Charlevoix and the Venetian Festival signals that it will soon come to an end. I always remind myself that summer is still here and the Waterfront Art Fair will be next on my list of things to do.

The Venetian Festival is a great time

to see people you haven't seen in years. It's Charlevoix's homecoming and reunion rolled into one. Only in a small town such as ours could you run a 5K in the morning, walk in the parade at noon, and work at a booth in the evening. For the parade this year I was faced with a new dilemma. When I called friends to participate and they realized they had to walk and not ride on a float I was given replies such as: "Bad feet," "Bad back," "Bad hips," and "Bad knees." My daughter reminded me that I too, am getting older and may need to pick younger people to participate in the parade.

Next year we'll get scooters for us young at hearts so we can still be together. Ahhh, summertime, family, friends, fun and next year, "scooters."

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

Pitch in with petunias

Editor:

In response to your editorial in the July 19 issue of the Courier (page 4, "A 'thanks' and 'spanks' shout out to Charlevoix").

I want to only respond to your last paragraph, regarding the petunias and the Charlevoix Public School Band Boosters, and your opinion of the state of the petunias this year.

First of all, have you talked to the any of the band boosters that have put in approximately 265 hours of time as of July 1, and many more hours during the month of July? I am sure, that these people, that have done this service for the past two years, would have a few words for you, being that they spend mornings prior to going to work, or several hours in the evening after they have put in a full day's work, weeding. Many of them would state they agree with you, that they do look "awful" this year, but they can only do so much. The weeds are definitely thriving this year, whether it is being caused by the soil, our weather conditions being extremely dry, or some other unknown factor.

The Charlevoix Band Boosters, deserve some compliments, rather than "lashing" as you put it. Where were these compliments over the past two years, when everyone took the beautiful petunias for granted?

Rather than lashing these people, why not see what can be done to help them? After all the heat that they are taking this year, I am sure that they would like to do something different next year as well. Like maybe enjoying their summer like others.

Dee Vincent
Charlevoix

'Thanks' organ supporters

Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our new organ dedication concert a success. More than \$1,200 was raised at the July 9 organ concert to go toward the organ fund. The musicians were excellent, and 30 church members ushered, baked shortcake, prepared strawberries, and helped with our strawberry shortcake reception.

There was a memorial service the following Tuesday, and we shared our

strawberry shortcake for their reception when we learned that it had been her favorite dessert and had been served at her wedding reception.

Thanks everyone who helped.
Judy Willey and Fran Tollas
First Congregational Church, UCC
Charlevoix

Traffic control mishandled

Editor:

How stupid is the Charlevoix Police Department? Tonight, following the Friday night fireworks, which were very good by the way, four policemen were standing on the sidewalk at the corner of Clinton and Bridge streets, talking to one another while the traffic light flashed yellow for Bridge Street traffic and red for Clinton traffic. At 11 p.m., traffic was very heavy on Bridge Street. Why, may I ask, were these policemen just standing there while Clinton Street traffic was at a standstill. One policeman would occasionally stop traffic on Bridge Street so pedestrians could cross. That was a nice touch but Clinton Street traffic was totally ignored. What's the matter with these people? What are they paid for, other than handing out parking tickets? Part of their job is to regulate traffic at times like tonight. They were getting paid for that job, not for standing and visiting with their fellow policemen.

Dr. Marshall H. Cossman
Charlevoix

Support Shirlene Tripp

Editor:

I began attending Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' meetings two years ago. I noticed Shirlene Tripp was at the meetings and asked her why she came. She said she likes to know what is going on in her county. She believes in open, honest and fair government and wants to do her best to make sure business of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners is done that way. Shirlene is a dedicated citizen and I think she would be good for the residents of Charlevoix County's First District.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix

Bathrooms need attention

Editor:

I am disappointed and disgusted with the condition of the bathrooms at Depot and Ferry beaches this summer. In the past I have felt that the bathrooms were not as clean as they could or should be, but this year they are even worse. A couple of weeks ago, at Depot Beach, there was feces all over the women's bathroom and this past Sunday there was no toilet paper at all. Paper was finally put in the stalls around 3 p.m. However, the restrooms were not cleaned. After all of the activity at the beaches over the weekend due to Venetian, those bathrooms should have been cleaned bright

and early Sunday morning. There are a lot of days that the bathrooms are in the same unsanitary condition that they were in the day before.

The poor lifeguards work at these beaches for eight hours a day and they have no access to toilet paper if need be. They have to use those filthy facilities and listen to all of the complaints about them.

I feel that it is a shame that "Charlevoix the Beautiful" can't keep their bathrooms clean and sanitary.

Stacey Stewart
Charlevoix

Charlevoix the Bountiful

Editor:

We are deeply grateful for each and all of you as you have surrounded us with your caring spirit during this time of John's passing. Our heartfelt thanks to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the City of Charlevoix police and fire departments and ambulance

personnel, doctors, nurses and all hospital staff who so gently softened the tragic nature of the accident by their kind and compassionate responsiveness. We want you to know how much your vital services are valued in our time of need.

A special appreciation goes out to Virginia Marme and her crew of willing assistants who so skillfully planned and served the delicious luncheon at Greensky following the memorial service. Also we recognize the newspaper reporters who captured the persona of John and communicated it so effectively.

It seems fitting to add "Charlevoix the Bountiful" to the existing "Charlevoix the Beautiful," because of all the warm and genuine expressions of concern that have been heaped upon us. We sincerely give thanks for all the blessings that have come to us.

Pat Gaskin and family
Charlevoix

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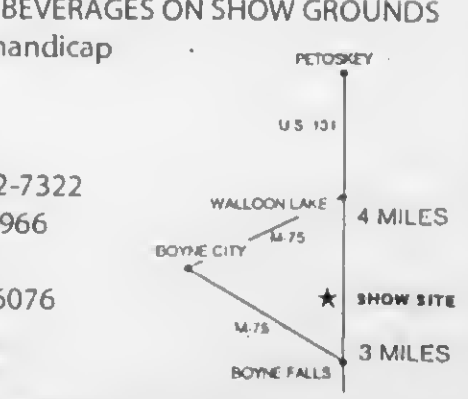
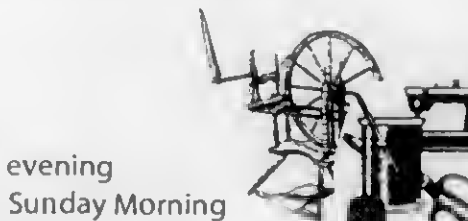
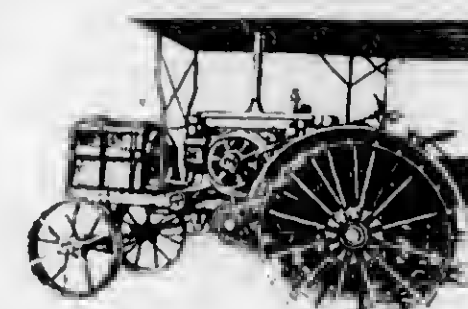
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MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006, 7:00 PM

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed amendment to Title V, Chapter 51, of the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, would amend Section 5.200 Building Heights and add a new section 5.7(7)(a) Height of building, overall of the Charlevoix City Code.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
7/19/06

COMMUNITY

Engagement

Brown — Kennedy



Tom and Sue Kennedy of Charlevoix have announced the engagement of their son Tom Kennedy to Jessica Brown of Wyoming.

Tom Kennedy graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1999. He finished a double major in mathematics and statistics in 2005 at Grand Valley State University, where he met his fiancé. He is now working as a consultant for the international accounting firm Deloitte and Touche.

Jessica Brown graduated from Rogers High School in Wyoming in 2000. She went on to pursue a teaching degree at Grand Valley State University where she graduated in 2005 with Tom. She has just finished her first year of teaching at Joy Preparatory Academy, a charter school in Detroit.

Tom and Jessica are planning an Aug. 12 wedding ceremony in Charlevoix. The reception will take place in Petoskey. After their honeymoon, the couple will return to their new house in Royal Oak to begin their life together.

Tickets on sale for historical society's Aug. 1 Sunset Cruise

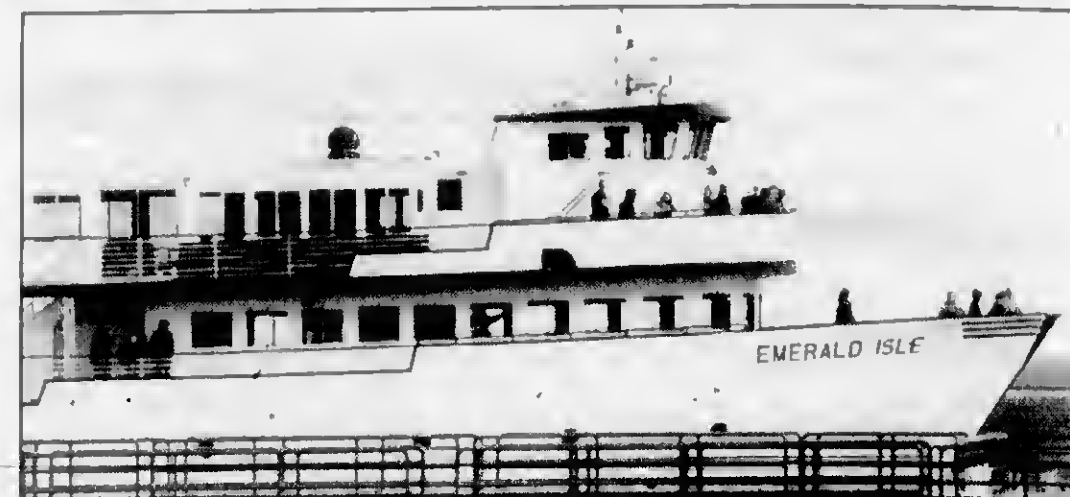
The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting its 9th Annual Sunset Cruise.

The Emerald Isle will depart promptly at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, from the Beaver Island Boat Company dock near Bridge Park in Charlevoix.

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be available and musical entertainment by the Bud Bechtold Quartet will be provided.

Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the dock the night of the event. They are available at the Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State St. and at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.



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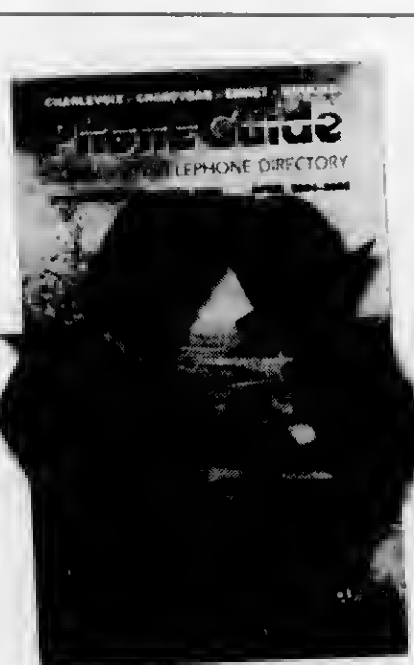
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SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/DDA MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, July 17, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI
The Charlevoix City Council and Downtown Development Authority met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present. All DDA members with the exception of John Yaroch were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- City Manager Michael Wiesner and the Mayor reviewed the revised East Park/Marina schedule and discussed options regarding start dates for the various stages of the project.
- There was general agreement by members of Council and DDA to press ahead with the schedule, despite the delayed start.
- Motion passed by City Council to direct staff to proceed with the project as quickly as possible.
- Motion passed by City Council to proceed with the sale of the East Park/Marina project bonds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. Council began regular session.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

COMMUNITY

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.



Jacob Burns

Local Marine to be deployed

PFC Jacob J. Burns of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, son of Doreen and John and brother of Erin Burns of Charlevoix, has been activated with Bravo Company, 1st BN, 24th Marine Regiment. He has been training at Camp Pendleton in California and will deploy to Iraq in September. He will be home on leave in August. A deployment open house for family and friends will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 5 at 101 Eaton Court in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 437-0842.

Livorno American High School valedictorian

Megan Elizabeth Thompson, granddaughter of Gabe and Karen Campbell of Charlevoix was the valedictorian of the class of 2006 at Livorno American High School in Pisa, Italy.

Aquinas College graduate

Marcy Bennett, daughter of Steven and Sandra Bennett of Charlevoix, earned her bachelor of science degree in business administration and Spanish on May 6, from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Central Michigan University dean's list

The following students from Charlevoix attended Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant were named to the school's spring semester honors list: Brooke Blanchard, Sarah Cross, Cortney English, Jennifer McClellan, Brittany Niswander, Lindsey Pace and Lauren Silberhorn.

Spring Arbor University dean's list

Scott Parrish, son of Jim and Faye Parrish of Charlevoix, a junior studying social studies and elementary education at Spring Arbor University, was named to the school's spring 2006 dean's list. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who have received a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

Hope College academic honor roll

Katherine Madison, a senior from Charlevoix on the track team at Hope College in Holland, was one of 172 student-athletes from Hope named to the academic honor roll of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The honor roll consists of those students who earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the 2005-2006 school year.

Olivet Nazarene University dean's list

Elizabeth Drebenstedt, daughter of Bob and Marlys Drebenstedt of Charlevoix, and Isaac Gilmore, son of Daniel and Jacqueline Gilmore of Charlevoix, sophomores at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois were named to the school's spring 2006 dean's list. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who have received a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Dave and Nancy Fowler



Dave and Nancy Fowler of Charlevoix observed their golden wedding anniversary on June 17. They were the guests of honor at a picnic type reception in the backyard of their home on Saturday, June 24.

Dave and Nancy were married on Sunday, June 17, 1956 at the First Methodist Church in Cadillac. They were high school sweethearts

graduating from Cadillac High School in 1952.

Dave, a registered pharmacist, owned and operated the Medicine Chest in Petoskey for over 25 years. After selling it to Rite Aid, he continued working there until his retirement in 1999. Nancy has always been a homemaker. They have lived in Charlevoix since 1957 when Dave graduated from Ferris

State University.

They have four children, Susan Fowler of St. Clair Shores, Tom Fowler (Barbara) of Houston, Texas, Jim Fowler of Charlevoix and Meg Kitson (Greg) of East Jordan.

They have four grandchildren, Brooks, John and Betsy Fowler of Houston, Texas and Molly and Granger Kitson of East Jordan.

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A fresh look

Those purchasing their brats and smoothies from the Alano Club during Venetian and Apple festivals this year will notice the treat trailer has a fresh new look thanks to painters Helga Strey (above) and Celia Kelly (not shown).

Library to host Paws for a Story dog introduction

Dog owners interested in participating in the Charlevoix Public Library's Paws for a Story program are invited to attend an introduction to the program at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, in the meeting room at the library.

Mild-mannered dogs and their owners can train to become a reading team for the program which will be initiated at the new library building this fall.

At the introduction event, Wendy Perrett, therapy dog owner and tester for Therapy Dogs Inc., will give tips on what to look for in a potential therapy dog, dog training and what to expect during a therapy-dog test.

There will be a video on the "read to a dog" program and Perrett and Christine Hauke, youth services librarian, will discuss the new program, answer questions and talk about training dogs to read with children.

Dogs must have a gentle disposition and have successfully completed an obedience course prior to scheduling a therapy dog test. Testing will begin in September for owners who feel their dogs are ready.

For more information, call Chris Hauke at the library at (231) 547-2651.



Courtesy photo

Dog owners interested in participating in the Charlevoix Public Library's Paws for a Story program are invited to attend an introduction to the program at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, in the meeting room at the library. (Above) Chris Keie comforts a beagle puppy from Little Traverse Bay Humane Society during the Library's Summer Reading Club.

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Zonta Club to host Literary Delights

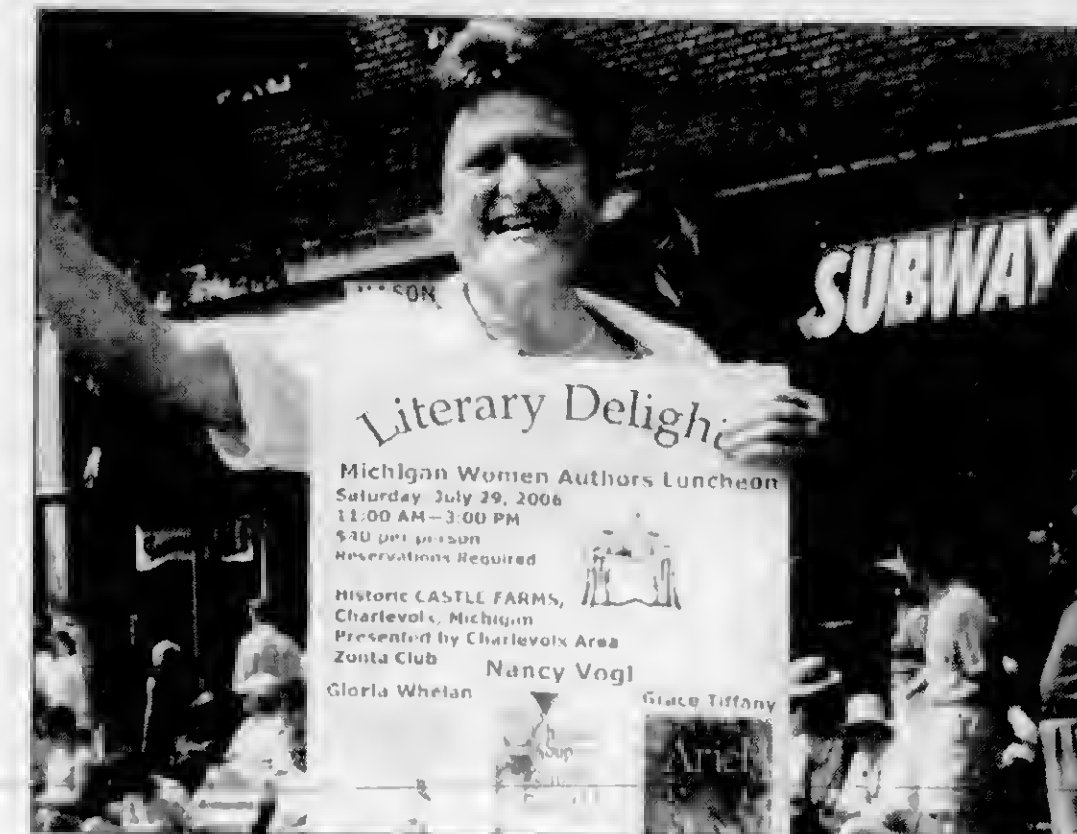


Photo by Julie Witthoft

Zonta Club member Edith Dale, of Charlevoix, proudly displayed Literary Delights information during the July 22 Venetian Festival Street Parade. The women's author event will take place on July 29 at Castle Farms.

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club will host its Second Annual Literary Delights fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The event will feature three, female authors from Michigan. They are Gloria Whelan, author of the children's book, "Listening for Lions," Nancy Vogl, author of "Chicken Soup for the Single Parent's Soul," and Grace Tiffany, author of the teen favorite, "Ariel."

Lunch is included and will be provided by Grey Gables.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased at the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix or by contacting Linda DeGrow at (231) 547-4109 or Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Proceeds from the event will be

Who: Charlevoix Area Zonta Club
What: Michigan women's author luncheon
When: 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 29
Where: Castle Farms

directed toward several initiatives the worldwide service organization supports in its effort to advance the status of women.

These include major international projects like support of micro-loans for women in Niger Africa to help them become self-sufficient and tetanus prevention in Afghanistan. Clubs traditionally send one-third of their service dollars to support these international projects.

The remaining two-thirds is directed to the club's local projects. Since the club's inception, 17 years ago, it has placed \$85,000 back into

the Charlevoix area through programs. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club presently provides \$3,500 in scholarship money annually for women planning to attend or currently attending college. An endowment fund is also available at the Women's Resource Center for women trying to improve their employment status. Another success has been the club's Sights on Success day-long event offered free-of-charge to sixth through eighth-grade girls aimed at helping participants make good life choices.

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Well Being Day Spa opens doors

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Services: Massage, bodywork, aromatherapy

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

Charlevoix resident Lindsey Lewis recently opened a new business called The Well Being Day Spa, specializing in massage, bodywork and aromatherapy.

"I'm just thrilled that I'll be able to offer my knowledge and skills to the community of Charlevoix," Lewis said.

The Well Being, located at 1516 Bridge St., features a quiet environment for patrons who want a traditional Swedish massage or something a little more soothing like a hot stone or deep tissue massage.

"I like it because it's just me here in my spa," Lewis said. "Most places are a spa and a salon, and it's not very peaceful when someone's next to you getting their hair blown dry or you can smell the perm chemicals while you're trying to receive aromatherapy."

Lewis graduated from The East-West

College of the Healing Arts, known as "The Harvard" among massage schools.

The Well Being carries an all-organic product line made in the United States called Florapathies.

"I looked specifically for a company that would support the American economy because it's very important to me and my business," Lewis said.

She also does private parties, girls' retreats, works in conjunction with Castle Farms for bridal showers, and plans to increase her services to include facials and waxing by early next year.

"I've always loved massage," Lewis said. "It's so relaxing and tranquil."

Before opening The Well Being, Lewis worked as a manager and massage therapist for Bellini's European Spa in Portland, Ore.

To make an appointment with Lewis call (231) 237-9455 or visit The Well Being between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



Photo by Kimberly Agnello

Charlevoix resident Lindsey Lewis (above) recently opened a new business called The Well Being Day Spa, specializing in massage, bodywork and aromatherapy.

Chamber Concerts in the Park lineup

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has released the following lineup for its 2006 Charlevoix Concerts in the Park.

Performances take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 29 through Aug. 31.

The Charlevoix City Band will perform each Tuesday.

• July 27 — Petoskey Steel Drum Band

• Aug. 3 — Jelly Roll Blues Band

• Aug. 10 — Pine River Jazz

• Aug. 17 — Chris Dominic

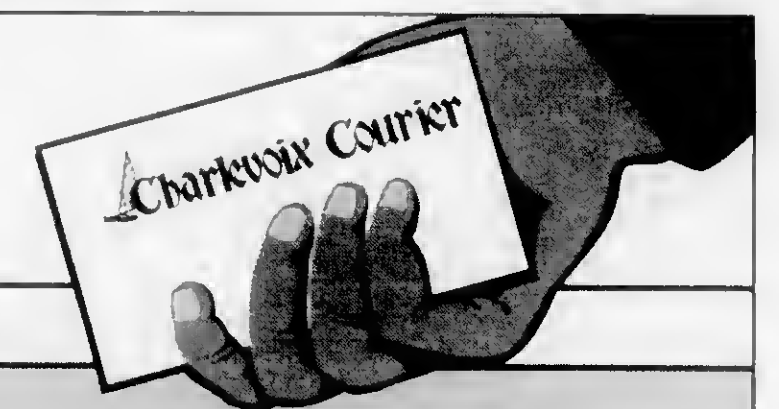
• Aug. 24 — University of Michigan Friars

• Aug. 31 — Northwind Brass

Concerts will be moved to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue should it rain.

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Shabby Girls relocates



Shabby Girls Salon & Day Spa has moved to a new location. Pictured at left (left to right) is Glenda Wilhelm, a stylist, and Judy Kline, an esthetician, at the the Shabby Girls location — an expanded in-town site offering complete health and beauty services in a relaxed and comfortable setting. The expanded hair salon and day spa is now located at 801 Bridge St. in Charlevoix where spa owners have utilized eye-pleasing colors and textures to create a unique hair salon and spa environment. The new facility is conveniently located and spacious, yet affords privacy for all clients. Tea on the front porch can even be arranged upon request. Shabby Girls, the full service hair salon and day spa, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call (231) 237-0799.

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Fiber Arts Festival on tap this weekend at the Castle

Castle Farms guests will enjoy an introduction to the fiber arts this weekend. A Fiber Arts Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 29 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 30 at Castle Farms, located off M-66.

Attendees can visit live animals; enjoy interactive demonstrations in weaving, spinning, natural dyeing and felting; watch sheep dogs at work; enjoy 4-H Club members as they put their llamas through their paces in an obstacle course; see how sheep are shorn and talk to vendors who are fiber artists and shepherds in their own right. The younger set can enjoy story corner, doing a woolly craft, playing old time games or even taking a pony ride.

A new highlight for 2006 is the fiber art fashion show that will take place each afternoon. Models will walk the runway in garments and accessories created from commercial yarns and the fiber of the types of animals on display. Many of the items showcased in the fashion show are original designs by Michigan fiber artists.

During this event, Castle Farms will host more than 50 vendors with hand made goods including painted yarn, al-



Courtesy photo

The Fiber Arts Festival this weekend at Castle Farms will feature materials and goods from vendors like those pictured above.

paca toys, original lace shawls, sweaters, hats, mittens, soaps, rugs, knitting accessories and more.

Admission at the door is \$5 per person. Children under five are admitted free-of-charge.

For more information or a list of vendors and participants, visit www.castle-farms.com.

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Charlevoix County's 6th Annual 4-H Community Service Learning Project, "Take A Day On" took place on June 28. Students left Charlevoix early in the morning aboard the Emerald Isle ferry and traveled to Beaver Island. On Beaver Island, they learned about the recycling efforts that are taking place and were encouraged to conserve natural resources.

The program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

Cross country ride ends in Charlevoix

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"I would spend a lot more money to get a better seat," he said.



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After peddling his bike over 2,000 miles from Arizona, Tom Swanson is pictured above arriving in Norwood on July 12.

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(Above) Patty Sitzema of Charlevoix waves to the crowd during the July 22 Venetian Festival Street Parade from the Charlevoix Area Community Pool float. (Below) Miss Charlevoix 2006 Zita Anderson, who was crowned on Friday, July 21, rides with her court in the street parade.



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Pictured above is "Got Bugs," the first place winner in the small boat fleet for the 76th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival Boat Parade. It's owners are Gary and Becky Collier, of Traverse City.



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(Left) Bursts of color fill the sky over Round Lake during the Saturday, July 22 fireworks display. A larger display took place on Friday night and was shot off a barge located near the shore of Depot Beach.

Boat parade results

A total of 22 boats participated in the "Venetian on Broadway" themed 76th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival Boat Parade.

Results for Saturday, July 22:

Small Boat Fleet (Less than 40-foot overall length): 1 — Got Bugs "The Got Bugs Crew presents 'South Pacific,'" Gary and Becky Collier, Traverse City; 2 — Alternative Rock "Jazzing up the Boat Parade with George Benson's 'On Broadway,'" Bryan and Sandy Burley, Harbor Springs; 3 — Summer Semester "A Venetian 'Yankee Doodle Dandy,'" Richard and Julie Giddens, Cadillac.

Large Boat Fleet (Greater than 40-foot overall length): 1 — Luv Shak "Grease," Mark and Peggy Snyder, Traverse City; 2 — The 5 OH! 8 "Cats," Glenn and Val Mueller, Charlevoix; 3 — NoName "South Pacific," RJ and Danelle Kistka, Grand Rapids.

Director's Choice Award, given for daylight decoration, dockside presence and hospitality: 1 — NoName "South Pacific," RJ and Danelle Kistka, Grand Rapids; 2 — Got Bugs, "The Got Bugs Crew presents 'South Pacific,'" Gary and Becky Collier, Traverse City; 3 — Luv Shak "Grease," Mark and Peggy Snyder, Traverse City.

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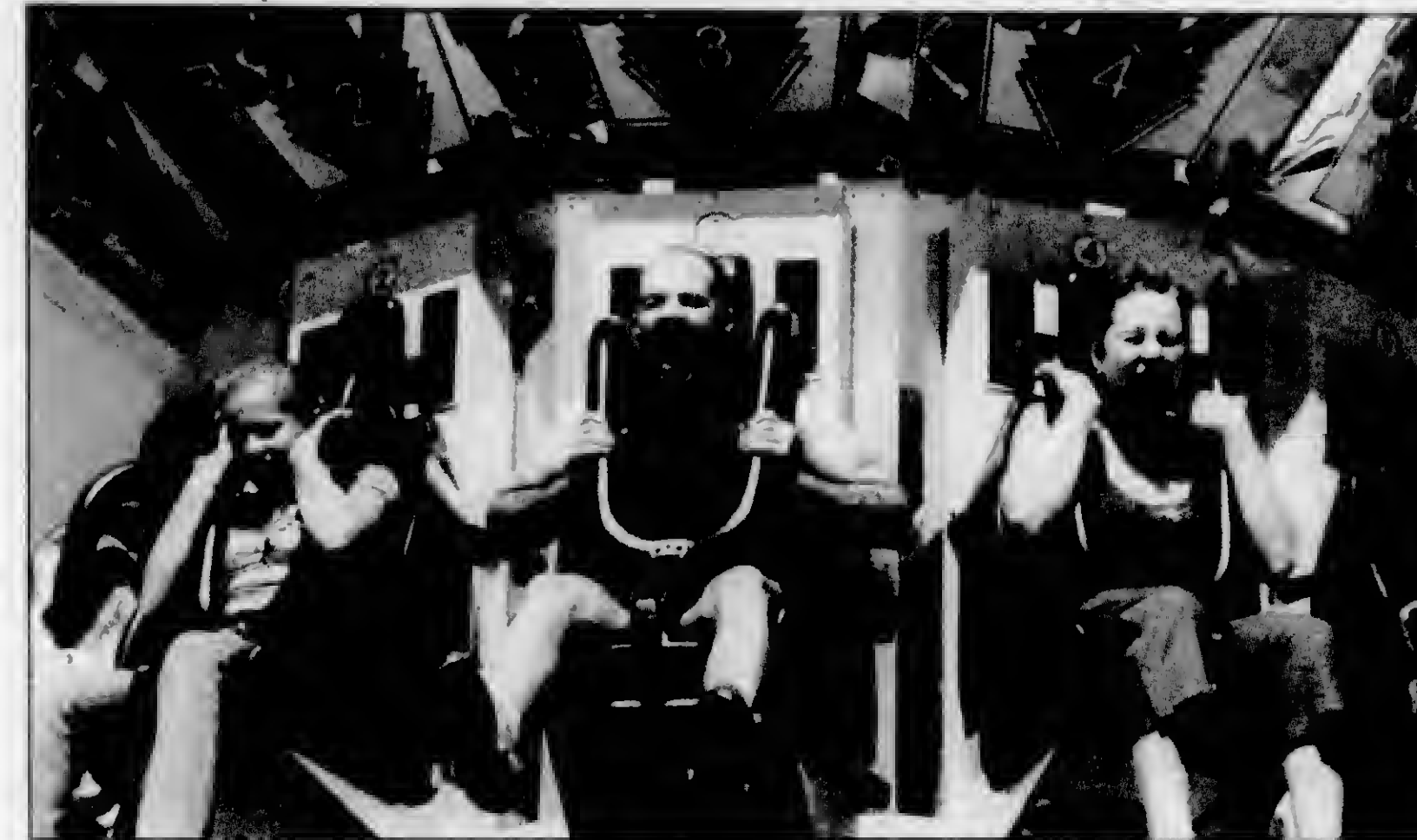


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The Mega Shot, a new ride of Skerbeck Brothers Shows, climbed 90-feet into the air and free-fell down. (Center) James Liberty and his sister (right) Lauren Archer of Detroit squeal during the free-fall.



Photo by Julie Witthoelt

Performances by the Ragamuffin Theatre Troupe were some of the many free events available to Kid's Day participants on July 20. (Above) Molly Corcoran of Charlevoix sings a solo number from the Lion King.



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Peyton Miller, 3, of Petoskey, munches cotton candy at the Venetian carnival.



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Bamberg named Community Mental Health clinic supervisor



Kathryn Bamberg

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Bamberg has been employed with

North Country Community Mental Health since 1997 as an outpatient therapist. Bamberg earned a master of arts in clinical psychology from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

Prior to working for North Country Community Mental Health, she worked for the Department of Defense in Wiesbaden, Germany, where she completed additional training with the U.S. Army's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Control and Prevention program. She subsequently worked as an outpatient therapist at Pawnee Mental Health

Center in Manhattan, Kansas; as a home-based provider on Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota; and as an outpatient therapist for CHIP Counseling in Bellaire.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services to residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego counties experiencing a severe emotional problem, serious mental illness or developmental disability. For more information about the agency, visit www.norcoemh.org or call (800) 834-3303.

Flywheeler Club to host Lasater book signing event

The Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheeler Club will host a book signing with Charlevoix County Sheriff and author, George T. Lasater.

Within the pages of Lasater's "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," readers will discover compelling stories of heroism and historic photographs that detail the experiences of local soldiers who fought in World War II. The book lists men and women from Charlevoix County who served, including those who moved into the county after the war and made contributions to the

community. Lasater will be signing his book at the Northern Michigan Antique-Flywheeler Engine and Craft Show at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29 at the show grounds, located three miles north of Boyne Falls off U.S. 131. Copies of the book will be available on the show grounds at the Flywheeler Club Booth.

A portion of the book sales during the engine show will be donated to the Flywheeler Club and a portion of all sales will go toward building a World War II Memorial in Charlevoix County.

Tech improvements at NWA



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Co-administrators Cindy Romero and Gary Stutzman of Northwest Academy gladly accept a server and 11 computers with 15-inch flat screen monitors from Dann Balesky, director of marketing for Bay Winds Federal Credit Union. The computers will benefit each classroom and the computer science lab.

Charlevoix County Democrats to host pig roast on July 30

The Charlevoix County Democrats will host a Pig Roast from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 30 at Whiting Park, located at 5820 Lake Shore Drive in Boyne City.

The event will feature bar-b-q chicken, a roasted pig, live music, live and silent auctions, soft drinks, iced tea and lemonade.

This year's annual Democratic potluck picnic will also include opportunities to meet with national and local politicians, as well as radio personalities.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Those who attend are asked to bring a dish to pass and swimsuits.

Congressman Bart Stupak will lead the group of candidates which will also

include Tom Hay Bauer, candidate for the 105th State House District; Sharon Unger, candidate for the State Senate from the 37th District; Denise Hinch, candidate for University of Michigan Board of Regents; and several candidates for local offices, including First District Charlevoix County Commissioner and pig roast organizer, Saltonstall. Radio personality, Shawn Peterson, will also be a featured guest.

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Charlevoix Children's House offers the opportunity for families to apply for full or partial scholarships for the school year and Summer Discovery Camp. The school serves children ages 2-and-a-half to 6 years old within the Montessori curriculum.

The scholarship program is reliant on donations and fund-raising efforts. Therefore, the amounts awarded fluctuate from year to year.

The Montessori curriculum offers a unique learning environment and school administrators encourage families to familiarize themselves with the school before requesting a scholarship application.

For more information on the Charlevoix Children's House or to schedule a visit, call director Barbara Godwin-Chulick at (231) 547-5599. Or visit www.charlevoixchildrenshouse.org.

To request an application, contact Dianne Dreyer, school administrator, by e-mail at ddreyer@norcoemh.org.

Official Notice CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 8, 2006 primary election has been scheduled for Monday, July 31, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to mark the ballots using the AutoMARK equipment marks the ballots in the appropriate manner to be tabulated and counted in the manner prescribed by the law.

Carol A. Ochs,
Charlevoix City Clerk

Painting Tradition wins Battle of the Bands



Courtesy photo

(Left) Painting Tradition band members accept their award on July 19 in Bridge Park following the announcement of their first place finish in the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Battle of the Bands. They are (from left) Tyler Bier (guitar/back up vocals), Ryan Seelye (bass), Adam Wager (guitar/vocals) and Nate Turner (drums), all of Charlevoix. The five-band rock and blues battle featured local, student-age musicians who cranked out 20-minute sets of original work. Painting Tradition took home \$175.

Official Notice

Charlevoix Public Library

Schedule for regular meetings
July 6, 2006

Regularly Scheduled Meetings of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees will be set as the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. The August and September meetings will be held in the meeting room of the library at 109 Clinton St. The October through July meetings will be held in the new library at 220 Clinton St.

August 10, 2006	January 11, 2007
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006, 7:00 PM

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed amendment to Title V, Chapter 51, of the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, would amend Section 5.188 Development Plan subsections 5.188 (2), 5.188 (3), and 5.188 (6) of the Charlevoix City Code.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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New leader steering Coast Guard station



Photo by Julie Witthoef

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Coast Guard Station Charlevoix's newly inducted officer in charge, Scott Boop, hit the water running.

Since being inducted on June 30, Boop has responded to routine responsibilities like lake patrol. But he's also had to tackle serious incidents like stranded boaters in Harbor Springs and a July 2 boat explosion at Charlevoix's Ferry Beach boat launch. Then, early last week, Boop was be-bopping all over town meeting with local law enforcement in an effort to stage a safe Venetian Festival.

After the whirlwind start, Boop, 34, finally caught his breath during the Venetian Festival's July 22 street parade when he rode in the Coast Guard's 25-foot boat alongside his wife, Jennifer, and children, Aidan, 1, and Addison, 2 months.

The brief break was welcomed, but Boop said since enlisting with the Coast Guard when he was 19 he has always enjoyed "being part of the action."

Boop was promoted from executive petty officer stationed in Port Huron to officer in charge at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix in the wake of the retirement of John McLean Jr.

At the local station, he oversees 19 Coasties and four reservists in law enforcement and search and rescue responsibilities from Traverse City to Cross Village and out to Beaver Island.

In accepting the new position, he said the workload doesn't present his greatest challenge.

"There's always a challenge in taking on something new. I couldn't do it without the loving support of my friends and family," he said.

"I'll also have to keep guys motivated in the winter and do ice rescue which I haven't done in quite a few years," he added.

While Boop was not in charge of the local Coast Guard station when the recently decommissioned cutter Acacia was stationed in Round Lake, he said he supports a new ice breaking vessel being brought in to replace it.

"It would definitely benefit Charlevoix. We are good neighbors to the city and having more good neighbors won't hurt. I would love to see another ship here. The newer ships coming on-line add law enforcement and additional search and rescue help in this area," he said.

The Boop family moved to the Norwood area from Port Huron in January. However, due to his continued duties at the southern Michigan post, Boop commuted north on weekends until he was officially reassigned on June 1.

He is a Cleveland, Ohio native. Having grown up on Lake Erie, he said his new Great Lakes post is a perfect addition to his professional pursuits and the new surroundings appeal to his family's affinity for the outdoors.

Boop is also currently enrolled in an on-line legal studies program through the University of Maryland. He is scheduled to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in legal studies. He said he may go on to pursue a master's degree locally.

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ELECTION NOTICE NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING CITY/TOWNSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD AUGUST 8, 2006

To the qualified electors of the following City/Township notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

Governor
United States Senator
1st District Representative in Congress
37th District State Senator
105th District State Representative
7th District Judge of Probate District Court
County Commissioner - Districts 1 thru 6
City Mayor and Councilmembers
(City of Charlevoix)
Township Supervisor (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Clerk (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Treasurer (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Trustee (to fill vacancy, if any)
Precinct Delegates

And to vote on the following proposal (s):
(if any)

EVELINE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE
PROPOSAL ONE MILL FOR TWO YEARS

HUDSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT OF
EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL ONE MILL FOR
SIX YEARS

HUDSON TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE
RENEWAL PROPOSAL TWO MILLS FOR
FOUR YEARS

MELROSE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL FOR
COUNTY ROADS 2 MILLS FOR FOUR
YEARS

MELROSE TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PRO-
POSAL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERA-
TION ONE-HALF MILL FOR FOUR YEARS

MELROSE TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PRO-
POSAL FOR FIRE SINKING FUND FOR
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ONE-HALF MILL
FOR FOUR YEARS

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP RENEWAL
PROPOSAL FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION
AND MAINTENANCE 1 MILL FOR FOUR
YEARS

NORWOOD TOWNSHIP RENEWAL
PROPOSAL FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE
EMERGENCY SERVICES ONE-HALF MILL
FOR FOUR YEARS

PEAINE TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PRO-
POSAL FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND
MAINTENANCE ONE MILL FOR
FIVE YEARS

PEAINE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL FOR
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ROAD CON-
STRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ONE
MILL FOR SIX YEARS

PEAINE TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PRO-
POSAL FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
ISLAND'S MEDICAL CENTER TWO MILLS
FOR FOUR YEARS

PEAINE TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PROPOS-
AL FOR THE OPERATION AND MAIN-
TENANCE OF THE AIRPORT THREE-
FOURTHS MILL FOR FIVE YEARS
PEAINE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL FOR
BEAVER ISLAND DISTRICT LIBRARY

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ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PRO-
POSAL FOR FIRE PROTECTION ONE
MILL FOR FOUR YEARS

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POSAL FOR THE OPERATION OF THE
ISLAND'S MEDICAL CENTER TWO MILLS
FOR FOUR YEARS

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP RENEWAL PRO-
POSAL FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND
MAINTENANCE TWO MILLS FOR FOUR
YEARS

ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL FOR
BEAVER ISLAND DISTRICT LIBRARY
SERVICES AND OPERATIONS ONE MILL
FOR FOUR YEARS

COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTY-
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IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
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Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk or the Township Clerk listed below.

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The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock am and
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List of all polling place locations:

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Boyne City, 49712
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Boyne Valley Township Hall
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448-2389 Fax 448-2462

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Boyne City, 497120
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Charlevoix City Hall
210 State St.
Charlevoix, 49720
547-3250

East Jordan Civic Center
101 Civic Center Lane
East Jordan, 49727
536-3381

SPORTS

Skatepark scholarship fund honors Patsy Ramsey

The fundraising board of Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., a local non-profit organization, has established a scholarship fund to honor their board trustee, Patsy Ramsey, who recently passed away.

Patsy had a vested interest in getting the local skate park concept on its feet. She, along with her son, Burke, and Zeke Daman did the first presentation to Charlevoix City Council in March 2004 promoting the park idea and need

for a facility in Charlevoix. She was actively involved for the first year, then became a trustee due to her health. She was a park volunteer in 2004, and helped with the capital campaign and many of the grants that were written.

Burke Ramsey, is an avid skateboarder and serves on the advisory board of students for the park. Scholarship applications will be reviewed and funds transferred to the City of Charlevoix as needed.

Donations may be sent to CCS Inc., Patsy Ramsey Scholarship Fund, 08455 Stolt Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information, contact Laura Stebe at (231) 675-4505.

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SPORTS

Spartans end Junior Golf summer league play on top

The Charlevoix County Junior Golf summer league concluded its season July 23 with the Spartans going undefeated.

The Belvedere Golf Club hosts the Sunday evening four-week league and into the final night there was the possibility of a three team tie for first place. However, consistent scoring by the Spartans clinched the title from the Chippewas and Bulldogs, who finished tied for second.

Top scorers from the Spartans were Thomas Rich scoring a 46, Jeremy

Dominey and Ryan Holloran with a 47 each, 54 by Jerry Christin and Molly Cahill's 61. Kyle Parker's 41 stood as the medalist for the season.

The Bulldogs and Chippewas were both 2-1 and the Wolverines were 0-3.

The Junior Golf program, in its eleventh year, conducts lessons twice weekly for young golfers ages 8-17. There were 135 registered in the program this year. League play is for advanced players who go through a tryout and a written rules test.

Pop Warner Football and Cheer registration is Aug. 1 and 2

Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading registration will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1 and Wednesday, Aug. 2 in the gymnasium at Charlevoix Middle School.

Divisions are children ages 8 to 10 who are under 105 pounds and children ages 10 to 12 who are under 140 pounds.

The season registration fee is \$75. Scholarships are available.

Charlevoix Middle School is located at 108 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix.

For more information, call Mike Gauthier at (231) 547-6273.

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Venetian Games croquet results

The Open Division of the Venetian Croquet Tournament ended in a tie.

The Open Division championship game ended in a tie and participants opted against a tie breaker. Instead they named themselves co-champions.

Marie and Tim Volovsek appeared to have won but the team of Burton and Gina Engel tied them on their last shot.

"It was a great battle and the decision was that both deserved to win so the tie stayed," Venetian Games commissioner, Dean Davenport said.

In the key match between the City of Charlevoix team and the

Charlevoix Township team which determined which fire truck would lead the July 22 Street Parade, the city team of Bo and Ike Boss emerged victorious for the second

year in a row.

In the Service Club Division, the Kiwanis team of Dave Burzyck and Terry Edger won for the second year in a row defeating Zonta.

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Charlevoix Yacht Club Venetian Regatta results

Sailors in the Charlevoix Yacht Club's summer racing series recently sailed in the Venetian Cup Sailing Regatta, the LaBlanc Memorial Cup race and regular season competition.

The July 19 Venetian Cup Sailing Regatta was sailed in moderate winds and attended by 22 boats. For boats registered with the Charlevoix Yacht Club, the race was also the fourth of the summer series.

On account of shifting winds and the possibility of a dying breeze, the course was shortened to three windward-leeward legs. In the P-26 fleet, boats Cygnus and Tireless were a close one second apart. The overall for the Venetian Cup Regatta went to Hoi Polloi, with the fastest corrected time. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for the July 19 Venetian Cup Sailing Regatta are:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Exitus (Pung); 2 — Sonnett (Lepmann).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Cygnus (Stewart); 3 — Tireless (Carland); 4 — Original Sin (Miller); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (Pine); 2 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 3

— Suzie Q (Kelly); 4 — Four at Play (Herald); 5 — M3 (Carey); 6 — What's Her Name (Robinson); 7 — Fairret (Seymour).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 5 — MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — 616 (Thomas).

Summer series results after four races with one drop:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (3); 2 — Exitus (5); 3 — Sonnett (9).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (4); 2 — Tireless (6); 3 — Lost Vermonter (7); 4 — Original Sin (10); 5 — Apothecary (14).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Suzie Q (5); 2 — Tie: Paleface Lite and Thunderstruck (6); 4 — Four at Play (9); 5 — What's Her Name (12); 6 — M3 (16); 7 — Fairret (20).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (4); 2 — Hoi Polloi (5); 3 — Booma (8); 4 — Sail La Vie (11); 5 — MJ2 (12).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Tie: Moxie and Affinity (5); 3 — Northern Light (8); 4 — Tie: Padawan 2 and 616 (13); 6 — Windrunner (14).

The LaBlanc Cup was sailed in

heavy winds, with some gusts over 30 knots. Twelve boats participated in the race, which consisted of a course from Charlevoix to Beaver Island on Saturday, July 8 and from Beaver Island to Charlevoix on Sunday, July 9. Race results provided by Keith Attee.

Results for Saturday, July 8:
Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Apothecary (Ochs); 2 — Blasen IV (Juries); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra).

Spinnaker Division 1: 1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — Eclipse (Hiser); 3 — Windswept (Smolenskyak); 4 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 5 — Suzie Q (Kelly).

Spinnaker Division 2: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — Go Blue (Pike); 4 — Northern Light (Orlow).

Results for Sunday, July 9:
Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Booma; 2 — Apothecary; 3 — Blasen IV.

Spinnaker Division 1: 1 — Windswept; 2 — Sail La Vie; 3 — Eclipse; 4 — Hoi Polloi; 5 — Suzie Q.

Spinnaker Division 2: 1 — Affinity; 2 — Moxie; 3 — Go Blue; 4 — Northern Light.

Overall results:
Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Apothecary; 2 — Booma; 3 — Blasen IV.
Spinnaker Division 1: 1 — Windswept;

2 — Hoi Polloi; 3 — Eclipse; 4 — Sail La Vie; 5 — Suzie Q.

Spinnaker Division 2: 1 — Moxie; 2 — Affinity; 3 — Go Blue; 4 — Northern Light.

Light winds called for a shortened course for the July 12 third summer series race. Twenty-four boats participated in the race, which consisted of three windward-leeward legs. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for July 12 are:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Exitus (Pung); 3 — Sonnett (Lepmann).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (Stewart); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 4 — Original Sin (Miller); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Four at Play (Herald); 2 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 3 — What's Her Name (Robinson); 4 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 5 — M3 (Carey); 6 — Fairret (Seymour).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 4 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 5 — MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3

— Moxie (Jensen); 4 — Northern Light (Orlow); 5 — 616 (Thomas).

Carey Cup junior golf champs announced

The Charlevoix Venetian Games Carey Cup Golf Champions for the juniors division are as follows:

- Boys ages 14-16: Ty Jones who shot a 41.
- Girls ages 14-16: Montant Dominey who shot a 57.
- Boys ages 12-13: Thomas Rich
- Girls ages 12-13: Jordan Vanmeter
- Boys ages 10-11: Jackson Buday, Girl's -
- Girls ages 10-11: Kelly Parker
- Boys ages 8-9: Walker Drost

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Michigander event cruises through



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Over 600 bicyclists riding in conjunction with the Michigander event biked through Charlevoix on July 20. The tour takes participants from Big Rapids to Mackinaw City. Last week they passed through Charlevoix en route to Harbor Springs — the last stop in their trek to Mackinaw. Here Cameron McKenna of West Bloomfield leads a pack of friends along the Bridge Street side-walk.

Summer baseball wraps season

Hayes, Telgenhof, Turkelson & Groat, an 18 and under baseball team featuring players from Charlevoix and Traverse City, recently finished play in the Traverse City American Legion Babe Ruth League in Traverse City.

The team finished with a 5-10-1 mark playing teams from Traverse City Central, Traverse City West, Traverse City St. Francis, Glen Lake, Kingsley, Benzie Central and Leelanau St. Mary high schools.

"Although our record wasn't what we had hoped, I was happy with the dedication of our guys, especially the guys who made the trip down each week from Charlevoix," coach Allen Telgenhof said. "These guys were dedicated to continuing their season and improving as baseball players. That is only going to help them and our Charlevoix baseball program out down the road."

Playing from Charlevoix on a reg-

ular basis were Danny Waldron, Ty Telgenhof, Mike Kras, Jon Putman and Chris Waha. Other Charlevoix players were Sam Balasz, Ethan Towsley, Kyle Jones, Matt Teuscher and Eddie Waldron.

"It was an especially good opportu-

nity for our pitchers to get some extra work," Telgenhof said. "It was nice for them to get a chance to play with players from other schools as well, since we had guys from Traverse City Christian, Traverse City West and one all the way from Maryland."

Bob Klooster men's fast pitch softball tourney is July 28-30

The 3rd Annual Bob Klooster Memorial men's fast pitch softball tournament will take place July 28-30 on the Carpenter Street fields in Charlevoix.

Seven teams will be competing, including local favorites as well as one team from Elliot Lake, Ontario which will be making its first trip to Charlevoix.

Each team will play four games and the top two teams will compete in a one game championship at 1 p.m. on Sunday to determine the tourney champ.

The tourney will begin with three games at 6:30, 8 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday night. Play will pick up again at 9 a.m. on Saturday and will con-

For tournament bracket information visit:
www.masad21.org/klooster.html

tinue through the last scheduled game at 9 p.m. that night. Games will resume at 8 a.m. on Sunday. And the finals will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

The tournament bracket has been posted at www.masad21.org/klooster.html.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, July 17, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present. The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the Mayor's appointment of Dale Meredith to the Compensation Commission.
- Motion passed approving the HUD grant for the Senior Center and authorizing the Manager to sign the documents.
- Motion passed to purchase a utility vehicle for the Street Department for \$64,990.
- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the documents for the lighthouse restoration and maintenance contract.
- Motion passed accepting the bid from Al Shindorf Builders for exterior renovations to Brookside Cemetery Chapel, pending certain contingencies.
- Motion passed setting public hearings for August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for the following proposed ordinances:
1) an ordinance to amend Sections 5.188 (2), 5.188 (3), and 5.188 (6) of Title V, Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code.
2) an ordinance to amend Section 5.200 and add a new Section 5.7(7)(a) to Title V, Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code.
- Resolution 2006-07-12 adopted proposed Charter amendment for November 2006 ballot: Proposal 12, Board of Review Meetings.

[NOTE: Proposals will be printed in their entirety at a later date. Proposals along with a summary of the Charter section affected are available at the Office of the Clerk, City Hall, 210 State Street.]

Council adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Venetian tennis tourney results Slo-pitch softball scores from July 10, 12 and 17

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival Tennis Tournament results are as follows:

Girls and Boys ages 11 and under singles: Winner, Gunnar Lundteigen; finalist, Garret Lundteigen.

Boys ages 12-15 singles: Winner, William Larsen; finalist, Logan Kline.

Boys ages 12-15 doubles: Winners, William Larsen and Logan Kline; finalists, Anton Volovsek and Sammie Sell.

Boys ages 16-18 doubles: Winners, Justin Klooster and Trevor Mays; finalists, Eddie Waldron and Jared Hunt.

Women's singles: Winner, Kathy Hauelsen; finalist, Laura Kemp.

Men's singles: Winner, Matt Novotny; finalist, R. Ellingham Hanna.

Women's doubles: Winners, Aileen Lipshaw and Mary Kaye Goldblatt; finalists, Claudia Scherer and Karen Peters.

Men's doubles: Winners, Nick Kling and Frank Hagelshaw; finalists, Mike Colman and Stuart Goldblatt.

Rayder golf team tryouts Aug. 10 and 11 at Belvedere

Two 18-hole rounds of golf to qualify for the Charlevoix High School golf team will take place 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10 and Friday, Aug. 11 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

All interested boys and girls must have physicals to tryout.

For more information, contact Jim Glynn at (231) 347-6484.



Courtesy Photo

Boys ages 12-15 doubles winners in the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Tennis Tournament (from left), William Larsen and Logan Kline, stand with finalists, Anton Volovsek and Sammie Sell.

Senior men's doubles: Winners, Nick Kling and Frank Hagelshaw; finalists, Tom and Phil Moore.

Mixed doubles: Winners, Mary Kay and Stuart Goldblatt; finalists,

Nick Kling and Karen Peters.

Senior mixed doubles: Winners, Roger Postmus and Karen Peters; finalists, Frank and Connie Hagelshaw.

Registration underway for Aug. 4 Rayder Golf Outing

A four person scramble Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing to benefit the Charlevoix High School football program will take place on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Registration will take place at noon and teams are expected to tee off at 1 p.m.

The cost for lunch, golf and dinner is \$80 per person. Prizes, drawings and complimentary gifts will be given.

The deadline to register is July 29. To register, make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing, 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis - July 12, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. in East Jordan on July 12, 2006. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the June 28, 2006 meeting as presented.

Motion appointed Commissioner Roloff as the officer delegate to MERS Annual retirement meeting.

Motion approved Resolution #06-045, P.A. 416 Grant Amendment and authorized the Sheriff to sign said amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #06-046, Purchase of Additional Credited Service.

Motion approved Resolution #06-047, Interlocal Agreement for Deputization.

Motion approved Resolution #06-048, Award Proposal.

The meeting was adjourned.
Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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SPORTS

Thompson had three hits, one was a home run and one was a double. Chris Waha had two hits, one of which was a home run. Jim Lentz, Brett Erskine and Doug Waha each had three hits.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 10 games, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Flight Deck 17-7.

In game two, Boss Engineering bested How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating by a score of 13-1. For Boss, Scott Boss had an in the park home run.

Men's slo-pitch rec league softball teams continued their season on July 10, 12 and 17.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 17 games, How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating bested Ace Hardware by a score of 15-8. For How About Bob, Nate Teuscher had four hits and Matt Burt, Cody Crain, Matt Kochany and Mike Teuscher each had three hits.

For Ace, Tom Moore had four hits and Nate Golovich and Brad Waldron each had two hits.

In game two, Boss Engineering beat Flight Deck 9-8. For Boss, Craig Boss, Jake Teuscher and Kyle Jones each had two hits.

For Flight Deck, Nick Cole and Dave Beckwith each had two hits and Ethan Towsley had two hits, one of which was a home run.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 12 games, Flight Deck beat How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating by a score of 21-4. For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman had three hits, one was a triple and Casey Crain had four hits.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Ace Hardware 18-4. For Carlson's, Mike

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LOST ITEMS 073

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ANTIQUE SALE 096

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(07-26-1-170)

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File No. 06-011006-TV

In the matter of THE JOHN FREDERICK SHARROW REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 15, 1978, AS AMENDED

LEGAL NOTICE 210

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at 9:30 a.m. at the Charlevoix County Probate Courtroom, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose:

To allow the Petition for Sale of Real Estate owned by The John Frederick Sharrow Revocable Living Trust Dated June 15, 1978, as amended, for a sum lower than the appraised value.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

CHESTER K. STRONG

whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

HOFFMAN & HOFFMAN
Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
102 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9941

Louis J. Hollow: Successor Trustee of the John Frederick Sharrow Revocable Living Trust.
103 Marina Bluff
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-0588

L(07/26)

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Probate Court, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose:

Hearing on Petition with regard to Trust Distribution

July 18, 2006

BRANDT FISHER ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

James R. Modrall, III (P56083)
1241 E. Eighth Street, PO Box 5817
Traverse City, MI 49686-5817
231-941-9660

Vicki L. Benedict
18784 Heavenwood Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE OF HEARING
File No. 06-011006-TV

In the matter of THE JOHN FREDERICK SHARROW REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 15, 1978, AS AMENDED

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT

NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ANDREW KOSC PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 258, PAGE 372, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST (RECORDED AS SOUTH 32 DEGREES WEST) 1/2 INCH ROD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 225.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 354.77 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 33.05 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 225.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 387.82 FEET (RECORDED AS NORTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST) ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF THE KOSC PROPERTY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE THEREOF BEING 30 FEET WIDE AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75 AS RECORDED IN DEED, LIBER 274, PAGE 807, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Citizens Bank

By:
H. DOUGLAS SHEPHERD (P64560)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: July 24, 2006
L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 08/23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210
STATE OF MICHIGAN - JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

PLAINTIFF: Daniel Ray Kayser
V.
DEFENDANT: Karen Elizabeth Kayser

TO: Karen Elizabeth Kayser

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720 on or before August 18, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

July 18, 2006

Judge Richard M. Pajtas
L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09)

LEGAL NOTICE 210
STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

RASPBERRY LANE PROPERTIES LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company,
Plaintiff,

V.
File: 06-249 -21-CH

WILLIS J. KERNS and BLANCHE KERNS, husband and wife; and CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia Corporation; Et al; and all heirs, assigns and executors of such Defendants, and any claiming thereunder,
Defendants.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiff
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231/547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 7th day of July, 2006.

PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On June 8, 2006, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiff, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:
In the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a Charlevoix County marker at the North quarter corner of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; Thence along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, South 00°56'56" East, 1866.18 feet (recorded as South 00°58'06" East and South 00°26'40" West 1866.55 feet) to a 1/2" rod on the Northwestern line of the former Chicago & North Michigan Railroad right-of-way, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; Thence continuing along said quarter line, South 00°56'56" East (recorded as South 00°58'06" East and South 00°26'40" West) 119.27 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the Southeastern line of said right-of-way; Thence along said Southeastern line, North 55°50'02" East 689.25 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the center line of the former Emmet & Grand Traverse State Road;



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Thence continuing along the last described course, North 55°59'46" East 62.60 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the North line of said road; Thence along the North line of said road, South 87°48'28" West 189.71 feet to the Northwestern line of said former railroad right-of-way; Thence along the Northwestern line of said railroad right-of-way, South 55°59'46" West 62.60 feet to a 1/2" re-rod; Thence continuing along the last described course, South 55°45'02" West 462.98 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants WILLIS J. KERNS and BLANCHE KERNS, husband and wife, and Defendant CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia Corporation, as above named, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action

as may be permitted by law on or before August 30, 2006. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on: September 22, 2006, at 2:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: July 7, 2006
Richard M. Pajtas
Circuit Court Judge
L(07/19, 07/26, 08/2)

LEGAL NOTICE 210
STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

CHRIS M. FRASZ and
MICHELE M. NICKEL FRASZ,
as assignees through

HAROLD I. HAMLIN, JR., Trustee of the Harold I. Hamlin, Jr., Revocable Living Trust,
U/T/A dated 11/9/1990

Plaintiffs,
v
File No: 01-1111-19-CH

HARRY A. BURKHART III,

Defendant,

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.
Heather S. Frick (P67958)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
309 Petoskey Ave., P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231) 547-9950

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On March 15, 2002, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan, entered a Default Judgment

of Foreclosure. On June 15, 2006, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan amended the Default Judgment of Foreclosure in favor of the Plaintiffs, Chris M. Frasz and Michele M. Nickel Frasz and against the Defendant, Harry A. Burkhardt, III.

2. On August 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the above Lot 35, thence South 103 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence North 103 feet to Main Street; thence East to Place of Beginning. AND ALSO, a parcel of same above Lot 35; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence West 33 feet; thence North 53 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 53 feet to place of beginning. AND ALSO, 4 feet off the West side of Lot 36 of said plat of South Boyne.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

June 28, 2006

Sharon M. Selissen, County Clerk
L(07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 07/26, 08/02, 08/09)

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Hundred Twelve and 37/100 Dollars (\$61,812.37) including interest at 8.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made an provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on AUGUST 11, 2006. Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: One Square Acre out of the Southwest corner of the following described parcel: A part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; Commencing 56 Rods East of the Northwest corner of said Northeast one-quarter; thence East 24 Rods; thence South 38 Rods; thence West

24 Rods; thence North 38 Rods to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 12, 2006

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Area events

July 29 Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class, "Shade Lovers," at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 29. To register, call (231) 599-2824.

Pine Hill Nursery is located 10 miles north of Elk Rapids off U.S. 31.

Aug. 1 City Band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the hand room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wuejick at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

Aug. 1 Sunset cruise

The 9th Annual Sunset Cruise sponsored by the Charlevoix Historical Society take place on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The Emerald Isle will depart promptly at 8:30 p.m. from the Beaver Island Boat Company dock in Charlevoix. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be available and live entertainment will be provided by the Bud Bechtold Quartet.

Because of the increased cost of single-event insurance for the sale of alcohol, a cash bar will not be offered.

Tickets purchased in advance at the Harsha House Museum or the Bridge Street Book Shop are \$15 per person. Tickets purchased at the Beaver Island Boat Company dock before sailing are \$20.

For more information, call the Harsha House Museum at (231) 547-0373.

Aug. 2 Coast Guard reunion

The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival's Retiree's Reunion Dinner will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The event is open and free to all Coast Guard retirees and former Coast Guardsmen and their families.

For more information, call W.C. Boonsra, chairman of the Coast Guard Festival Reunion, at (616) 846-5940.

Aug. 2 Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a "guest day" luncheon at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Birchwood Country Club in Harbor Springs. Members are urged to bring a friend.

John Agria, a photographer from Bay View and New York will present the program.

The hostesses for the day are Mary Sue Hanson, Nancy Palmer and Sue Deuchler. To make reservations, call (231) 347-3360.

Aug. 4 Rayder Golf Outing

A four person scramble Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing to benefit the Charlevoix High School football program will take place on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Registration will take place at noon and teams are expected to tee off at 1 p.m.

The cost for lunch, golf and dinner is \$80 per person. Prizes, drawings and complimentary gifts will be given.

The deadline to register is July 29. To register, make checks payable to Rayder Footbal Outing, 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Aug. 5 Deployment open house

PFC Jacob J. Burns of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, son of Doreen and John and brother of Erin Burns of Charlevoix, has been activated with Bravo Company, First BN, 24th Marine Regiment. He has been training at Camp Pendleton in California and will deploy to Iraq in September. He will be home on leave in August. A deployment open house for family and friends will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 5 at 101 Eaton Court in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 437-0842.

Aug. 5 Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class, "Lakescaping," at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5. To register, call (231) 599-2824.

Pine Hill Nursery is located 10 miles north of Elk Rapids off U.S. 31.

Grange auction

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in late September in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

Bergmann sale

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix, a 501C3 non-profit organization is accepting donations for its annual garage sale to take place on Sept. 21-23 and Sept. 28 and 29. All donations must be in good to excellent condition and clean.

To schedule an appointment for a drop off, call Kim Brock at (231) 547-2979.

Skatepark hours

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark is open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The swim will not take place on July 26. The sessions will

resume Aug. 2. The cost is \$3.50. For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from July 1 through Sept. 2. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

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Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

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Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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Looking back at Charlevoix families in the 1940s



Marilyn Boss
'Days gone by'

So many memories are brought back as I write about the people who lived in Charlevoix in 1940. The directory put out by the Charlevoix Courier was accurate, and very well done. Glen V. Mills was the solicitor and compiler of the book. As I wind down my articles on those people, I hope you have enjoyed reminiscing as much as I have.

Percival Ross and his wife, Phoebe, lived at 202 Nettleton St., with their daughter, Mary Jane.

Rachel Routley was a widow (Matthew) and lived at 304 West Lincoln St. William Lusk also lived there.

Albert Rowe and wife, Anna, lived at 107 Park Avenue. He was a salesman. Their children were Carl, William and John.

Ervan A. Rueggeger was the Probate Court Judge. He and his wife, Mary, lived at 447 Pearl St. in Boyne City.

Carl and Ruth Russell lived at 502 Newman St. He worked at Petoskey Portland Cement Company. Their children were Gerald, Jack, Elaine, Richard and Donnie.

Milton Russell and wife Mabel lived at 402 Newman St. He was

one of the best stone masons Charlevoix ever had. Their children were Howard, Douglas, Reda, and Robert.

Robert and Myrtle Russell lived at 404 West Hurlbut. He was a butcher.

Miles T. Russell and wife, Ruth, lived at 202 East Hurlbut. He was a driver for Charlevoix Coal and Ice Company. Their children were Kenneth, Juanita and Maxine. As far back as olden pictures of Charlevoix go, the Russell family was present. I have looked at many of them, and there are little fellows in the crowd, and the family resemblance is remarkable.

Charles Saganek and his wife, Agnes, lived at 202 Ferry Avenue. He was a laborer. Their children were Gladys and Charles H.

Michael and Leona Saganek lived at 501 West Garfield. Their children were Albert and Elmer. He was a machinist at the Shapton Machine Shop. Michael Saganek was a blacksmith. He lived at Robinson and Sherman.

Annie Saltonstall was a widow (Brayton) and lived at 408 Mason St. Gilbert Saltonstall was her son, and he and his wife, Charlotte lived at 200 Lewis St. He was a physician, and had his office at 112 Clinton St.

George and Ila Sarasin lived at 1210 Bridge St. Their sons were William, Clayton, and Robert.

Max Scamehorn owned Mac's Fishing Camp, located at 227 Belvedere Avenue on Round Lake. He lived in a small house there, and rented his dock in the summer.

Walter and Reda Scott lived at 410 Antrim St. Lee Scott also

lived there. Walter was a carpenter, and Reda was a waiter at Min-Eva Cafe.

Alice Scroggie was a widow (William) and lived at 537 Petoskey Avenue.

Ida Sears lived at 103 West Dixon. She was the mother of Frank Sears, who owned Sears Dock and Dredge in Traverse City. His company did a lot of the pile driving on the docks downtown Charlevoix, using a steam operated pile driver.

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Coryell Severy and his wife, Eileen, lived at 101 Ferry Avenue. He was a foreman for the Pere Marquette Railroad.

Raymond and Lottie Seymour lived at 108 East Upright. He was a laborer. Roberta Seymour also lived there. She was an assistant to Frederick Young Jr., a dentist.

Versal and Irene Seymour lived at 106 West Lincoln Avenue. Their children were Marian, Carol and Michael K.

Official Notice

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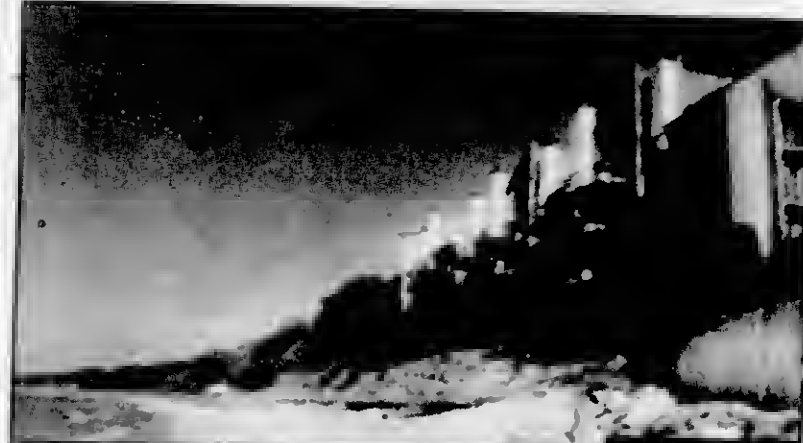
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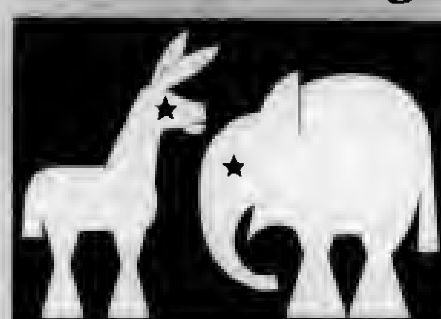
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The Courier has assembled a package of stories focused on the Aug. 8 primary election.

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Farewell Jim



Jim Kanine, the current assistant principal and athletic director at Charlevoix High School, has accepted a position at Petoskey High School.

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China 1 owners quarantined

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Two Charlevoix restaurant owners, each facing eight felony charges and two misdemeanors in connection with alleged money laundering, embezzlement and tax fraud, are being held in Sault Ste. Marie.

Yong Shen Dong, 38, and Yuzhen Chen, 35, husband and wife who own and operate China 1 in Charlevoix's Glen's Plaza, are in the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Sault Ste. Marie for deportation status and Dong has been tested for tuberculosis.

According to Jane Sundmacher, coordinator of marketing and public relations for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, no reports of tuberculosis.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Owners of Charlevoix China 1, Yong Shen Dong and Yuzhen Chen, are in the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Sault Ste. Marie for deportation status and Dong has been tested for tuberculosis. The two were taken into custody on July 12 following a search of the restaurant.

Locals embark on African mission trip

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Last week, a group of Charlevoix residents readied themselves for an experience that is next to impossible to prepare for.

On July 27, a group of 12 Charlevoix Community Reformed Church parishioners gathered to receive vaccinations and a vision tutorial before leaving July 31 from Detroit for a medical mission trip to Uganda.

"It's about being a part of something a lot bigger than ourselves. Something that lasts. I'm sure it will be life changing," said Charlevoix resident, Jessa Martin.

While the core of the Team Uganda group is drawn from the Community Reformed Church, six other people are joining them including a pharmacist from Kansas, a registered nurse and two average Joe's from Oklahoma, an East Jordan resident and two people from Grand Rapids.

This is the second mission trip to Uganda the church has sponsored. They also sponsor trips to Guatemala and will co-sponsor a team that will travel to Ukraine in May 2007.

The first Uganda mission, a 17-day trip, took place last summer. During that excursion, a team of 17 treated nearly 1,400 patients, 60 percent of



Photo by Julie Witthoft

These Charlevoix area residents are part of an 18-person team that left July 31 on a two-week mission trip to Uganda. They are (front, from left) Dennis VanGuilder, Laura Kenny, Terry Smith, Ana Smith, (middle) Jessa Martin, Don Trimper, (back) Nate Martin, Bruce Deckinga, Brian Carson, Paula Strange, Angela Snyder and Pat Klooster.

which were children under the age of 13, for conditions ranging from worms to HIV/AIDS.

Don Trimper, a Charlevoix resident, will lead the team again. A retired physician, Trimper has participated in more than 15 missions in Ukraine,

El Salvador, Ethiopia, Romania and Kenya.

"It's a tremendous rush. You meet people you would otherwise never have a chance to know or meet. You get a lot more than you put in," Trimper said.

The team, which includes a total of three doctors and two registered nurses, is similar in size to last year, but Trimper said he expects them to treat about 2,000 patients.

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District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Christopher Scott Ciesielski, 23, Canton. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; \$100 in fines and costs.

Samantha Jo Meachum, 19, Gaylord. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; \$100 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Charles Glenn, 43, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant by motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

John Angus Graham, 22, East Jordan. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Clifford Dale Simons, 44, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 40 days in jail, to serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 42 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,635 in fines and costs.

Zachary Alan Slate, 20, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to con-

sume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; submit to PBT/urine test; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Mark Allen Turnbull, 22, Boyne Falls. Possession of marijuana. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for two days, 163 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$905 in fines and costs.

James Earl Hansma, 53, Pontiac. Use of cocaine; operating while license suspended-first offense. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve 20 days in jail, 146 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,905 in fines and costs.

Marvin Henry Ruis, 58, Beaver Island. Impaired driving. Serve 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Nathan Daniel Shawano, 18, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve

41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend impact weekend; \$830 in fines and costs.

Sean Richard Gee, 23, East Jordan. Attempted resisting/obstructing police. Serve 10 days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Connie Jean Nelson, 46, Ellsworth. Check-insufficient funds, less than \$100. Serve 12 days in jail; \$368.76 in fines and costs.

Demetrius Alexander Burks, 19, Boyne Falls. Operator minor with a blood alcohol content. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$930 in fines and costs.

Casey Douglas Dougherty, 22, Petoskey. Attempted insufficient funds-checks, three within 10 days. Serve 30 days in jail; \$937.66 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court
The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Tony James Taylor, 26, Detroit. Count one: Attempted criminal enterprises-conducting. Count two: Conspiracy to

embezzle-financial institutions. Count three: Conspiracy to embezzle from a vulnerable adult-\$200 or more, but less than \$1,000. Serve 12 months in jail with credit for 109 days, to serve 10 months in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$3,091 in fines and costs.

Terri Lynne Dailey, 41, East Jordan. Larceny in a building. Sentenced to two days in jail with credit for two days, to serve two days in jail; serve 18 months probation; \$725 in fines and costs.

Anne Marie Sierocki, 25, East Jordan. Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$880 in fines and costs.

Kevin Alan Griffin, 46, Boyne Falls. Operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquors-third offense. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 70 days, to serve 270 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$1,570 in fines and costs.

Lewis Andrew Sevanski, 34, Vanderbilt. Larceny in a building. Sentenced to 64 days in jail with credit

for 64 days, to serve 64 days in jail; \$235 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Russell Goodburn Construction, 01096 Peninsula Road, East Jordan, by Russell Goodburn

Bookwork Solutions, 402 East St., Boyne City, by Yvonne Looze

Kim's Quality Painting, 712 Wenona St., Boyne City, by Kimberly Sue Roe

Chores Galore, 05834 U.S. 31 South, Norwood, by Bradley Worgess

Auto Rentals of EJ, 203 Mill St., East Jordan, by Connie and Ed Roberts

Marriages
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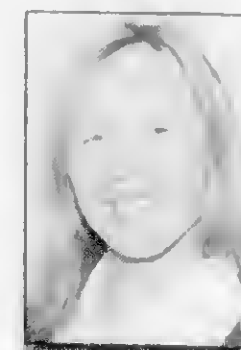
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John Howard Lowery II, 22 and Kelly Lynn Strong, 21, both of Boyne Falls

Jimmy K. Yearly Jr., 47 and Leanne R. Yearly, 40, both of Noblesville, Ind.

Scott David May, 34 and Christian Gail Vincent, 25, both of Boyne City

Gail O. Gagnon, 49 and Mia M. Emo, 40, both of Boyne City

Divorces
The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Franklin Thomas Hosler vs. Ann Marie Hosler

Cloyce Carl Miller vs. Nora Ann Miller

Joleen Churski vs. Gary Churski

Rebecca Lynn Glatfely vs. Chester Owen Morris

Births
Kaydance Amara Breithaupt weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces was born on July 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jacob Breithaupt and Nean Lewis of East Jordan. Grandparents are Chad and Diane Breithaupt of Boyne City and Pat and Penny Lewis of East Jordan. Great-grandparents are Jerry and Pat Sweet of Deer Park, Peter and Joan Lewis of East Jordan and Lucille Alward of Boyne

City.

Ashlyn Nicole Giem weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces was born on July 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kevin and Amanda Giem of Boyne Falls. Her sibling is Kara Giem. Her grandparents are Norman and Vera Baker of Boyne Falls, Ken Giem of Boyne Falls and Kathy Giem of Williamsburg.

Samuel John Wilson weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born on July 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to John and Jennifer Wilson of East Jordan. His sibling is Garrett Wilson. His grandparents are Robert and Lucille Malpass of East Jordan and Robert and Sheila Wilson of Boyne City. His great-grandparents are Carl and Doris Grutseh of East Jordan, Ed and Naomi Baker of Boyne City and Aubrey Wilson of Boyne City.

James Paul Parrish weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born on July 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Heather Parrish of Charlevoix. His sibling is Samantha. His grandparents are Paul and Sharon Parrish of Charlevoix and James and Laurie Keller of Charlevoix. His great-grandparent is Victory Frantz of Spring Lake.

Blake Garrett Griffin-Potter weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces was born on July 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Gary and Megan Griffin-Potter of Boyne City. His grandparents are Gary and Jody Potter of Charlevoix. Sandy Griffin of Boyne City and Tom Ford of Boyne City. His great-grandparents are Garrett and Bertha A. Potter of Charlevoix, Eleanor Coblenz of East Jordan and Theresa Ford of Petoskey.

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Team Uganda gets to work

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Hosted by the Washington-based World Outreach Ministries Foundation (WOMF), members will be housed, fed and transported to several remote villages northeast of the Ugandan capital Kampala, in southern Uganda, to deliver care.

During the last couple days of the two-week trip, some group members, including Martin, will split off and travel to Lweje Island in Lake Victoria to treat members of a remote fishing village.

While the team plans to bring medical assistance to the people of Uganda, Bruce Deckinga, a surgeon, said their own health is their greatest concern.

"Infectious diseases is the number one concern — malaria, typhoid, contaminated wells," he said.

Personal safety was not a concern during the 2005 mission trip.

Uganda lies within a volatile and developing region of east Africa. It borders Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has been active in northern Uganda — an area visited by the team — and in March 2004, two Americans were murdered there. In May 2004, the leader of the resistance army issued an order to tar-

get Americans, according to the U.S. Department of State Web site, www.travel.state.gov.

However, Trimmer said the group will operate under the umbrella of a reputable organization and will travel with translators.

"In 18 years, I've never seen any organization do as much as they have been able to do in Uganda," he said in a previous interview. "You know they must be well-organized, they must have good leadership, they must have good relationships with local and national governments. All of that is very important."

Since 1987, the World Outreach Ministries Foundation has planted 35 churches in Uganda, initiated eight primary and secondary schools, created two Bible schools, ministered to several hundred prisoners, supported two medical clinics, founded an orphanage for children who have been abandoned because of AIDS which presently houses 110 children and supported 430 orphans with monthly food, clothing, school fees and medical care. Currently, the agency is building a hospital in southern Sudan, which is Uganda's northern neighbor.

The group is scheduled to return on Aug. 18. Reentry meetings will follow at the church.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at (231) 547-9482.



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Brian Carson of Charlevoix, a registered nurse at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, gives Charlevoix resident and kindergarten teacher, **Jessa Martin**, a polio vaccination.

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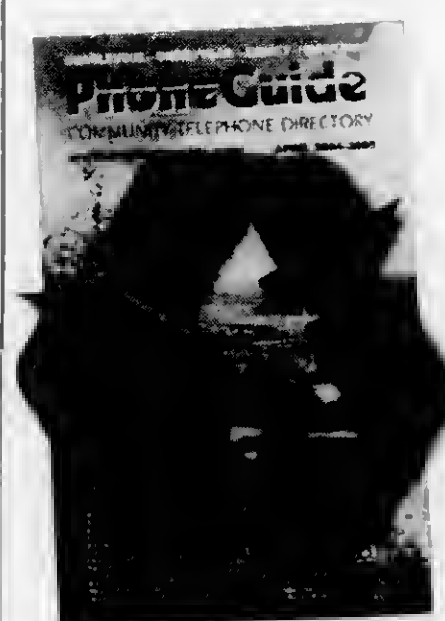
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OPINIONS

Keep infrastructure millage money where it belongs

Last week, Charlevoix City Council and the city planning commission met for yet another long-winded look at the looming budget crisis and how infrastructure funding soon won't keep pace with the proposed project schedule.

Under the setup in the hands of attendees, during the 2007-2008 budget year, infrastructure millage money would be used for typical infrastructure projects like water and sewer lines and road and sidewalk construction, replacement and repair. But it would be used for beaches and the golf course as well.

The current infrastructure millage rate is 2.2337 mills. During the 2006-2007 fiscal year this millage will generate \$450,000. While almost half a million bucks isn't chump change, city officials continue warning city council that the infrastructure cash-well will soon run dry.

Each public body that has explored this issue seems to be slowly edging toward the solution of proposing a millage increase which would have to be approved by city voters.

As it stands, the city millage rate is at 11.2837 mills, the maximum amount allowed by the Headlee Amendment.

While the millage rate according to Headlee is maxed out, voters can roll back Headlee allowing the city to levy up to 15 mills which is the maximum amount

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allowed by city charter.

Both the infrastructure millage and current 9.05 mills operating millage fall under the umbrella of operating millage funding. However, we feel the infrastructure millage wasn't intended to be used to keep the golf course and beaches in tip top shape.

We feel allocation of these funds to beaches and the golf course pulls the wool over the eyes of voters. When we think infrastructure we think roads, water lines and sewer pipes.

Currently, both the beaches and the golf course fall under the city's hefty recreation budget. That makes sense.

The cost of beaches in the 2006-2007 recreation budget is \$57,900. And the golf course draws an additional \$250,800 from that budget.

If these same costs became the burden of the infrastructure budget they would soak up over half of the amount generated by the millage.

So, as you're bumping down poorly maintained city roads en route to an afternoon on the golf course or at the beach you may wonder whether your tax dollars were directed to where they truly need to go.

We urge City of Charlevoix administrators to keep infrastructure money where it belongs.

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Beware of scientific salesman



Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

Decades ago, Jacob Bronowski attempted to explain the importance of science to our modern world in a book entitled, "Science and Human Values."

The book remains the best overall exposition of the importance of science. In two brief quotes he made clear our necessary relationship to science. "We live in a world which is penetrated through and through with science, and which is both whole and real. We cannot turn it into a game by taking sides." A second quote makes clear exactly what the potential consequences of misuse of science might be. "The world today is made, is powered by science; and for anyone to abdicate an interest in science is to walk with open eyes toward slavery."

The misuse of science has a long history, from the time when presumed "scientific" differences between races (which always showed that white Europeans were superior) were prominent, to the present, when it is possible to hire a scientist to expose global warming

Rather than being in the service of some other human enterprise, science in its pure form is a way of approaching the truth about our world and about ourselves. To quote Bronowski again, "Only adherence to truth as it is revealed by efforts of people to uncover the connections that may link one apparently unlike part of the world with another can free us from the idea that there are given truths that supersede our understanding."

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

as a fraud. Its current misuse is probably more important because it is so much easier to communicate both truth and falsehood. Science has more and more become something to be used in the service of other less noble goals.

Science in the service of religion winds up assuring the less well-informed that it is a scientific certainty that life begins at conception. Science itself offers no universal definition of life, and conception is to science not a single act, but a lengthy and complex process that merits further study.

Science in the service of literature (fiction) is clearest in the case of author Michael Crichton, who can take a tiny bit of recent tentative science and convert it into a horror story about the end of the world.

The uses of science in the service of politics are too abundant to even require examples, and science in the service of economic gain is a major engine of our entrepreneurial economy.

Rather than being in the service of some other human enterprise, science in its pure form is a way of approaching the truth about our world and about ourselves. To quote Bronowski again, "Only adherence to truth as it is revealed by efforts of people to uncover the connections that may link one apparently unlike part of the world with another can free us from the idea that there are given truths that supersede our understanding."

standing."

What should we be doing about the potential misuse of science in the present day? Any time a politician, a best selling author, a salesman or even a religious leader uses science to buttress their point of view, we should be wary. Even many scientists have become the equivalent of lobbyists for a particular point of view. Some scientists can be bought. Scientists supported by government, as in the National Science Foundation or the National Institutes of Health may provide the best sources of information, since their continued funding does not depend on their finding support for particular ideas. Science supported by agencies or groups that benefit economically or politically from the results of the scientific process is particularly suspect. Science is an approach to truth, not the discovery of truth.

Scientists as individuals are no more noble or honest than any other group, but science as an overall enterprise is self-correcting. Such correction takes time and energy to work. The latest word from science is likely to be the least dependable of all. Patience remains one of the premier virtues, and it is certainly vital in our societal relationship to science.

Please ask your county commissioner to support the Charlevoix Senior Center with a direct operational appropriation to the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Richard Tunison
Charlevoix

Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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all operational cost and wages for the Boyne City and East Jordan senior centers. Currently, the Commission on Aging has \$1.5 million invested in a "rainy day fund." If one allows for a generous \$500,000 contingency fund, then \$1 million is not being spent on senior citizen programs as intended by the voters. It would not be a hardship for the Commission on Aging to cover the operational cost for the Charlevoix Senior Center as well. This would allow the Charlevoix Senior Center to shift their focus from constant fundraising to improving their programs.

According to Michigan Law (MCL 400.573), a local unit of government (county commission) may appropriate funds to public or private non-profit corporations or organizations for the purpose of planning, coordinating, evaluating and providing services to older persons. The Charlevoix Senior Center, like the Commission on Aging, is a non-profit 501(c)(3).

Please ask your county commissioner to support the Charlevoix Senior Center with a direct operational appropriation to the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Richard Tunison
Charlevoix

Support Shirlene Tripp

Editor:
Would you like to see a new face on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners?

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Vote for Shirlene Tripp of Hayes Township on Aug. 8.

Patricia Dillon
Charlevoix

Support county road millage

Editor:

The roads in Charlevoix County are like the arteries of the heart. When the arteries to the heart are blocked and in bad shape, the heart ceases to operate and the body dies.

The primary roads are in bad shape in the county and if we cannot get our visitors to and from the county, all of the county will die. Also important to note, is when the roads do get repaired,

those roads will greatly reduce the repairs on vehicles of county residents. Vote 'yes' for the county road millage on Aug. 8.

John E. Haggard
Charlevoix

Carson for GLE board

Editor:
As you look through your July copy of Country Lines, our Great Lakes Energy magazine, please take a few minutes to find the ballot for electing the new board of directors.

One of the candidates is Mark Carson, son of Howard Carson. Howard Carson served our community for more than three decades. Now Howard's son, Mark Carson, is seeking a seat on the board of directors for Great Lakes Energy. Mark vows to represent northern Michigan, the area which has the fewest directors and the largest member base. Mark can provide the proper balance of age, experience and education to the new board. We know both father and son and know that Mark Carson will represent our area and continue the tradition of having a Carson serve our community.

Please look for the ballot in the July issue of Country Lines, put a check by Mark Carson's name and send it in the prepaid postage envelope provided. Jack and Carol Apol
Charlevoix

Jack and Carol Apol
Charlevoix

Pitch in with petunias

Editor:

I am responding to your comments made regarding the petunia beds (A 'thanks' and 'sparks' shout out to Charlevoix, page 4 of the July 19 edition of the Charlevoix Courier). The weeds are extremely tenacious this year. We are still exploring this year. We are still exploring this year. We are trying to discover what is causing the problem. The soil in the flats of petunias that

we purchased is weed free. Dale and I know this for a fact because residents who purchased the extra flowers for their homes or businesses are not experiencing the weed overgrowth.

Dale and I are especially thankful for the hand parents and community members who have diligently worked to weed the flower beds. Several of our family members recently volunteered to help with the weeding. They remarked that it was difficult work, but rewarding.

Chris Wilhelm, who heads up the band boosters, has put in countless hours weeding the petunia beds. She has even been weeding by herself during the hottest hours of the day. We have also seen several residents taking the time to weed sections of the beds. We can't thank these people enough.

Charlevoix residents, we need you to show your community pride. For one reason or another, the band boosters do not have enough volunteers to tackle the tremendous amount of weeds. Instead of placing the blame on those dedicated people who are weeding, why not get out there and give them a hand?

The petunias are part of Charlevoix's charm. Most residents benefit in some way from the tourists who visit our town. I have noticed that most of the property owners who weed in front of their businesses are pulling in the tourists because their places look so

attractive. Several homeowners also have been weeding in front of their homes, and mowing the line of grass directly behind the flowers. Dale and I really appreciate your efforts.

The band boosters weed on Monday and Wednesday night. The whole town can be weeded very quickly if more people come out and help. Bring your garden tools and a pair of gloves. We desperately need you. Please come and help our "choking petunias."

Marilyn Boss
Charlevoix

Kudos African choir

Editor:

On July 4 the Charlevoix Ministerial Association sponsored "The African Children's Choir" in East Park in Charlevoix. The choir had 25 children ranging from 7-10 years of age from Uganda in Central Africa.

I have never seen such energy, enthusiasm and happiness. All they wanted to do was sing and dance and we are pleased they did. These children are singing for a reason besides being very happy. They are singing to the Lord for schools, education, scholarships and emergency relief efforts. This reflects the choir's mission to help Africa's most vulnerable children today so they can help Africa tomorrow.

Shirlee Koeber
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Emergency funds are needed to help more than 2,700 children in South Africa who, in addition to losing one or both parents to AIDS or other diseases are facing starvation. The African Children's Choir has been instrumental in financing tuition for thousands of children who otherwise have no access to an education. Education is the key to long-term change and advancement in Africa through the parent organization "Music for Life." The African Children's Choir operates several literacy catch-up schools and primary schools that serve as a lifeline for children who would otherwise spend time in the streets. The choir also funds the African out-reach academy, a comprehensive education and health out-reach effort that includes a day and boarding school and nursery medical clinic and agricultural farms.

Once more, kudos to these incredible little children who are doing a man size job. They are worthy of praise. For more information, contact Ray Barnett at the African Children's Choir office, P.O. Box 29690, Bellingham, WA 98228.

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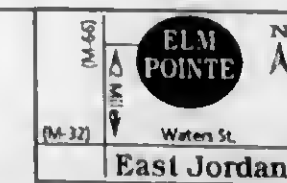
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COMMUNITY

Engagements

Campbell — Williams

Jessica Marie Campbell and Joshua David Williams, both of East Jordan, have announced their engagement and plans for an Aug. 5 wedding at the Harvest Barn Church in East Jordan.

Kimron Criner will officiate and the bride's grandfather, Norman Herring, will escort her down the aisle. A reception will follow at the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth.

Jessica is the daughter of Alan and Lannette Campbell of Charlevoix. Joshua is the son of Keith and Michelle Williams of East Jordan and Gladwin.

Jessica is a Charlevoix High School graduate and is currently employed at Charlevoix Properties Real Estate. Joshua is a graduate of Arthur Hill in



Saginaw and is employed at Feyen & Zylstra Electric Co.

Scharenbroch — Rowe

Jennifer Lynn Scharenbroch and Andrew Everett Rowe are announcing their engagement.

The couple is planning a 2 p.m. wedding on Saturday, Sept. 16 at St. Mary Church in Charlevoix. The reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of John and Elaine Scharenbroch of Charlevoix. Jennifer is a 2001 graduate of Charlevoix High School. She attended Ferris State University and graduated with an associate's degree in applied science majoring in dental hygiene. She is currently working part-time for Dr. Glenn Paramo.

The groom-to-be is the son of Donna



Rowe of New Smyrna Beach, Fla. and Randy Rowe of Hermosa, S.D. Andrew graduated from Bellaire High School in 1999. He currently works full-time at Marvin's Gardens as a landscape foreman in Charlevoix.

Belvedere Club announces 2006 scholarship recipients

Tom Conlan, general manager of the Belvedere Club and Golf Club, recently presented awards to the club's 2006 scholarship recipients.

They are Madison McKenzie, the first I. Lee Moerland Scholar who will attend Olivet College; Julie Neidert who will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and Peter Gorkiewicz who will attend Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Since 1997, the membership of the Belvedere Club and Golf Club through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has awarded nearly \$250,000 to 34 deserving young people from the Charlevoix area.

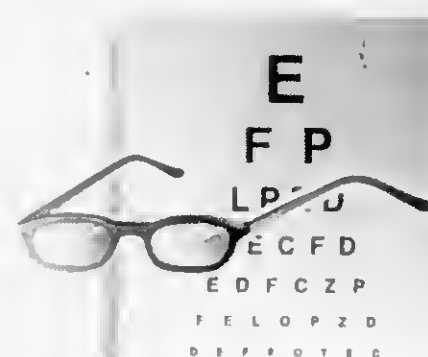
This year, proceeds from the annual Supie Golf Tournament, which is scheduled to take place on Monday, Aug. 31 at the Belvedere Golf Club, will go to the scholarship fund.

For more information, call the Belvedere Golf Club Pro Shop at (231) 547-2611.



Courtesy photo

Tom Conlan, general manager of the Belvedere Club and Golf Club, presents awards to the club's 2006 scholarship recipients: Madison McKenzie, Julie Neidert and Peter Gorkiewicz.



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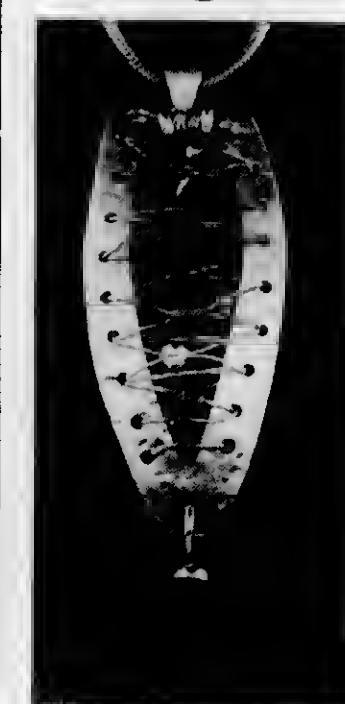
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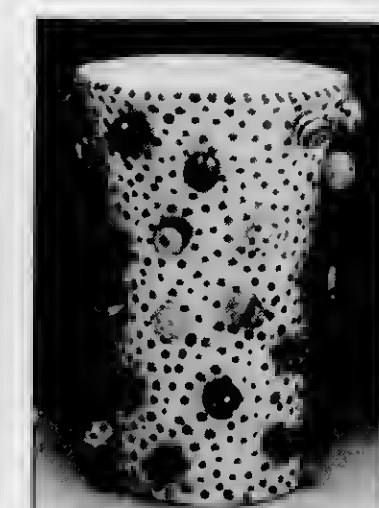


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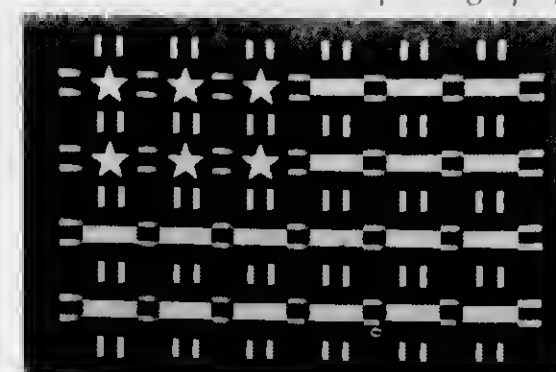
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Warner — Roy

Sarah Warner and Jason Roy of Chicago, Ill. were married on June 17 at H & D Farms, a family farm in Charlevoix.

Judge Richard Pajtas presided over the double ring rites as 250 guests looked on.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Doug Warner. Her parents, Mi and Marty Jo Caputo of Pine Island, Fla. were also in attendance.

She wore a white, satin A-line dress with a split back and cathedral train. The dress was accented by an elbow length veil with Swarovski crystal and Sotache edging. She carried a red and sunset colored rose bouquet.

The matron of honor was Katie Chanda. Bridesmaids were Sara Schenck, Kaylee Manker, Erin Stafford and Allison Roy.

Flower girls were Isabella Crain and Cassidy and Chelsea Lord.

The groom is the son of Robert Roy III of Las Vegas, Nev. and Deborah Rowntree of Chicago, Ill. His best man

was Aaron Temple. His groomsmen were Robert Bliss, Keith Loeb, George DeLaMatyr III and Andrew Pupius.

Ushers at the event were Robert Roy IV and Gavin Burns.

A rehearsal dinner and post wedding reception took place on the farm. Mary Faetuk and Jack Ulrich were the hostess and host.

The couple took a wedding trip to Spain and then a cruise around the Mediterranean Sea stopping in France, Monaco, Italy and the Vatican.

Sarah is a project manager for Equity Office Properties and Jason is vice-president of Kernel Seasons.



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Barbara Wilson watches as 12-year-old Mike Patrick folds an origami peace crane which he is donating to the Children's Peace Memorial at Hiroshima, Japan.

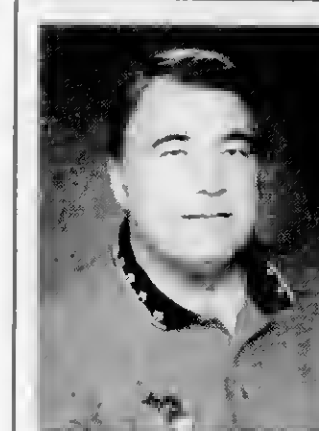
Church peace crane project marks anniversary of Hiroshima bombing

Several hundred peace cranes also will be donated to the Children's Peace Memorial at Hiroshima, Japan by members of Charlevoix's First Congregational Church.

They made the cranes during the past year under Charlevoix resident Barbara Wilson's instruction. They will be gathered Sunday, Aug. 6 on the 61st anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese city.

The project grew out of the reading of the true story of "Sadako and the Thousand Cranes." It tells of Sadako, suffering from the bomb's radiation, who believes she will get well if, according to legend, she makes a thousand cranes. She died before she could finish making the paper cranes but her friends took up the challenge, eventually building the memorial now draped with colorful paper cranes sent from all over the world.

Patrick has been making peace cranes



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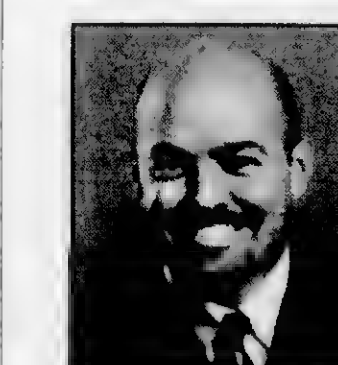
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Obituaries

Jacqueline 'Jackie' Ream: July 19, 1936 - July 24, 2006

Jacqueline "Jackie" Ream, 70, of Charlevoix, died Monday, July 24 at her home in Charlevoix.

A funeral service took place on Monday, July 31, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. James Mort officiated. Burial followed at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Jackie was born on July 19, 1936,

Norman Cook: June 24, 1939 - July 27, 2006



Norman Cook

Norman J. Cook, 67, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, July 27, at his home in Charlevoix, after a long battle with cancer.

Rite of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated. Burial followed at Saint Mary Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Norm was born June 24, 1939, in Kalamazoo, the son of Robert J. and Mary L. (Ward) Cook. He attended Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs, and Pellston School before attending and graduating from Charlevoix High School in 1957. Norm studied aviation at Western Michigan University, and then moved home where he was employed by

in Newberry, the daughter of Fred and Irene (Parks) Wright. She moved with her family to East Jordan in 1942, where she graduated from high school. Jackie later attended Michigan State University. She made her home in Charlevoix where she was employed by Weathershield until it closed. She has worked for the past 12 years at the Bergmann Center where she was the Day Program Assistant. When she was able, she enjoyed traveling, fishing with her high school friend and snowshoeing.

Jackie's aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends survive her. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bergmann Center, or to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

On Sept. 5, 1959, he married the former Barbara J. Schram in Kalamazoo, and she survives him. Also surviving are their daughters, Joan M. (Jim) Cook-Mills of Aurora, Ill.; Kathryn J. (Kirk) Heckendorn of Charlevoix; Sheryl L. (Christopher "Kip") Greene of Grand Haven; Patricia A. (Michael) Loper of Petoskey; grandchildren, Alexander, Jason and Jessica Mills; Jacklyn and Michael Heckendorn; Trevor, Terry and Ryan Greene; Brian and Ellen Loper; father, Robert J. Cook of Charlevoix; sisters, Nancy (Tony) Giustra of Cross Village and Martha Skeel of Charlevoix; brother, Frank (Dayle) Cook of Mesa, Ariz.; uncles, Lou (Zetta) Ward of Grand Rapids, George (Ruth) Cook of Kansas City, Mo.; aunt, Ann Ellwanger of Harbor Springs.

Norm was a member of Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix, the Michigan Industrial and Technical Education Society (MITES), and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 560. He built a Zenith CH300 airplane, which he flew around the country to visit family and friends. He enjoyed outdoor sports such as boating, fishing, camping, skiing and golfing. Norm especially loved to spend time with his wife, children and grandchildren and was an imaginative storyteller, and a very patient grandfather.

Norm's mother, and sister, Mary Lou preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary Parish in Charlevoix, or to the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, 49727.

Edna Andersen: May 14, 1915 - July 28, 2006



Edna Andersen

Edna M. Andersen, 91, of Charlevoix, died on Friday, July 28, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4 at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. Michael Smith of the Ironton Congregational Church will officiate.

Edna was born on May 14, 1915, in Charlevoix, the daughter of John and

Jessie (Hunter) Knudsen. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1932, and attended County Normal School. She taught at the Walker and Wickensham Schools in Charlevoix County before earning a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University. She then taught at the Wallon Lake School for a short time and then at East Jordan Elementary School where she retired in 1980, after 23 years.

Edna was a member of the Ironton Congregational Church, and she enjoyed gardening and reading. On March 26, 1938, she married Carl O. Andersen in Muskegon Heights, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 1964.

Edna is survived by her sons, Ronald L. (Delores A.) Andersen of Au Gres,

Gerald W. (Gayle C.) Andersen of East Jordan, Jan D. (Sharon L.) Andersen of Elk Rapids; grandchildren, Christina A. (Andrew C.) Sinelli, Rachel L. (Douglas) Parker, Rebecca Mae (Kurt) Clark, Craig C. Andersen, Clinton R. Andersen, Christopher C. (Kimberly) Andersen; great-grandchildren, Kirsten M., Kylee A., Dylan L., Eden A., Kelsey J., Karsen, Delaney M. and Caleb C. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Carl H.; brothers, Douglas and Karl Knudsen; sisters, Mildred Shores, Marjorie Plum and Rena Plum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ironton Congregational Church, Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Calif.; son, Bruce (Wanda) Murray of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Kim, Kris, Gordon, Kay, Ron and Don; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Velma Troupe of Belmont; son-in-law, Cass (Donna) Russell of Charlevoix.

Clarence was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Russell; grandchildren, Doug Barber and Gayle Barber; sister, Virginia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, or to Grandvue Medical Care Facility Alzheimer's Unit.

Clarence is survived by his daughter, Joyce Barber of Lompoc,

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County commission candidates face off



ELECTION 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
 Staff writer

All but one Charlevoix County Commissioner seat will be contested in the Aug. 8 primary election.

District One — Hayes, north side of Charlevoix and Bay townships as well as the City of Charlevoix north of the bridge.

Tripp



Shirlene Tripp

Shirlene Tripp, 69, is one of two Republicans battling for first district commissioner. Connie Saltonstall's seat.

Tripp was a 4-H leader for over 10 years and a 45-year member of the Rebecca Lodge of Emmet County. She is a certified ceramic instructor at her shop, Tripp's Ceramic, and a part-time employee of Wal-Mart. She served as a trustee, treasurer and planning commission member of Hayes Township for a total of nearly 27-and-a-half years. She also served in the treasurer's office of Wyoming Township for 2-and-a-half years.

Tripp, who enjoys working with people, said she seeks the support of at least 50 percent of those registered to vote. If elected she plans to look for different ways to finance roads.

Barnes



Josh Barnes

Barnes, 78, is a former director of Summa Industries, served two terms as mayor of Charlevoix and became interim commissioner when his

daughter, former First District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Valerie Snyder, moved to Las Vegas, Nev. in March 2005.

Mayor Norman Carlson appointed Barnes to head the city's response to the request that Charlevoix be the host city for the Griffon Project, according to Barnes.

Barnes hopes to make the county government run smoothly by obeying the letter and intent of the law. He also hopes to lend his engineering and corporate management skills

to certain committees.

District Two — Evangeline Township and Boyne City

Frykberg



Randolph Frykberg

If elected, this will be second district incumbent, Randolph Frykberg's third term. Frykberg has 31 years combined experience in local units of government and

is former 13-plus years manager of Boyne City. He has served on the state's air pollution commission, the Great Lakes Basin Commission Advisory Board and 41 years on the National Ski Patrol.

At age 59, Frykberg has also served as a municipal operations consultant, zoning administrator and a planner.

Frykberg enjoys local government

because it is closest to the people. He hopes to move ahead with the hiring of a county administrator. Another interest of Frykberg's is for the commissioners to do more planning in general.

Christensen

Chris Christensen, 34, an associate broker with Lynda's Real-Estate Service in Boyne City, hopes to unseat Frykberg in the Republican primary.

Christensen served in student government while attending college in Petoskey and he currently serves on the Antrim/Charlevoix/Kalkaska board of directors of the Association of Realtors.

Christensen said he will represent the people of Boyne City and Evangeline Township while investigating every avenue before rushing to tax the citizens of the county. He also hopes to explore whether the county actually needs an administrator or a human resources director.

The third district commissioner served as a trustee and then as supervisor

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tor or a human resources director.

District Three — Melrose, Chandler, Hudson, Boyne Valley townships, the Village of Boyne Falls and the portion of Wilson Township south of Boyne City-East Jordan Road

Reinhardt



Ronald Reinhardt

Incumbent Ronald Reinhardt, 66, hopes to beat fellow Republican, Alex Grelicz, and continue representing his constituents and the agricultural sector for a

third term.

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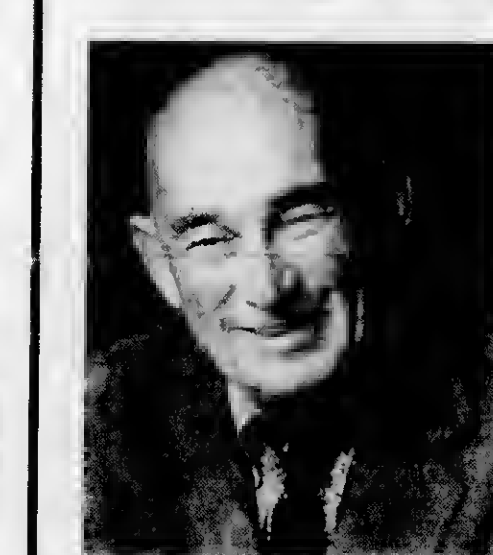
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Six district seats on Aug. 8 primary ballot

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visor of Wilson Township. He also served on the soil conservation board and nearly 20 years on and off the planning commission.

Reinhardt wants the county to adopt a farmland and open space preservation ordinance.

Grefiez



Alex Grefiez

Legion, VFW, AmVets, the DARE program and the Otsego County Commission on Aging.

If elected, Grefiez will work to help bring the road commission and the commission on aging more funding as needed.

District Four — South Arm Township and City of East Jordan

Patrick



Victor Patrick

Chairman of the board, 68-year-old Victor Patrick, hopes to defend his seat against fellow Republican, Joel Evans.

The graduate of Muskegon Community College is a retired Department of Natural Resources officer. He also served as a diver for the Michigan State Police and he was a deputy sheriff for 10 years in Muskegon.

With nearly a decade of working for the people of Charlevoix County, Patrick said he will continue working to make sure everyone has their say if he is re-elected.

Evans

Joel Evans, 65, is a retired owner of a building and home center. Evans has served as South Arm Township supervisor. He also served on the

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Joel Evans

any person or political party. He also hopes to improve communication between the county commissioners and the citizens.

District Five — Marion, Eveline townships and the portion of Wilson Township north of Boyne City-East Jordan Road

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businesses to keep jobs in the area, keep his phone line open seven days a week and not bow to special interests.

Drebenstedt, who is accustomed to listening to all sides on an issue, said he will always be open for communication, compromise and doing right by the citizens in the county.

District Six — St. James, Peaine, Norwood townships, the south side of Charlevoix Township and the City of Charlevoix south of the bridge

Roloff
70-year-old commissioner, Shirley Roloff, is running unopposed for the primary election. She has served on the commission for nearly 10 years. She spent nearly 12 years on the Charlevoix City Council.

Roloff plans to continue working



Shirley Roloff

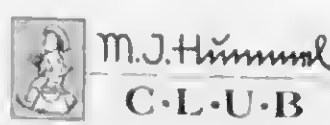
Services of Traverse City which covers 10 counties in northern Michigan. She is also a liaison between the county board and several commissions including the road commission and commission on aging.

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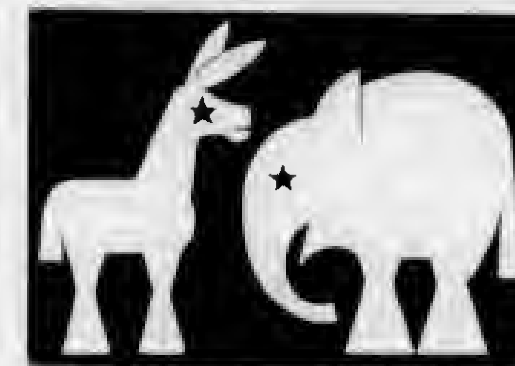
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County-wide road millage proposed

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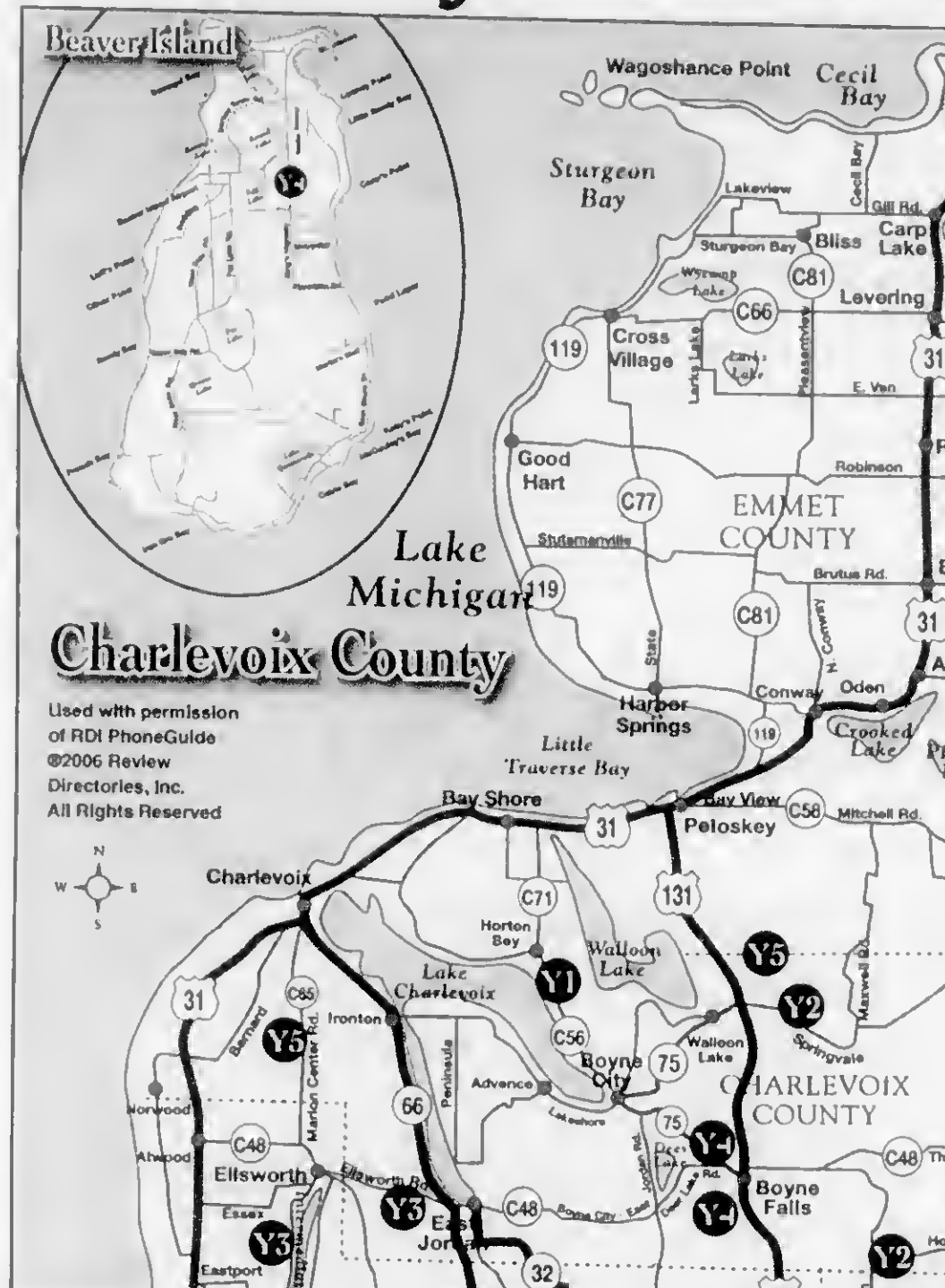
ELECTION 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A county-wide ballot measure to fund maintenance and construction of Charlevoix County roads will be decided at the Aug. 8 election.

A successful millage would be levied from 2006 to 2010, with roadwork to begin next spring on several of the 44.08 miles listed. The following years of operation and lengths of roads repaired may vary depending on potential increases in fuel and materials costs.

- Year one, 5.59 miles of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, from Nelson to Pincherry Road
- Year two, 6.39 miles of Camp Ten Road and 5.45 miles of Springvale Road
- Year three, 3.79 miles of Ellsworth Road and 3.38 miles of Six Mile Lake Road
- Year four, 4.04 miles of Kings Highway, 3.47 miles of Deer Lake Road, 2.65 miles of Korthase Road



Graphic by Jessica Healy

Marked on this map of Charlevoix County are those roads that would be repaired if a proposed road millage is approved by voters on Aug. 8. They are marked Y1-Y5 to note where work would be done in the next five years.



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Where to vote: Local township and city halls

• Year five, 2.20 miles of River Road and 7.12 miles of Marion Center Road

The criteria for roads most in need of repair includes traffic volume, road condition, safety concerns and access to primary highways.

If passed, residents would be billed on their home's taxable value, not the State Equalized Valuation. For example, if your home's taxable value is \$100,000, you would pay an extra \$100 per year. If your home's taxable value is \$50,000, you would pay \$50 per year.

Of the 15 townships in Charlevoix County, 12 currently have road millages which, Charlevoix County

Road Commission manager Pat Harmon said, could be maintained to focus on projects the road commission can't get to.

If the millage proposal fails, general maintenance such as snow removal and pothole filling will continue.

It is estimated that this proposal would produce revenue of \$1,866,066.83 during the first calendar year.

Residents of the county are to vote in their residential unit. City of Charlevoix residents vote in the city, township residents vote in the township where they reside.

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Under the terms of the consent decree, settling *Tribe v. Engler*, the Grand Traverse Band agreed to pay 2 percent of its video gaming revenue to local units of government.

On July 19, the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Council determined which organizations would receive a portion of the 2 percent gaming revenues derived from slot machines.

Of the 87 applications received, which totaled \$2,255,814.68, the tribal council awarded 38 applicants. The total amount available to allocate for this 2 percent cycle was \$807,927.94.

Three of the recipients are the Beaver Island Community School for replacement of playground equipment for \$15,500; the Beaver Island Lighthouse School for acquisition for new textbooks for \$9,000; and the Charlevoix Public School's Title VII for the Indian Education Program for \$37,000.

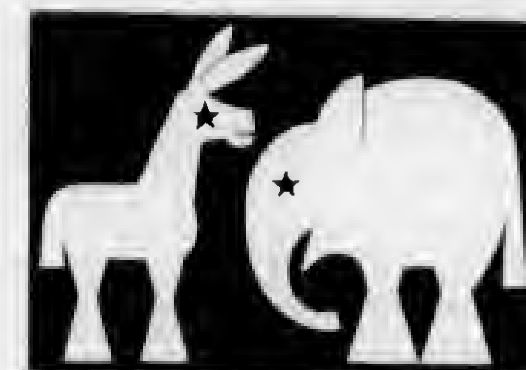
Forgotten Eagles to conduct ceremony Aug. 4 at VFW

In conjunction with a statewide tour, the Forgotten Eagles of Michigan will visit the local VFW post this week.

The Forgotten Eagles is a group which promotes public awareness regarding prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action and also raises funds for veterans through its five chapters. They will arrive in Charlevoix between 1:30 and 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4. At that time the group will conduct a ceremony for the fallen soldiers of northern Michigan and present the local VFW with a new prisoner of war/missing in action flag as the previous flag was destroyed in the hall's December 2004 fire.

For more information about the Forgotten Eagles, visit www.forgotteneagles.org or call Don at (231) 547-5534.

Township voters to decide ballot measures



ELECTION 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Townships across the county will have measures on the Aug. 8 ballot including millages for road repairs and the operation of libraries.

Some of the following millage proposals are new and some would be restored millages which were reduced in adherence with the Headlee Amendment.

Approved in the late 1970s, one of the provisions contained in the amendment limits the amount of taxes which can be collected from the taxpayer.

Eveline Township
Eveline Township voters will decide the fate of a 1-mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value), two-year road millage. If approved, the millage could raise \$221,911 over 2006 and 2007.

Norwood Township
Norwood Township voters will decide whether to renew an existing 1-mill road construction and maintenance millage for another four years (2007 through 2010).

According to township officials, an approved millage would regain the .0147 mills reduced by the Headlee Amendment. The millage could raise as much as \$42,259.

Norwood Township residents will also vote on whether to restore their emergency services millage to .5 mills (.50 cents per \$1,000) for the next four years (2007 through 2010) to fund fire and ambulance services. The millage was previously rolled back to .4927 after passage of the Headlee Amendment.

If approved, the millage could raise as much as \$21,130 the first year.

Peaine Township
Peaine Township (Beaver Island) voters will decide the fate of several ballot measures including restoration of 1-mill for road construction and maintenance set to expire around the first of the year; an additional 1-mill for road construction and maintenance; the restoration of both a 2-mill (\$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value) medical center millage and a .75-mill (.75 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) airport operations and maintenance millage; and a 1-mill library services and operations millage.

The road construction maintenance would be levied for five years (2007 through 2011), if passed, raising an estimated \$59,937 in the first year.

The additional road millage would be levied for six years (2006 through 2011). It could raise an estimated \$58,475 in the first year.

If approved, the rural health center millage renewal would be levied for four years (2006 through 2009) and raise approximately \$116,951 the first year.

The airport millage renewal could be levied for five years (2007 through 2011), raising \$44,953 during the first

year.

The Beaver Island District Library millage, if levied for four years (2006 through 2009) would raise an estimated \$98,996 in the first year.

St. James Township
St. James Township (Beaver Island) voters will decide four ballot measures: 1-mill restoration of the fire protection millage; 2-mills to restore the island medical center millage; 2-mills to restore the township's road construction and maintenance millage; and 1-mill for library operations and maintenance.

An approved fire protection millage

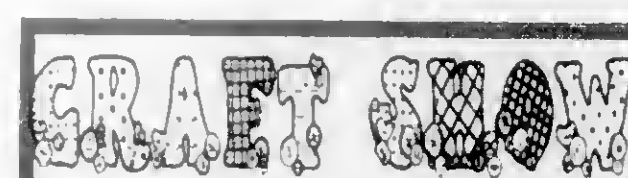
would be levied for four years, raising an estimated \$40,521 in the first year.

The island's medical center millage, if passed, would be levied for four years and raise an estimated \$81,043 in the first year.

The road construction and maintenance millage would be levied for four years (2006 to 2009) and raise an estimated \$81,043 in the first year, if approved.

The Beaver Island District Library millage would be levied for four years (2006 through 2009) and raise an estimated \$98,996 in the first year if approved by voters.

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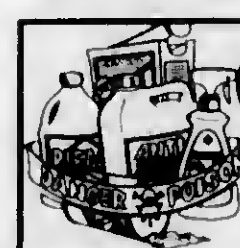
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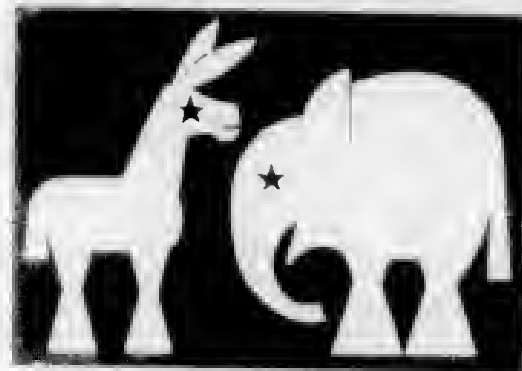
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Race for supervisor's seat heats up in Hayes



ELECTION 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Several townships across Charlevoix County have openings for everything from supervisor to treasurer which will be decided at the Aug. 8 primary election.

Eveline, Hayes and Norwood townships all have candidates running to fill vacancies.

Hayes Township



Ethel Knepp

Sixty-year-old, Ethel Knepp, is running for the supervisor position of Hayes Township. The term expires in 2008.

"I think I'm the best candidate for the position," she said. "I'm really very knowledgeable about local government and that's the main reason I think I would be the better candidate."

Knepp said, if elected, she will work to get roads repaired and find some lakefront property for public use.

"It's (lakefront property for the public) been a goal I've had for a long time," she said.

She also said she will continue working on updating the zoning ordinance to see that it is reasonable.

Knepp worked as township clerk from 1988 until 2005, she served on the zoning board of appeals and acted as zoning administrator.

Knepp said, technically, she could probably hold both the zoning administrator and supervisor positions, but she doesn't know if it would be feasible with the amount of time it would take to do both jobs accurately.

She said, "I don't want to see any conflicts."

"Anybody that knows me knows I take care of business," she added.



Frederick Parsons

Frederick L. Parsons, 67, hopes to beat his fellow Republican, Knepp, in the Hayes Township supervisor's race.

"I want to continue the good progress that the board's made and the planning commission's made in the last year," said Parsons, who has been filling the vacancy left by former supervisor, Tim Boyko. "I'm capable of doing the job, and I've got board experience."

Parsons has 31 years of experience as a licensed Michigan Real-Estate broker, he is retired as chief warrant officer in the United States Navy Reserve after five years of active duty and 31 years in reserve.

He is retired as the supervisor of the Department of Public Works for Charlevoix Township and has served as a trustee for Hayes Township.

Parsons has 14 years experience as a member and training officer for the Charlevoix Township Fire Department.

Marlene Golovich, a 53-year-old Hayes Township resident, is running as a Republican for the clerk's position.

"I enjoy working with the local government and I love my job working with people," she said. "It's very rewarding."

Golovich has served on the zoning board of appeals and the planning commission as well as being the deputy clerk of the township.

"The closest thing to my heart is land use," she said. "I'd like to see open space and farmland preservation and I'd like to see the township acquire property on Lake Charlevoix for a park."

She added, "We have a small one (park), but there's no boat launch there."

Jim Rudolph, 64, is the only Democrat looking to fill an office in Hayes Township.

He is on the board now and is running to maintain the seat of trustee.

"I've been on the planning commission for about 18 years and I think I have in-depth knowledge of the pressures on the township between property rights and maintaining the environment," Rudolph said.

Rudolph said one of his main goals is to look into the idea of mandating affordable housing in the zoning.

"Right now our zoning allows for it, but doesn't require it," he said. "Someone can take that dense zoning and put in really expensive homes."

He added, "I think I am very skilled at making just decisions on that."

Norwood Township
David Leusink, 43, is running as a Republican for the Norwood Township treasurer position. Leusink was appointed to fill the vacancy left by previous treasurer, Ellen Jensen.

"It's a way for you to give back to your community, I think," Leusink said. "One way of doing that is public positions."

He added, "The best way to affect township government is to be a part of it."

Leusink said the position has allowed him to meet many of his neighbors.

"Most folks have been delightful to work with," he said.

He added, "In Norwood, to a certain extent, we need stabilization in the community. We need to work toward better communication between residents."

Eveline Township
Republican, Ronald J. Chapman, the Republican running unopposed for position of Eveline Township trustee, did not return phone calls by press time.



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James Cooper named interim superintendent

Charlevoix school board approves \$104,800 1-year contract

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer



James Cooper

Charlevoix Public Schools welcomed a new superintendent.

Charlevoix Public School Board members voted 7-0 at a Wednesday, July 26 special meeting to approve the \$104,800, one-year contract for soon-to-be superintendent, James Cooper, formerly of Boyne Area Schools.

"I'm planning on starting on Aug. 1 officially and I'm excited about it," 56-year-old Cooper said. "I think Charlevoix is a very strong district, and for me it's nice, because I'm familiar with a lot of people in the district."

He added, "I'm really looking forward to it. I think it's a great opportunity."

The first order of business, the interim superintendent said, is to familiarize himself with procedures and personnel.

According to outgoing Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, Cooper was willing to come down in price from his slightly higher salary requirements. In turn, the board designed his reimbursement package with some future incentives in mind.

"They (the board) built some

merit pay in there, so that'll be determined by setting up a process where he could make some money if he does certain things and reaches certain goals."

Sturock said a private sector business of 200 employees and a budget of \$13 million might pay a CEO two to three times what a superintendent makes.

"When you take a look at it in comparison to an average Joe Blow, it seems like a lot of money, and you have to be sensitive to it, but it is what it is," he said. "It's a pretty pressure-packed job — you have the responsibility of 1,300 students in this school district and sometimes it's a daunting task."

The board plans to meet in January or February to discuss their next move.

"One of the great things about getting Jim (Cooper) for a year is, it takes the pressure off us right now," Truhilowicz said. "It allows us to get the year going and get things on an even keel."

The board could use a consulting firm, the Char-Em Intermediate School District, the Michigan School Board Association or the Michigan Leadership Institute, among others, to help them find a long-term candidate.



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The Charlevoix City Band will perform each Tuesday.

- Aug. 3 — Jelly Roll Blues Band
- Aug. 10 — Pine River Jazz
- Aug. 17 — Chris Dominic
- Aug. 24 — University of Michigan Friars
- Aug. 31 — Northwind Brass

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Photo by Joanie Moore

The photos on this page taken by Charlevoix residents and visitors were submitted to the Charlevoix Courier for publication on our monthly "That's my photo" page. Photos can be dropped off at the Courier office at 112 Mason St. or e-mailed to news@charlevoixcourier.com. Information about the photographer and photo, including when it was taken and a brief description of what is pictured must be submitted along with the picture. (Left) Joanie Moore, a freelance photographer from Mancelona, captured this shot of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Street Parade grand marshal, Dale Boss, during the July 22 event.



Photo by Terry Salmonson

Terry Salmonson, owner of Charlevoix's Aartvark Studio and Gallery snapped this shot of 47 Laddie Scholarship winners before the Charlevoix High School Class of 2006 graduation ceremony in early June. The \$1,000 scholarship is given annually by Bill and Karen Schuiling of Charlevoix to students who maintain above a C average and have good standing in the community.



Photo by Jennifer Mott

(Above) Proud aunt, Jennifer Mott caught this moment in time just after her nephew, Dominic Fosmore, 5, reeled in a 16-inch small mouth bass while fishing July 18 on Lake Charlevoix.



Photo by Bobbie Rathjens

Bobbie Rathjens of Charlevoix shot this picture of Charlevoix's trademark South Pier Light in October 2005 from Lake Michigan Beach. She said it was a very crisp, cold day in October, but you could never tell by looking at the photo.

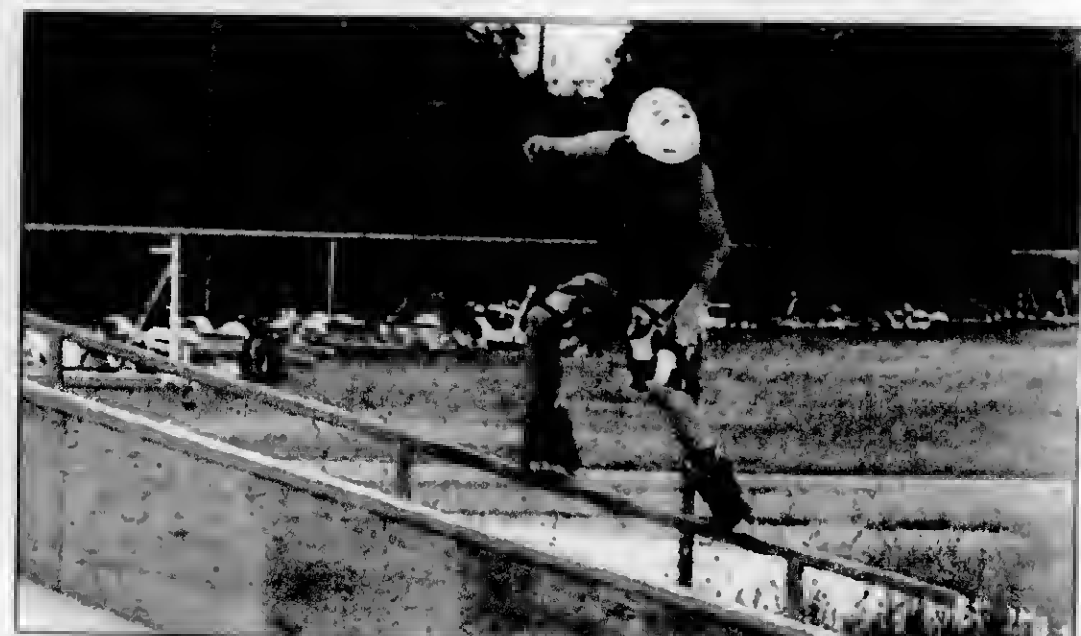


Photo by Laura Stebe

Laura Stebe, a Charlevoix resident and Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. board member, captured this shot of Shaun Couture enjoying the new Skatepark while in-line skating.



Photo by Anne Kelly

Charlevoix resident Anne Kelly captured this shot of Don Nesburg, Al Shindorf and Ada Kelly during the Charlevoix Venetian Festival street parade July 22.

Kanine accepts position at Petoskey High School

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

With new interim superintendent James Cooper just days into his position at Charlevoix Public Schools, news came that the school board will have to fill yet another tough pair of shoes.

On July 25, the Petoskey Public Schools Board of Education named Charlevoix High School assistant principal and athletic director, Jim Kanine, the new Petoskey High School assistant principal.

At the time of the announcement, the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education had not received Kanine's resignation.

"It was a surprise to all of us," said Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education president, Bill Trubilowicz.

Kanine's official last day as a Rayder is Aug. 11.

"Now I'll be switching to a Northman. But the fact of the matter is there will always be part of me that will be a Rayder," Kanine said. "It was a gut wrenching decision even though for me, professionally and for my family, personally, this was a good decision. For me, the connection I have with Charlevoix is all about relationships — with students and parents of those students. Leaving that part is hard."



File photo

Jim Kanine, the current assistant principal and athletic director at Charlevoix High School has accepted the assistant principal's position at Petoskey High School. His last day is Aug. 11.

While the surprise came just over a month away from the first day of school, Sept. 7, Trubilowicz said it's

no major problem. "We'll miss Jim, he has a lot of experience with us and I wish him well,"

"Now I'll be switching to a Northman. But the fact of the matter is there will always be part of me that will be a Rayder."

Jim Kanine,
Outgoing Charlevoix High School assistant principal and athletic director

he said. "But I firmly believe we have a lot of interested, good candidates in the district for both jobs."

"We just hired a new superintendent (Cooper) last night (July 26). This will be his first job — hiring a new assistant principal," Trubilowicz added.

Kanine, 50, has spent 19 of his 28 years in education with the Charlevoix district. During the first 14 years he was a coach, a middle school English teacher and a driver's education instructor. For the past five years he has been assistant principal, athletic director and driver's education instructor at Charlevoix High School.

"It was a lot to be doing both. This is an opportunity for me to not have to do driver's education and not have to come back for sporting events," he said.

Trubilowicz said once Kanine's official resignation is entered, the board will post the position/s, accept applications and make a selection.

Whether or not the position will continue in its combined capacity or

be split has not been determined.

"That's a tough job. The athletic director generally attends all the night games — so he was working all day and all night," Trubilowicz said.

Kanine's new responsibilities include student discipline, staff evaluations and improvement of instruction. He replaces Jim Rummier who left Petoskey High School to take a principal's position at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's Orion school for emotionally impaired students.

Kanine will receive a salary of \$84,311. During the 2005-2006 school year he was paid \$80,700 for his services at Charlevoix Public Schools.

Kanine is married to Jane Kanine, who will continue to work in the culinary department at Charlevoix Elementary School. They have four children, Jim, 25, Rachel, 22, Rebecca, 20 and Matt, 17. Matt will complete his senior year at Charlevoix High School during the 2006-2007 school year.

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Galleries host artist receptions

Two local galleries will feature artist receptions this week.

The first, "Opposing Viewpoints," will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3 at Gallery 704, located at 704 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

The work of photographer, Linda Herbster and mixed media artist, Jeremy Biggerstaff will be on display.

Nanci Burnside will be featured at a "Meet the Artist" reception from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5 at Zazen Gallery.

Burnside, formerly of Burnside's Boutique in Charlevoix, will be on-site to answer questions and discuss her work.

Zazen Gallery is located at 405 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at both events.

For more information on the Gallery 704 event, call Audrey at (231) 237-0704.

For more information on the Zazen Gallery event, call (231) 237-0648.

Fabulous fiber fest

Victoria Station, owner of Victoria Station of Howell spins yarn made from colored wool during the Fiber Arts Festival at Castle Farms on Saturday, July 29. Station, who has been in the business for 20 years, was one of many vendors who attended the annual event. A highlight of the 2006 festival was the fiber art fashion show that took place each afternoon. Models walked the runway in garments and accessories created from commercial yarns and the fiber of the types of animals on display.



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The Chain of Lakes Quilters Guild will be on-site selling raffle tickets for a queen size quilt at the on Aug. 4 at the show. The quilt's theme is "America the Beautiful." Proceeds from raffle ticket sales will assist in funding the guild's charity projects.

The winning ticket will be drawn at 8 p.m. on Oct. 3 at the Central Lake Governmental Center. For more information, contact a guild member at (231) 533-6881.

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BUSINESS

Charlevoix makes the Cool Cities cut

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Charlevoix's road to cool is being paved by the State of Michigan.

On July 20, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced that Charlevoix and Petoskey are two of five recipients of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns grants. Other winners are Muskegon Heights, Oscoda and Tecumseh.

"I'm really excited for Charlevoix and Petoskey," Karen Gagnon, director of the Michigan Cool Cities program, said. "What we are doing is nothing new — urban revitalization. But with the Cool Cities designation we've brought a focus to it like never before."

Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns is a 50/50 match grant. Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner, has estimated the total project cost to be \$30,000. The local, \$15,000 match, will come from the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and is included in the group's 2006-2007 budget.

City representatives will now have the opportunity to work with consultants from the firm, HyattPalma on a

market study of the downtown area, to develop a five-year economic enhancement action strategy. Measurable results that will be tracked include the creation of new jobs and private investments in the downtown.

According to city planner, Gerry Harsch, the goal is to identify what exists, and what steps should be taken over the next five years to attract businesses and guide appropriate development.

"Job creation is a part of it. But as much as anything, there's a concern about trying to attract tenants to downtown businesses that will be successful on a year-round basis and in terms of longevity, that will stay for a number of years. Instead of businesses that are here today gone tomorrow," Harsch said.

He is expecting to begin the study in the next six months. However, an official timeline has not been established.

Creation of the action strategy will include local volunteers and town hall meeting formats conducted under the umbrella of the local Cool Cities Advisory Group which has been designated as the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority. Information will be garnered over a three-month

period and compiled in the action strategy plan.

Aside from the valuable market evaluation, Charlevoix will now boast the suave, "Cool City Neighborhood" designation.

"The leverage a city gets from the award designation itself is almost more important than the grants," Gagnon said.

During the May grant application process, Harsch stated Charlevoix is in need of the Blueprints program because of its empty storefronts in the business district, its need to transition from a seasonal community to a year-round community and the stagnation of development on Bridge Street.

He also stated Charlevoix should be selected over other applicants due to unique circumstances including investments made in the downtown area like the Bridge Park renovation, the Charlevoix Public Library overhaul and the upcoming renovation of East Park and the municipal marina. He also stated that job loss from the decommissioning of both Big Rock Point and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Acacia make Charlevoix a worthy choice.

While the Michigan Economic



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On July 20, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced that Charlevoix is one of five recipients of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns grants. The town can now use Cool City marketing leverage to boost business.

Development Corporation can award up to 10 Blueprints grants, only five communities applied, all of which were approved.

Gagnon points to state budget cuts as the reason for the dip in applica-

tions. She said several months ago, the legislature cut \$3 million from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's budget and people were unsure about the status of Main Street and Blueprints programs.

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Venetian 3 on 3 soccer results

On Tuesday, July 18, 31 teams made up of soccer players ages 8 through adult participated in the Venetian Games 3 on 3 Soccer Tournament at Shanahan Field.

The following teams are first place winners in designated age brackets:

For girls U12, "Kickin Kousins" took first place. They are Merlin Wasen, Natalie Lumsden, Hallie Bills and Taylor Smith.

For high school girls, "Little Mermaids" took first place. They are Zita Anderson, Ariel Ramsey and Madison Ramsey.

For girls U14, "Wellesley Raiders" took first place. They are Hannah Hoan, Chloe Bashirn and Maddie Hoan.

For girls U16, "Blue Lightning" took first place. They are Tia Esposito, Charlotte Cullip, Sadie Cwikiel and Sarah Gohle.

For boys U8, "Harbor Springs Champions" took first place. They are Elena Esposito, Noah Erxleben, Zach Hunt and Reid Golde.

For boys U10, "Flames" took first place for the second year in a row. They are Gunnar Lundteigen, Garret Lundteigen, Sebastian Barahol and Ted Rosenthal.

For boys U12, "Petoskey Lightning" took first place. They are Paul Chatfield, Aaron Chatfield and John Bowers.

For boys U14, "Fruitsnacks" took first place. They are John Shea, Ryan Wimmer, Boog Nitchman and Tom Rich.



Courtesy photo

On Tuesday, July 18 "Blue Lightning" took first place in the girls U10 division at the Venetian Games 3 on 3 Soccer Tournament. They are Tia Esposito, Charlotte Cullip, Sadie Cwikiel and Sarah Gohle.

For high school boys, "Snatch" took first place. They are Josh Wilcox, Keith Braddock and Nate Teuscher.

The 3 on 3 Soccer Tournament will offer a seniors division during the 2007 festival.

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Hunter Education Clinics to take place Aug. 19 and Sept. 23

A Hunter Education Clinic will take place on Aug. 19 and Sept. 23 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, located north of Charlevoix off U.S. 31.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., in the clubhouse. The days activities will conclude at 4 p.m.

There will be a lunch break, and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

This clinic is open to all area residents regardless of age and is required of all first-time hunting license buyers born since Jan. 1, 1960. Students 10 and 11 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult, designated and provided by the parent or guardian, during the course.

A testing session, for those who complete the Aug. 19 clinic will take place at 6 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. The testing session for those who complete the Sept. 23 clinic will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

Attendance is mandatory at both sessions (clinic and testing) to receive the Hunter Education Certification.

For more information, call Jim Mansen at (231) 547-6862.

This clinic is free and conducted with the help of the Department of Natural Resources, members of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and volunteer instructors from the area.

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Men's slo-pitch softball scores from July 24 and 26

Men's slo-pitch rec league softball teams continued their season on July 24 and 26.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 26 games, Ace Hardware beat Boss Engineering 11-6.

For Ace, Eddy Waldron had a double and an in-park home run. Gordy Lake had two hits, one of which was a double.

For Boss, Kyle Jones had an in-park home run. Cliff Jones had three hits and Scott Boss had a triple.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements bested Boss Engineering 11-2.

For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had two hits, one of which was a home run. And Jody Putman had three hits, one of which was a triple.

For Boss, Jer Teuscher had two hits, one of which was a double. And Cliff Jones had three hits.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 24 games, How About Bob? Art Form Fabricating beat Flight Deck 7-6.

For How About Bob, Matt Burt had two hits, one of which was a double. For Flight Deck, Casey Crain had three hits.

In game two, Flight Deck beat Ace Hardware 6-4.

For Ace, Bo Moore had two hits, one of which was a triple.

For Flight Deck, Nick Cole and James Crain each had triple.

In game three, Carlson's Home Improvements won over Ace Hardware 17-10.

For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had a home run and Dave McKenzie had three hits, one of which was a triple.

For Ace, Bo Moore had two hits, one of which was a triple.

CHS golf team tryouts

Two 18-hole rounds of golf to qualify for the Charlevoix High School golf team will take place 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10 and Friday, Aug. 11 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

All interested boys and girls must have physicals to tryout.

For more information, contact Jim Glynn at (231) 347-6484 or Bruce Beaudoin at (231) 547-2732.

Venetian Festival Keith Carey Cup winners

Results are in from the July 16 Charlevoix Venetian Festival Keith Carey Cup Golf Tournament at the Charlevoix Golf Club Staff.

A total of 24 golfers participated in the event.

Chris Wyniawskij was this year's

winner in the men's championship division. He defeated runner-up, Larry Nunemaker, to win.

Jack Niswander successfully defended his title by defeating Don Hardy for his second straight men's senior division title.

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Charlevoix Yacht Club summer series race results

Charlevoix Yacht Club racers sailed the fifth race of the summer series on July 26 in moderately heavy winds and clear, warm weather.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for July 26 are:

Twenty-one boats sailed the full course of seven legs. Apothecary, of the P-26 fleet, experienced a dismasting at the start of the race, and was unable to continue. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Exitus (Pung); 2 - Flash (Gordon).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Lost Vermont (Tinney); 2 - Cygnus (Stewart); 3 - Tireless (Carland); 4 - Original

Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Thunderstruck (Pirie); 2 - Suzie Q (Kelly); 3 - Paleface Lite (Grove); 4 - Four at Play (Herald); 5 - What's Her Name (Robinson); 6 - M3 (Carey); 7 - Fairret (Seymour).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 - Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 - MJ2 (Begrow); 4 - Sail La Vie (Williamson); 5 - Booma (Gosling/Tyra).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 - Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 - Moxie (Jensen); 3 - 616 (Thomas).

Summer series results after five races with two drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Flash (3);

2 - Exitus (4); 3 - Sonnet (9).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Cygnus (4); 2 - Lost Vermont (5); 3 - Tireless (6); 4 - Original Sin (10); 5 - Apothecary (14).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Thunderstruck (4); 2 - Suzie Q (5); 3 - Paleface Lite (6); 4 - Four at Play (9); 5 - What's Her Name (12); 6 - M3 (16); 7 - Fairret (20).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Gotcha! (3); 2 - Hoi Polloi (5); 3 - Booma (8); 4 - MJ2 (10); 5 - Sail La Vie (11).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 - Affinity (4); 2 - Moxie (5); 3 - Northern Light (8); 4 - 616 (11); 5 - Padawan 2 (13); 6 - Windrunner (14).

Rayder Golf Outing
Aug. 4 at country club

A four person scramble Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing to benefit the Charlevoix High School football program will take place on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Registration will take place at noon and teams are expected to tee off at 1 p.m.

The cost for lunch, golf and dinner is \$80 per person. Prizes, drawings and complimentary gifts will be given.

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County moves to hire administrator

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

With six votes in favor of advertising the position of county administrator, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners now wait for candidates to apply.

During the Wednesday, July 26 board meeting, commissioners honed the job description and emphasized the need for a county administrator.

"If I compare it to a business, a \$30 million a year business, it's not going to be run by a part-time board," Frykberg said. "There's somebody in charge. There's a CEO. There's assistants down the line."

He added, "We need somebody that's going to take and handle all of the financial management, budget development, insurance, grant research, purchasing (for the county). They answer to the board of commissioners. They carry out the board of commissioners' policies."

Frykberg said, at this point, there is no one to fulfill the role of human resource management, updating the compensation package, training and personnel development and looking into the use of buildings and grounds.

"Over 64 or 65 counties in the state, out of the 83, have some form of administrator," he said. "The commis-

sioners aren't here every day. Jane's (Brannon, County Clerk) not going to be here forever."

Frykberg said he thinks the county administrator would take over the fiscal officer duties which Brannon now carries out.

"We've got to think ahead for what's going to happen when there are some changes here," he said. "In my mind, I've been on this ever since I ran six years ago."

When a member of the audience asked how much the newly created office might cost, Frykberg responded with an approximate figure.

"In my mind, and it hasn't been finalized, I think it's probably a

\$60,000 to \$70,000 job — starting out," he said.

Third District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Ronald Reinhardt, admitted to originally being against the idea.

But, he said, "We do need someone that's here every day."

Frykberg said the county administrator will be a resource for use by all county department heads. He said the administrator's position will be another form of check and balance in the government.

"(This will) make certain tax dollars are being used efficiently," he said. "I know sometimes when you add a person it doesn't seem like

it's going to be efficient, but it really is."

He added, "There's nobody in charge here."

County commission candidate, Shirlene Tripp, asked board members how they can afford to pay for a newly created position.

"We're increasing our tax base about as much as the people of Charlevoix County can afford — more than some can afford," she said.

Frykberg answered that counties with some sort of administrator, per capita, are doing better than those without.

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Board accepts applications for administrator's position

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County commission candidate, Josh Barnes, said he knows how frustrating it is to not be able to coordinate activities the way they should be coordinated.

"I cannot picture any company in this world being run by a board of directors, and that's what you're asking this group to do. No chairman, no foreman, no anything except elected people," he said. "There's no reason why you shouldn't take the word of experts you've elected. It's their job to make decisions."

In a later interview, chairman of the

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board, Vic Patrick, said the advertisement will be in newspapers and trade journals around the state, but that no talks on salary amounts would begin until, "...we start getting some candidates to see what their qualifications are, what their backgrounds are and so forth."

Venetian Jackpot

The First Annual Venetian Festival Fireworks 50/50 Raffle winner was announced July 22 in East Park. Here the winner, (center) Dan Engstrom, proudly displays his \$10,100 check with raffle ambassadors Brenda Bryan and Steve Andree. The total amount of the 50/50 was \$20,200. The balance assists in funding the festival's fireworks displays.



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REWARD/LOST DOGS. 073

LOST DOGS. White with orange English Setter, "Cody". Black with tan Gordon Setter - "KayLee". Call 231-547-6941 or 313-881-8855.

(08-02-1-073)

SERVICES AVAILABLE 084

AFFORDABLE STONERWORKS of Charlevoix. Fireplaces, chimneys, retainer walls and decorative landscaping. Call 231-437-0159.

(08-2-3-084)

INSURANCE

Charlevoix Agency Inc. Locally owned and operated, A+ Companies, A+ Service 231-547-4441

(8-19-tf-084)

EMPLOYMENT 086

PHLEBOTOMY EDUCATION

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(8-02-1-086)

CLASSROOM ASSISTANT for private

Montessori Primary Classroom. Full-time, CDA or equivalent preferred. Call for more information, 231-547-5599.

(07-19-3-086)

OFFICE MANAGER.

Recently opened small automotive company located in Charlevoix is in need of a positive, personable individual. Will be responsible for the management of the sales lot, administrative duties including phones, payments, record keeping, etc., and providing support to the sales staff. Previous office experience required, management experience preferred. Please send resume to: File 246, c/o Charlevoix Courier.

(08-02-2-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

APARTMENT MANAGER. Local, Part-Time for 24 Unit apartment building in Charlevoix. Needed to start immediately. Flexible hours. Paperwork and excellent communications skills needed. Send resume with letters of reference to Apt. Mgr., PO Box 307, Buckley, MI 49620.

(07-19-3-086)

LOCAL CHARLEVOIX business

seeks part/full-time bookkeeper with Quick Books, AP/AR/GL and payroll experience. Send resume to 304 Meech Street, Charlevoix.

(07-26-3-086)

RNs, LPNs: Do you have a full-time

job and want extra money? VitalCare is seeking contingent LPNs and RNs to work for our private duty department. Flexible work schedule; you determine your availability! Competitive pay, great and orientation. Send resume to Human Resources, 761 Lafayette, Cheboygan MI 49721, Attn: Private Duty Nursing or call 1-800-342-7711 for an application. Visit us at www.vital-care.org. Equal Opportunity Employer.

(07-26-2-086)

SALES HELP WANTED 088

FAST TRACK to management. One of America's fastest growing insurance companies is currently seeking individuals interested in entry-level positions leading to rapid advancement into management. Nationwide Company expansion has created this unprecedented opportunity for those who qualify. Ambition, intelligence, integrity and a strong work ethic will lead qualified individuals to management positions within three months to one year depending on experience and performance. Our associate managers earn \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year. Our top managers earn \$200,000+. For additional information and to arrange an interview, call 231-347-6958.

(08-02-2-088)

YARD/GARAGE SALES 100

YARD SALE, August 5th, 9am-4pm. Antiques, furniture, tools, glassware, miscellaneous. 511 West Upright in Charlevoix.

(08-02-1-100)

COMMUNITY YARD Sale at Pine

Cove Apartments, 1001 May Street, Charlevoix. August 4th, 5th & 6th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(08-02-1-100)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

REDUCED PRICING on 3 1/4" Red Oak flooring - Best Grade \$2.99 sq.ft. Natural Ash for \$2.25 sq.ft. Northern Michigan Hardwoods 231-347-4575.

(07-19-3-134)

NATURAL & RUSTIC Maple - 2

1/4" & 3 1/4" flooring available for \$2.21 sq.ft. White Birch - 3 1/4", 4 1/4" and 5 1/4" Com/Sel Grade for \$2.25. Northern Michigan Hardwoods 231-347-4575.

(07-19-3-134)

LANDSCAPE MULCH - Bring a

tarp and fill your pick up truck for \$35.00 or call to set up your mulch delivery. Same delivery rate as last year. Northern Michigan Hardwoods 231-347-4575.

(07-19-3-134)

SOFA SECTIONAL, beautiful

condition, located in Charlevoix. Call 480-586-6537.

(07-19-3-134)

LOTS & ACREAGE FOR SALE 157

LOT #47, Northpointe Woods, Charlevoix. \$65,000. Call 561-707-1194.

(07-26-3-157)

CHARLEVOIX BOULDER PARK -

2 lots available, starting at \$24,986. Water and sewer available. Manufacturers welcome. Call Margie at REO 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-157)

CONDO FOR SALE OR/RENT 158

EDGEWATER INN, 1 bd, 2 ba. Month to Month lease. No pets, No smoking. All utilities, plus cable included. Lease plus deposit, \$1,250.00 per month. 517-719-8637.

(06-14-tf-158)

VACATION CONDO located downtown

Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. 231-881-3528.

(3-9-tf-158)

HOUSES FOR SALE 160

KEWADIN, BELOW appraisal, 3BR, 2BA, with full basement. Near A-Ga-Ming golf course. Shared Torch Lake access. Boat dock, sprinklers and invisible fence. 24' x 26' garage. \$190,000. Vacant lot is available. Financing available to qualified buyer. Immediate possession. Call 231-264-9180. Evenings call 231-264-9775.

(08-02-1-160)

\$129,986 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in

Charlevoix, on 5 acres, 2 car garage. Nice location. Call Margie at REO 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR SALE 160

CHARLEVOIX SUGARBUSH KNOLL, wonderful 5 bedroom, 3 bath, over 3,400 sq. ft., nice wooded lot. Lots of extras. Call Margie at 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS

Salas professionals needed for our Charlevoix and other dealerships. Salary plus commission - earning potential \$60,000+. Health care and retirement available. If you are an individual with integrity, good organizational skills, and a successful sales background, then we want to see your resume. Send to: ICC, P.O. Box 146, Acme, MI 49610.

Call 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

BELLS BAY, Charlevoix, 20 x 45 x 20 high with 20 x 20 loft. Boat storage available. Call 231-547-5671.

(08-02-3-174)

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40,

20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-547-6445.

(9-15-tf-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to

3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix north-side. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(3-31-tf-174)

STORAGE UNITS available.

Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-tf-174)

BUSINESS PROPERTY 168

FOR RENT

PREMIERE RETAIL space for rent, downtown Charlevoix, stylish interior, high ceilings, 1600 or 3200 sq. ft., includes 400 or 800 sq. ft. storage space @ 211 Bridge Street. Call 231-547-4278.

(07-19-3-168)

CHARLEVOIX, MI rehab and/or

Fitness Center facility. "Purpose-built" for such use with large shower & locker rooms, sauna and massage area. Top lighting, AC and Heating systems. Special flooring, separate racquet ball court, newer building and great ground floor location in town center. Over 5,000 square feet at less than \$6 per S.F. per year, triple net. Contact Aila at 231-547-1155, EXT. 3115 or call Richard at 248-885-0802. E-mail: rgeorgi@resortbook.com.

(08-2-3-168)

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX nice

2nd floor office room. \$300 + util. Call Aila 231-547-1155, ext. 3115.

(08-02-3-168)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR

RENT 169

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX large one bedroom, remodeled, new appliances. \$550 plus utilities, no pets. Call 231-547-6715, evenings.

(05-31-tf-169)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

TWO BEDROOM house, 3 blocks from downtown Charlevoix. \$700 plus deposit and utilities. No Pets/No Smoking. Call 231-547-6715, evenings.

(08-02-3-170)

CHARLEVOIX, NORTH side, 3BR,

1 1/2 BA, non-smoking, no pets. October through May. \$600 per month. Gas and Electric included. Call 248-628-9322.

(07-19-3-170)

CHARLEVOIX, 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 1

block from downtown. First floor master suite. Remodeled throughout. Central Air. \$1,200 per month. Call Judy Winter at 231-547-0025.

(07-26-3-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-tf-171)

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(3-31-tf-174)

STORAGE UNITS available.

Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-tf-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection, Grubers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-tf-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed, Grubers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-089

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The John Lawrence Vogt Trust
SS# 385-03-2362 (Social Security Number of Decedent)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following.

The decedent John Lawrence Vogt, whose last known address was 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Michigan, 49727 died on June 10, 2006.

The decedent was the Grantor of the John Lawrence Vogt Trust ("Trust").

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the current acting Trustee (whose name and address appear below) of the Trust within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

The current acting Successor Trustee is: Sandra Kay Nemecek, 5362 St. John's Road, East Jordan, Michigan, 49727.

Notice is further given that the Trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the person entitled to it.

Dated: July 19, 2006

Attorney for Successor Trustee:
William M. Fury P13767
Bensinger, Cotant & Menkes, P.C.
308 West Main Street
P.O. Box 1000
Gaylord, MI 49734
(989) 732-7536
(989) 732-4922 - Fax
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L(08/02)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to IndyMac Mortgage Holding, Inc. (f/k/a INMC Mortgage Holdings, Inc. a/k/a Independent National Mortgage Corporation), dated August 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on September 16, 1998, in Liber 346, Page(s) 410, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage

Assignment dated July 22, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on August 30, 1999, in Liber 370, Page(s) 962, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$79,473.56, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 9.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 8, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL C:

BEGINNING AT A T-IRON STAKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 54, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 54 (WEST LINE OF EAST STREET) SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14' 00" WEST 57.77 FEET (RECORDED AS 57.75 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 54 NORTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" WEST 148.50 FEET (RECORDED AS 145.50 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 54 AND 55 OF SAID PLAT, (EAST LINE OF AN ALLEY), NORTH 00 DEGREES 29' 10" EAST 60.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" EAST 147.79 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF EAST STREET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 55, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19' 04" WEST 2.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING ALL OF LOT 54 AND PART OF LOT 55, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee

1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: July 28, 2006

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L(08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 08/23, 08/30)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Citizens Bank may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and Mary E. Legg, a single woman, to Citizens Bank, dated June 29, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 11, 1999, in Liber 373, Page(s) 957, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$103,558.97, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and Mary E. Legg, a single woman, to Citizens Bank, together with interest at 7.0 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale con-

tained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 1, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:
LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

COMMENCING AT A 3/4 INCH PIPE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 1322.30 FEET TO THE SOUTH EIGHTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, AS MONUMENTED; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EIGHTH LINE, AS MONUMENTED, 663.44 FEET (RECORDED AT 663.37 FEET) TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ANDREW KOSC PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 258, PAGE 372, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST (RECORDED AS SOUTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST) ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID KOSC PROPERTY, 38.23 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 225.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 354.77 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 33

DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 33.05 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 225.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 387.82 FEET (RECORDED AS NORTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST) ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF THE KOSC PROPERTY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE THEREOF BEING 30 FEET WIDE AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75 AS RECORDED IN DEED, LIBER 274, PAGE 807, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Citizens Bank

By: H. DOUGLAS SHEPHERD (P64560)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
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Dated: July 24, 2006
L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 08/23)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

PLAINTIFF: Daniel Ray Kayser v.
DEFENDANT: Karen Elizabeth Kayser

TO: Karen Elizabeth Kayser

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 on or before August 18, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

July 18, 2006

Judge Richard M. Pajtas
L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

RASPBERRY LANE PROPERTIES LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company,
Plaintiff,
v

File: 06-249 -21-CH
WILLIS J. KERNS and BLANCHE KERNS, husband and wife; and CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia Corporation; as above named, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before August 30, 2006. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiff
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231/547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 7th day of July, 2006.

PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On June 8, 2006, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiff, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:
In the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a Charlevoix County marker at the North quarter corner of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; Thence along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, South 00°56'56" East, 1866.18 feet (recorded as South 00°58'06" East and South 00°26'40" West 1866.55 feet) to a 1/2" rod on the Northwestern line of the former Chicago & North Michigan Rail-

road right-of-way, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; Thence continuing along said quarter line, South 00°56'56" East (recorded as South 00°58'06" East and South 00°26'40" West) 119.27 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the South-easterly line of said right-of-way; Thence along said Southeasterly line, North 55°50'02" East 689.25 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the center line of the former Emmet & Grand Traverse State Road; Thence continuing along the last described course, North 55°59'46" East 62.60 feet to a 1/2" re-rod on the North line of said road, South 87°48'28" West 189.71 feet to the Northwestern line of said former railroad right-of-way; Thence along the Northwestern line of said railroad right-of-way, South 55°59'46" West 62.60 feet to a 1/2" re-rod; Thence continuing along the last described course, South 55°45'02" West 462.98 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants WILLIS J. KERNS and BLANCHE KERNS, husband and wife, and Defendant CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY COMPANY, a Virginia Corporation, as above named, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before August 30, 2006. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on: September 22, 2006, at 2:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: July 7, 2006
Richard M. Pajtas
Circuit Court Judge
L(07/19, 07/26, 08/2)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

CHRIS M. FRASZ and MICHELE M. NICKEL FRASZ, as assignees through HAROLD I. HAMLIN, JR., Trustee of the Harold I. Hamlin, Jr., Revocable Living Trust, U/T/A dated 11/9/1990

Plaintiffs,
v
File No: 01-1111-19-CH
HARRY A. BURKHART III,

Defendant.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.
Heather S. Frick (P67958)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
309 Potosky Ave., P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231) 547-9950

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On March 15, 2002, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan, entered a Default Judgment of Foreclosure. On June 15, 2006, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan amended the Default Judgment of Foreclosure in favor of the Plaintiffs, Chris M. Frasz and Michele M. Nickel Frasz and against the Defendant, Harry A. Burkhardt, III.

2. On August 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest

bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

A part of Lot 35, Block F, of South Boyne as recorded in Liber 1, page 9, Charlevoix County Records; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the above Lot 35; thence South 103 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence North 103 feet to Main Street; thence East to Place of beginning. AND ALSO, a parcel of same above Lot 35; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence West 33 feet; thence

North 53 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 53 feet to place of beginning. AND ALSO, 4 feet off the West side of Lot 36 of said plat of South Boyne.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

June 28, 2006

Sharon M. Selissen, County Clerk
L(07/05, 07/12, 07/19, 07/26, 08/02, 08/09)



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Area events

Aug. 2

Coast Guard reunion

The Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival's Retiree's Reunion Dinner will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The event is open and free to all Coast Guard retirees and former Coast Guardsmen and their families.

For more information, call W.C. Boonstra, chairman of the Coast Guard Festival Reunion, at (616) 846-5940.

Aug. 2

Panhellenic meeting

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will host a "guest day" luncheon at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Birchwood Country Club in Harbor Springs. Members are urged to bring a friend.

John Agria, a photographer from Bay View and New York will present the program.

The hostesses for the day are Mary Sue Hanson, Nancy Palmer and Sue Deuchler. To make reservations, call (231) 347-3360.

Aug. 4

Forgotten Eagles visit

In conjunction with a statewide tour, the Forgotten Eagles of Michigan will visit the local VFW post this week. The Forgotten Eagles is a group which promotes public awareness regarding prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action and also raises funds for veterans through its five chapters. They will arrive in Charlevoix between 1:30 and 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4. At that time the group will conduct a ceremony for the fallen soldiers of northern Michigan and present the local VFW with a new prisoner of war/missing in action flag as the previous flag was destroyed in the hall's December 2004 fire. For more information about the Forgotten Eagles, visit www.forgotteneagles.org or call Don at (231) 547-5534.

Aug. 4

Craft fair

Friske Orchards will host an Art and Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4 and 5.

Crafts on display include teddy bears, wearable art, wool mittens, rag tote bags, candles, kid's CDs, puppets, wood furniture, photography, baked goods and more.

A craft tent and live music will be offered.

Friske Orchards is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31. For more information about this weekend's craft sale, call (231) 599-2604 or visit www.friske.com.

Aug. 4

Rayder Golf Outing

A four person scramble Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing to benefit the Charlevoix High School football program will take place on Friday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Registration will take place at noon and teams are expected to tee off at 1 p.m.

The cost for lunch, golf and dinner is \$80 per person. Prizes, drawings and complimentary gifts will be given.

The deadline to register is July 29. To register, make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing, 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Aug. 5

Deployment open house

PFC Jacob J. Burns of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, son of Doreen and John and brother of Erin Burns of Charlevoix, has been activated with Bravo Company, First BN, 24th Marine Regiment. He has been training at Camp Pendleton in California and will deploy to Iraq in September. He will be home on leave in August. A deployment open house for family and friends will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 5 at 101 Eaton Court in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 437-0842.

Aug. 5

Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class, "Lakescaping" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5. To register, call (231) 599-2824.

Pine Hill Nursery is located 10 miles north of Elk Rapids off U.S. 31.

Aug. 8

City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

Aug. 10

Genealogical society

Bob Oliver will present a program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10 in conjunction with the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society meeting.

The meeting will be held in the basement community room at the Jordan Valley District Library, located at 1 Library Lane in East Jordan.

Oliver will present a program on early East Jordan area schools and also the history of the East Jordan United Methodist Church. He has spent many years researching and documenting his findings on all of the early Charlevoix County schools, but he will focus his talk only on East Jordan area schools for this meeting. In addition, he has compiled a wealth of information on the East Jordan United Methodist Church and will be sharing that with those in attendance.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call JoAnn at (231) 582-9602.

Aug. 10

Panhellenic meeting II

Members of the Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will gather for their final meeting of the season at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, at Stafford's Bay View Inn.

Following the luncheon, Ruth and Robin Rhone of Rhone House and Farm Textile Studio will present a fashion show of hand knit and hand woven clothing.

Hostesses for this event are Connie Burt and Suzanne Ternan.

To make reservations, call (231) 347-9310.

Aug. 12

Gardening talk

Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, will present a free, hour-long gardening talk, "Seven Steps to Success with Roses" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Pine Hill Nursery in Elk Rapids. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids. To register, call (231) 599-2824.

Aug. 15

Retired Federal Employee lunch

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will host their annual picnic at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 15 in the shelter at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. Members and guests may attend. For more information, call Cheryl at (231) 238-4840.

Aug. 15

Caregiver Support Group

An Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

Grange auction

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in late September in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

Bergmann sale

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is accepting donations for its annual garage sale to take place on Sept. 21-23 and September 28 and 29. All donations must be in good to excellent condition and clean.

To schedule an appointment for a drop off, call Kim Brock at (231) 547-2979.

Skatepark hours

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark is open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from July 1 through Sept. 2.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas.

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Chinese eatery owner tested for TB

TB

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losis have been reported in Charlevoix County.

"They've been isolated as a precautionary measure," Sundmacher said.

She added that sputum was collected from Dong on July 26. Those samples were sent to the Michigan Department of Community Health in Lansing to determine whether he is infected with tuberculosis. Results of those tests are expected to be returned later this week.

Pat Fralick, director of family health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, said residents alarmed by the possible presence of tuberculosis in the community need to understand that the disease comes in different forms.

"The type of TB we get concerned with at the health department is mycobacterium tuberculosis," she said. "There are many people in the community who may have a positive test for TB. That doesn't mean they are communicable. We worry when you have it in your lungs and are not treated. Then, when you cough or spit, that organism can be spread to other people. That doesn't happen very often. But does it happen? Yep, it happens."

She added on average the health department responds to one to two cases annually of mycobacterium tuberculosis in the four county area it covers.

While a possible tuberculosis diagnosis is serious, the disease may be the least of Dong and Chen's concerns.

The two were taken to Sault Ste. Marie on July 12 after a search by representatives of local and state police agencies of China 1 restaurants in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Gaylord and Traverse City. During the search, \$132,745 in cash and two vehicles, a 2005 Lexus and 2003 Toyota Rav4, were seized.

Charges were authorized against the two Charlevoix owners by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office on July 26 in connection with the search. These charges

include two counts of conducting criminal enterprise for alleged racketeering and money laundering; a count of third degree money laundering; a count of embezzlement of more than \$1,000 and less than \$20,000; four counts of taxes — fail to file/false return; and two misdemeanor counts of conspiracy to taxes.

According to an affidavit authored by detective/sergeant Gwen Erickson with the Michigan State Police, on file in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court the two allegedly did not pay taxes for employees and failed to pay the state the sales tax the restaurant collected on cash sales from customers from January 2004 through July 12.

The criminal enterprises felony charges for alleged money laundering and embezzlement carry the most harsh penalty of all the counts Dong and Chen face — up to 20 years in prison. The remaining felony charges each carry a five-year maximum prison sentence.

"I want to see them take some charges and let immigration do whatever they are going to do with them. We believe they are here illegally and we think we can prove they weren't paying any employment or sales tax. I want to see the money and assets forfeited to recoup the money they should have paid," said Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema.

Charlevoix China 1 owners Dong and Chen have not been arraigned.

Jarema added that similar charges will also be levied by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office against other people involved in the China 1 operation many of who are the couple's family members, and one of which is the tax accountant for all four locations.

Those listed in the affidavit include Gaylord China 1 president, Zhen X. Chen and his wife, Ai Hua, their son, Xian Chen and his wife, Min Ru Dong and vice-president, Fa Yang; Cheboygan China 1 owners Chuan Ke Wang and Cui Min Chen, Zhen Chen's daughter and former owner of Charlevoix China 1; and Traverse City China 1 owners Wen Bing Wang and Hui Yun Wang.

What is Tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by germs that are spread from person to person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, the kidneys or the spine. A person with Tuberculosis can die if they do not get treatment.

Symptoms of TB?

The general symptoms of TB disease include feelings of sickness or weakness, weight loss, fever, and night sweats. The symptoms of TB disease of the lungs also include coughing, chest pain, and the coughing up of blood. Symptoms of TB disease in other parts of the body depend on the area affected.

How is TB spread?

TB germs are put into the air when a person with TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs, sneezes, speaks or sings. These germs can stay in the air for several hours, depending on the environment. Persons who breathe in the air containing these TB germs can become infected; this is called latent TB infection.

What should I do if I have been exposed to someone with TB disease?

People with TB disease are most likely to spread the germs to people they spend time with every day, such as family members or coworkers.

If you have been around

someone who has TB disease, you should go to your doctor or your local health department for tests.

What does a positive Tuberculin skin test mean?

A positive tuberculin skin test only tells that a person has been infected with TB germs. It does not tell whether or not the person has progressed to TB disease.

Other tests, such as a chest x-ray and a sample of sputum, are needed to see whether the person has TB disease.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, April 2006

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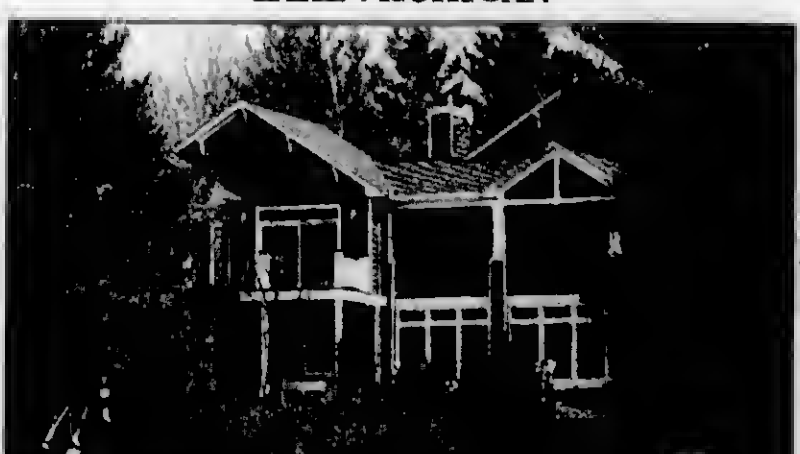
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Commission incumbents ousted

Aug. 8 primary winners go on to Nov. 7 general election

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Three incumbents and one former Charlevoix County commissioner were ousted in the Aug. 8 primary election.

In District One, which consists of Hayes Township, the north side of Charlevoix Township, Bay Township and the City of Charlevoix north of the bridge, Shirlene Tripp beat fellow Republican, Josh Barnes 326 to 252 securing 56.4 percent of the vote.

"We have a small revolution in the county with this big of a turnover, and it (the election) was clean."

Robert Drebenstedt.

Republican candidate for District Five County Commission

Tripp will face incumbent, Connie Saltonstall and any write-ins in the Nov. 7 general election.

"I didn't graduate with honors, but it will be an honor to serve the people," she said.

Tripp thanked her opponent for doing a good job and said she looks forward to beating Saltonstall in November.

If successful, Tripp's first order of business will be to ensure commissioner meetings are only canceled in cases of emergency. And, she hopes to get a sound system in the boardroom so

the audience can hear what the commissioners are saying.

She added, "I would hope to think we could re-vote for county manager and consider the human resource person."

In District Two, which consists of Evangeline Township and Boyne City, Chris Christensen beat incumbent Randolph Frykberg 203 to 152 with 57.02 percent of the vote.

"I'm excited, I'm ecstatic," he said. "It was a close race. It was tight. There were a lot of tight races this year."

Christensen said, if he is elected in

November, he will first acclimate himself to his commission seat.

"And quite honestly, we're gonna have to come up with some funding for the roads," he said.

Christensen respects his opponent for running a clean race, and said, "I hope that I can draw on some of his experience to represent the people in a great way."

In District Three, which consists of Melrose, Chandler, Hudson and Boyne Valley townships, the Village of Boyne Falls and the portion of Wilson Township south of Boyne City-East Jordan Road, incumbent, Ronald Reinhardt got the proverbial landslide of the evening by beating Alex Greficz 246 to 81 for 75.23 percent of the vote.

"I feel fortunate and glad that the

See ELECTION, page 3

Rolling blackout threat prompted by heat wave

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

Last week, when a heat wave invaded Charlevoix, air conditioning units kicked into overdrive and city electric customers teetered on the brink of experiencing rolling blackouts.

The power demand surged and almost exceeded the supply.

According to city engineer, Don Swem, no power outages occurred during the three-day heat wave which lasted from July 31 through Aug. 2. But power use was at an all-time high on Monday, July 31 when the temperature reached 101 degrees and Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 1 and 2 when temperatures were in the low 90s.

"We received warnings on all those days that we may have to cut the load to prevent a major blackout of everyone," Swem said. "It was those 90 degree days that did it. Everyone has to have their air conditioning."

According to a spokesman for the organization that issued those warnings, Midwest Independent Transmission Operator, this was the first time in six years that they have issued an Energy Alert Level 1 warning for the entire 15-state area they

"We received warnings on all those days (July 31 through Aug. 2) that we may have to cut the load to prevent a major blackout of everyone."

Don Swem.

City of Charlevoix engineer

cover and an Energy Alert Level 2 warning in selected areas, including Charlevoix.

"This week when we broke that record demand for power, we went to Emergency Energy Alert Level 1, a precautionary measure to manage the system when the grid is strained by record demand for power," said Gary Rasp, spokesperson for Midwest Independent Transmission Operator.

"Tuesday and Wednesday, portions of the system, including Charlevoix, were stepped up to Level 2. That doesn't mean the system was close to shutting down. We took the measures we felt appropriate and were able to meet demand without significant disruptions."

He explained that the Level 2 See BLACKOUT, page 31

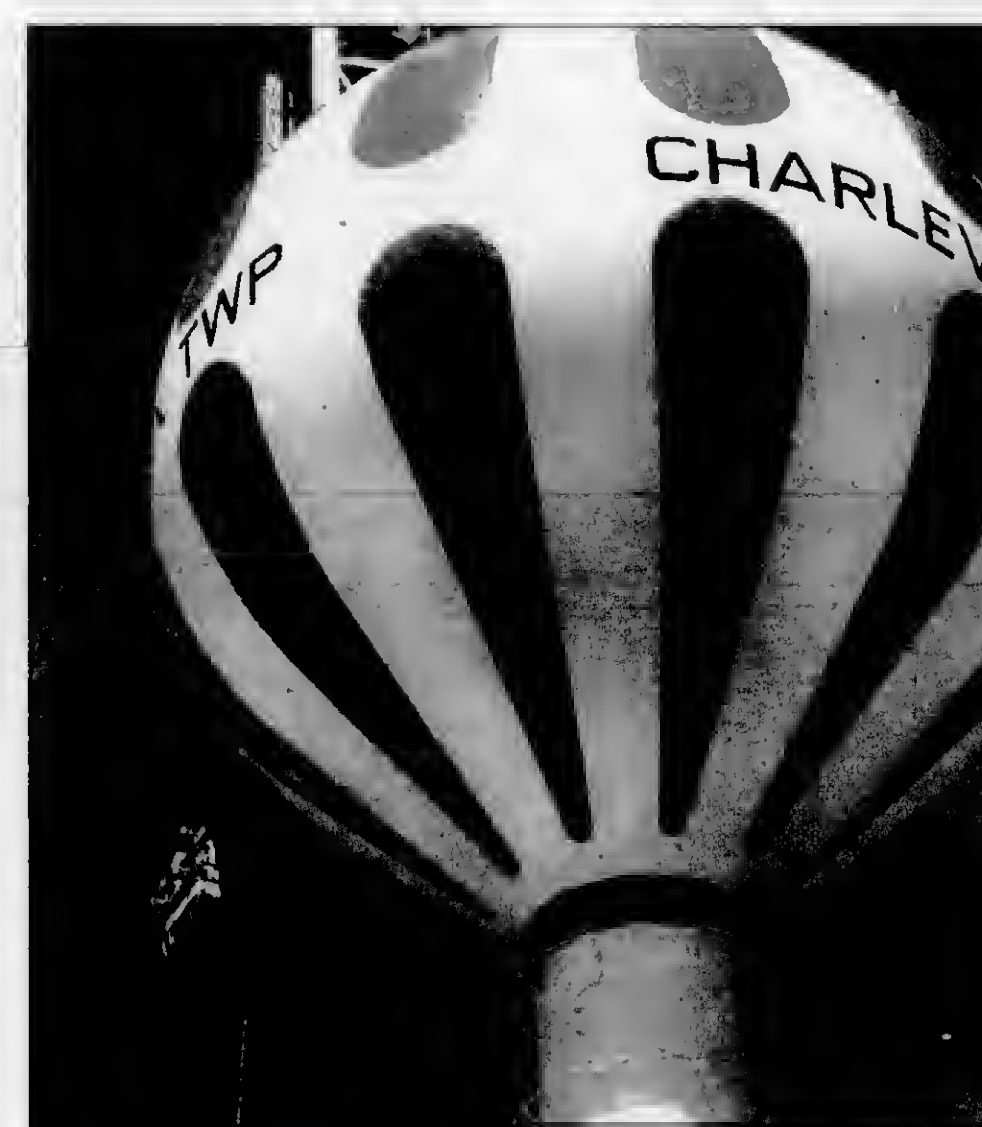


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A fresh facade

Lexi Deda with LC United of Detroit performed a high wire painting act on Friday, Aug. 4 as he freshened up the look of this Charlevoix Township water tower near the township's fire hall on the south side. Total cost of the cleaning, painting and technology update was \$66,000.

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Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

An interview last week went something like this.

"So, when is the project supposed to start (bang, hang, bang). And how much is it going to cost (bang, bang, bang)," I asked.

The person on the other end of the line politely responded, "What's all the racket about."

I explained that while interviews have occasionally incited me to whack the phone on my desk, this wasn't the case.

The Courier office, one of the community's dinosaurs, is seeing some amazing updates. And we are working smack in the middle of a construction zone.

New siding, windows, flower boxes and even an updated cooling system

are replacing the cracked block exterior, drafty windows, rotten wood flower boxes and portable AC units from the 1970s.

The 1970s look to the interior will also be changed with new kitchen and bathroom facilities and a fresh coat of paint to cover the dark stained paneling that cloaks the news room.

While this is the big change readers are seeing when they visit the office and are hearing when they call, behind the scenes a fresh look is also being planned for the newspaper.

Just like the Courier building project, which was sparked by leaks and drafty windows, the rejuvenated newspaper venture we are embarking on started with a problem.

The Courier news team, staff writer Benjamin Gohs and myself, are young and when it comes to news, fearless. We produce a hyper local, edgy product that offers something for all ages and deserves a facelift.

The revamping started with a small picture inserted into the page one Charlevoix Courier logo in the July 26 edition to break up the gray on the page's right-hand side.

But still, something was missing.

I thought to myself, we need a fresh, classy look. And while I know we can't inject the press ink with Botox and shredded Gucci handbags to achieve this, we can work with our design group and press experts to make it happen.

In the new design, the Courier staff will roll out on Aug. 23, you'll find we've veered away from the fancy font and sailboat that once made up the Courier masthead. Our thinking? Why does a sailboat say Charlevoix. What says Charlevoix are the people. The sailboat space will now be filled by residents and visitors doing whatever they love to do in Charlevoix.

The insider's look at the paper and index have been changed from a vertical format on the left side of page one, to a horizontal format and can be found on the bottom of the front page.

While the design will be a blatant change, the one that will keep you guessing is the feel of the paper.

Currently, the paper is printed on a 56 inch web, the standard in the industry from the early 1980s to late 1990s. The new paper will be printed on a 50 inch web, similar in width to



our sister paper, the Petoskey News-Review. The print area will be more narrow, which for readers means it will be easier to manage and for us means less ink.

While the look and "feel" of the Courier is changing, one thing is not, our dedication to offering readers a reliable, quality product. With in-depth coverage of local schools

This sample front page for the redesigned Charlevoix Courier is meant to give readers a behind the scenes look at fresh changes to the newspaper that will be rolled out on Aug. 23.

and the business community, coupled with a hard-hitting focus on local government entities, the Courier, your weekly community newspaper, will remain the voice for Charlevoix. You can still look to page 2 for "on the record," page 8 for obituaries and page 1 for information you won't find anywhere else.

Your input is valuable and should be shared with the staff. As we make this transition, mail comments about what you like and dislike to my attention at Charlevoix Courier P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720; e-mail comments to news@charlevoixcourier.com; or call me (231) 547-6558.

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The Club Sandwich Generation fast lane



Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

My theme song this summer, "On the road again," keeps running through my mind.

The tune is the theme song representing the group I have joined which is often referred to as "Club Sandwich Generation." To become a member one needs to be sandwiched between aging parents, adult children and grandchildren. Indoctrination starts with a phone call inquiring, "How do you

get a five-year-old to quit changing his clothes 10 times a day?" Membership was verified with, "I need your help. It's difficult keeping the house in order with three little ones, and it would be so nice to have a date with my husband."

My first assignment, check my calendar and mark the day when bags will be packed and plan what I should bring down for the grandkids. After coffee and a quick glance at the "Today Show," it's on to check e-mail. I read the numerous e-mails from my siblings explaining what our next plan of action is with dad and whose turn it is to clean out his refrigerator. It's my turn to take care of dad for awhile — I'm definitely in the club now. Planning my task of making one complete trip, first I stay with grandkids, then on to dad's. I really do love spending time

with family but my energy gets zapped and the thought of returning to my own bed and getting a good night's sleep is better than having a Godiva chocolate with a side order of Starbucks.

When my own schedule keeps me on the home front, I bring the family north. When this occurs I skip my usual gym time as I can get quite a workout wheeling dad around town in a wheelchair. Dad keeps late hours, as he has always been a night owl. Fortunately, we have cable, which provides us with the History Channel and Star Trek reruns that can be heard into the wee hours of the night. As easily as he can be entertained so can the grandkids. We are so fortunate to have a variety of beaches to choose from when they need their water time.

Having been comfortably retired for three years now, I need to reset my

mental alarm clock. The grandkids have a way of automatically waking up when the sun rises — very similar to how a Mr. Coffee is programmed. Did I mention that my favorite time of day is "nap time." Those are my two new favorite words. When that time of day ends I can be found starting up the vacuum cleaner. In the midst of cleaning, I catch a glimpse of a program on the television set. The announcer is happily expounding his report on the latest trend having your home built large enough to accommodate grandma, grandpa, mom and dad, adult children and grandchildren. The announcer continues his sales pitch that it saves money on day care, cost of fuel, housing, and with an economy that is not as promising as some politicians tell us, this may be the wave of the future. I am on the road again. Halfway to

my destination, my cell phone rings. It's my brother calling, letting me know that dad has had a stroke. The intense conversation was broken up with little brother asking, "What's that running water I hear in the background?" Though I wanted to respond with, "Tahquamenon Falls," I told him the truth. I had answered my phone in the inner sanctum of the Clare rest stop.

I made it to my destination, the time with grandkids may be shortened, and the time with dad lengthened. We're family and we take care of each other. That's what being a family is all about. Yes, I'm a proud member of the "Club Sandwich Generation," but next week I think I'll order out.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558.

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Letters to the editor

Committed communities

Editor:
Wow! What a difference committed communities can make.

As the director of Camp Quality of Northwest Michigan, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in making the 3rd Annual Boyne Thunder Fundraising Weekend a tremendous success. Due to all of your hard work, dedication and generosity the children of Camp Quality and their families will be able to once again experience a week-long, camping experience at Camp Daggett along with all of the additional teen and family enrichment activities that take place throughout the year.

Your generous support touches our campers and their families in ways you will never know. On behalf of all of them, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation. The weekend wouldn't have been a success without you.

Eleanor West
Camp Quality of Northwest Michigan
Director

Great cleanup effort

Editor:
While most of us were still sleeping in after a full Venetian weekend, the city of Charlevoix, under the direction of Pat Elliott, was on the job cleaning up. The park was clean and nearby streets in good shape — one would never know there had been a party. Thank you, city workers, for a fine job. With a relatively small staff and great direction they, "Keep Charlevoix Beautiful."

R.J. and Sandi Button
Charlevoix

Keep up foot patrols

Editor:
Thanks to Charlevoix City police chief Gerard Doan for establishing foot patrols in the downtown area. How refreshing it is to see our officers mingling with citizens, checking with merchants and getting to know people a

little better. This is good for Charlevoix. We hope that the chief will consider making this a permanent thing.
Richard and Linda O'Leary
Charlevoix

First class hospital

Editor:
As everyone knows, our (Charlevoix Area) hospital has been under a very expensive modernization and enlargement program, with the cost of over \$15 million. Several people have mentioned to me that they want to know if we would ever get a fair return for our investment. As a continual financial supporter of our hospital, I am happy to tell you that last night every nickel of that money used for the building, and the personnel, has been well worth it. They saved me from possibly a very unfortunate problem.

I had jogged some 13 miles from Petoskey State Park to Harbor Springs and back again. During my jogging the afternoon temperature at 3 p.m. was in the low 90s and I drank very little water. At 1 a.m. I woke up and had to be taken to the hospital by my wife because I could barely breathe, I had no feeling in my feet or hands and I felt very light-headed. We arrived at Charlevoix Area Hospital at about 1:15 a.m. and immediately Dr. (Jim) Stewart and his night staff diagnosed the problem and solved it. They pulled me back from what I thought was sheer doom.

So, thank you Dr. Stewart, and the late emergency staff for what you did for me and what you do for all of us in this community.

There is no doubt in my mind that our hospital is first class and that it's there for us when we are in trouble. The time, effort, and investment we have all made in our hospital is definitely the thing to do, for a hospital gives back to our families every day and every night.

Bill Schulging
Charlevoix

Blood drive success

Editor:
The American Red Cross was in Charlevoix during the Venetian Festival. It was also the time of a critical shortage of blood for the sick and injured. I am proud of the community of Charlevoix for responding with 102 pints of blood on July 20.

Thank you for the cooperation of the Lions Club, the Charlevoix City Water and Electric Department and local businesses who contributed to the great outcome. I am grateful to my volunteers for their unwavering kindness and generosity.

The Community-Reformed Church of Charlevoix was our hospitable host once again, providing a wonderful and comfortable site. Thank you. The next community blood drive is from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Please come to donate blood. Each pint can make a difference for up to three people.

Ellen Breining
Charlevoix

Senior center response

Editor:
(In response to the letter written by Richard Tunison, "Center seeks COA support," page 4 of the Aug. 2 edition of the Charlevoix Courier.)

The Charlevoix Senior Center is seeking more millage money through a direct appropriation but without accountability to taxpayers. In his Aug. 2 letter, Richard Tunison's comments are disingenuous.

Mr. Tunison says the Charlevoix Senior Center receives \$20,000 for "utilities and some office expenses." In fact, the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging spent over \$32,500 from the millage for Charlevoix Senior Center operating expenses and equipment for their new kitchen last year. He is well aware of Commission on Aging efforts over the years to assist the center with more of

their expenses.

He mentions that Charlevoix Senior Center members raise funds plus pay millage. He implies that Boyne Area and Charlevoix County (East Jordan) senior centers are covered by public money. Those centers participate in county nutrition programs so their nutrition-related expenses are covered. However, they also raise funds to provide activities not payable with tax money.

Mr. Tunison mentions the Commission on Aging "rainy-day" fund. With more baby boomer seniors, expanding senior needs, and uncertainty of future millages, the Commission on Aging conserves funds ensuring continued services beyond millage expiration. The Commission on Aging also operates on this fund for most of the fiscal year until millage money is deposited into its account.

Voters approved the senior millage for programs (home-delivered/congregate meals, medication management, homemaking, respite care, Alzheimer's support groups, personal care, in-home foot care, adult day services, lawn care, snow removal, etc). Senior centers are not programs — they are facilities in which some programs are offered. Their properly accounted expenses are paid for included programs.

Mr. Tunison refers to Michigan law allowing local government to appropriate funds to private non-profits for senior services. That law is the basis for

allocating public money over the past five years to Charlevoix Senior Center. Laws also require public money be disbursed in accordance with state and federal regulations.

The Charlevoix Senior Center has a draft contract from the Commission on Aging which proposes, yet again, to cover all center non-fundraising operating and nutrition expenses. They have rejected three similar Commission on Aging offers as well as USDA reimbursement funds because of "the paperwork" — state and federal requirements. Instead, the center has requested an "appropriation" from which they would spend without accounting to taxpayers.

Mr. Tunison states that the Charlevoix Senior Center is a "community center run by senior citizens for the whole community." That mission is laudable, but senior millage was approved by voters for seniors — not for anyone who wants to have an expensive lunch, free computer use or woodcraft classes regardless of age, physical limitation or ability to pay.

Again, the Commission on Aging has proposed to cover budgeted, non-fundraising expenses for the Charlevoix Senior Center. However, Charlevoix County should not disburse taxpayer funds to any organization without accountability. As a taxpayer and member of the Charlevoix Senior Center, I would have it no other way.

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50th Wedding Anniversary

Sharon and Lowell Blossom



On Sept. 1, 1956, when they exchanged rings and vows in Toledo, Ohio neither Sharon Beverlin nor Lowell Blossom imagined the adventurous life they would share over the next 50 years.

There was, however, a hint of what was ahead for the pair during their honeymoon spent at Elkhart Lake, Wis. watching sport car races. Racing hill climbs, motocross, and sport's car events became a family activity during those early years of marriage whether they lived in Toledo, Palatine, Ill. or Monroe. Ultimately, they settled in Zionsville, Ind. where Lowell owned Speedway Volkswagen and then Blossom Chevrolet.

Vintage car racing captured Lowell's interest around this time. He continues to compete and finish well in races. But the greatest adventures started in 1991 when the couple lived full-time for four years aboard a 61-foot sailboat and cruised the Caribbean. In 1994, near the end of their sojourn in the Caribbean, they built a home in Bequia, St. Vincent in the Grenadines where they return each year.

Sharon and Lowell came to Charlevoix as "fudgies" in 1985. In 1997, the Blossoms bought the Virginia Olsen designed home on Round Lake, created the current addition in 1998 and began reconstruction of the multi-level gardens in 2000.

As an active member in the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, Sharon was instrumental in the development of the Meditation Garden at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. A portion of this garden, which surrounds the hospital entrance, was created by the Blossoms in memory of Sharon's sister Jan Brown, who died in 2001.

The Blossoms will celebrate their marriage and Lowell's 70th birthday Aug. 11, 12 and 13 with family, friends and relatives from all over the world. Their children Eric Blossom (Cheryl) of Nevada and Erin (Bill) Baas of Indiana with grandchildren Andrew and Ian Baas and John Wion will host the week-end celebration.

Esperance to host 2nd Annual Enduring Arts wine testing benefit

Suzanne and Pram Acharya, owners of Esperance Wine, Cheese and Specialty Foods of Charlevoix in partnership with the Charlevoix Council for the Arts are hosting the 2nd Annual Enduring Arts wine tasting, gourmet picnic and auction event from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 18.

This year's event will include tastings from three wine makers: Lee Lutes of Blackstar Farms; Jim Clendenen of Au Bon Climat in Santa Barbara, Calif.; and former Red Wing hockey star turned vintner, Igor Larionov. Live and silent auctions of art and wine items will

add to the evening's festivities.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Charlevoix Public Schools visual arts program to help pay for equipment, materials, resources and art experiences that would otherwise not be available through the school program.

Tickets, with a suggested donation of \$30 per guest, should be reserved in advance. Tickets are available at Esperance, located at 12853 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix or by calling the store at (231) 237-9300. Attendees must be 21 or older to attend.

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NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

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The recipe for success



Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation Cookbook Committee recently dedicated the Rayder cookbook to Dr. Gordon VanWieren, who was instrumental in establishing the foundation in 1987. The Rayder cookbook is on sale now for \$15 at Shop of the Gulls, New Creation Hair Designs, Ace Hardware, Charlevoix Wear and The Bridge Street Book Shop. It is also available by calling (231) 547-5660. All proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the foundation to provide additional financial support for educational activities. Pictured at left are foundation members (front, from left) Dr. Gordon VanWieren, Gayle Gennett (back) Susan VanWieren, Christie Vogelheim, Sue Herzog and Pam Barnes.

Engagement

Smoker — Thorp

Kelly Smoker and Justin Thorp are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning a Aug. 19 wedding at the Banks Township Park.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mikeal and Sandy Smoker. Kelly graduated from Grand Valley State University in April with an accounting degree. She is beginning a career with Credit Suisse in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina this September.

The groom-to-be is the son of Roger and Jackie Rozema and Michael and Martha Thorp. He is a 1999 graduate of Charlevoix High School. As a builder, Justin will continue construction in North Carolina while finishing up his college degree.



Lions Club White Cane Safety Days Fund Drive

On Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12, Charlevoix Lions will be around town for their annual White Cane Safety Days Fund Drive.

As a symbolic reminder to the public of the service club's quest to seek funds for eye-related beneficiaries, each Lion collecting donations will be carrying an official "White Cane."

Donations to the Lions help support the Michigan Eye Bank & Transplant Center; the Michigan Leader Dog Training Center and its Puppy Search and Development Program; and the Lions own Welcome Home For The Blind in Grand Rapids. Locally, the club helps support the low-vision reading center at the Charlevoix Public Library and pays for glasses for the needy with special eye problems. The club will also assist those with special hearing problems.

Leading the two day fundraiser are Lions, Bruce Herbert, Walt Hufford and El Kaiser.

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries.

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Obituaries

Josephine Rauszer: March 16, 1927 - Aug. 4, 2006

Josephine C. Bernadyn Rauszer, 79, of Boyne Falls, went home to be with our Lord, Jesus Christ, on Friday, Aug. 4, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service took place on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Rev. James Green officiated. Interment will take place at a later date in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Josephine was born March 16, 1927, in Boyne Falls, the daughter of Onufer and Anna (Kondrat) Bernadyn. Josephine married Zdzislaw (Jerry) Rauszer in 1956, and he preceded her in death on May 20, 1975.

She is survived by her sons, Paul Sieber of Boyne Falls, Christopher (Ronda) Rauszer of Charlevoix, Andrew Rauszer of Clinton; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren;

brothers, Raymond Bernadyn, Chester Bernadyn, Joseph Bernadyn, all of Boyne Falls; sisters, Pauline Kudla of Warren and Rose Dawson of East Pointe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Josephine Rauszer c/o Christopher Rauszer, 06190 Old U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Lynn Edger: June 8, 1914 - Aug. 5, 2006

Lynn A. Edger, 92, of Norwood and formerly of Hastings, died Saturday, Aug. 5 at his home.

He was born June 8, 1914, in Hastings, the son of Isaac and Ernestine (Ullery) Edger. He graduated from high school there, and on Sept. 30, 1939, he married the former Rosalie "Peg" Bennett in Bryan, Ohio. Lynn was a farmer and a machinist, retiring from farming in 1961. He retired from the E.W. Bliss Company in 1976, and then he and Peg moved to Baldwin,

where they enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling. Among many things, Lynn was a wonderful and faithful husband for 67 years.

He is survived by his wife, Peg; children, Terry Edger of Charlevoix, Gayle (Larry) Sinclair of Hastings, Jill (Jon) Eakes of Norwood, Mark (Brenda) Edger of Hastings, Tracy Edger of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Todd (Mary) Edger and Holly (Chad Meley) Edger, Michael Spaulding, Michelle McCarty, Thomas Gulch, Sara (Brian)

Meyers; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Marian Edger of Hastings.

Lynn's brother and sister-in-law, Lauren and Gladys (Bennett) Edger, and daughter-in-law, Judy Edger, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health-Hospice, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements. No services are planned.

Forgotten Eagles brake in Charlevoix during state tour

By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier

Thirty members of the Forgotten Eagles visited the local VFW post on Aug. 4 during their annual Ride Around Michigan.

The Forgotten Eagles is a motorcycle group made up of Michigan residents who promote public awareness regarding prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action and also raise funds for veterans through its five chapters.

During their visit, the group held a ceremony to honor the fallen soldiers of northern Michigan and presented the VFW post with a new prisoner of war/missing in action flag.

"I'll be a member until they kick me out," said 51-year-old Don Schoof of Ironton.

Schoof has been riding his motorcycle with the Forgotten Eagles for a year.

"On any given day, there's something like 50,000 veterans living in cardboard boxes on the street and that's not right at all," Schoof said.

All money raised during their events like the Ride Around Michigan go directly to needy Michigan veterans.

Last year, they raised \$13,000 for veterans of all wars.

"It's just a well-run organization," Schoof said. "We're open to support veterans from all wars, and we want to help the families of soldiers as well."

In addition to being the largest contributor to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, the Forgotten Eagles also educate youth in high schools all over



Courtesy photo

On Aug. 4, members of the local VFW post and supporters of veterans looked on as the new prisoner of war/missing in action flag donated by the Forgotten Eagles was raised.

the state.

Members do not have to be veterans nor motorcyclists to participate.

To donate to the Forgotten Eagles,

which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, or to learn more about their cause visit www.forgotteneagles.com or call Don Schoof at (231) 547-5534.

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August 12

48th Annual Waterfront Art Fair

The Nation's finest artists and craftsmen are exhibiting and selling their finest works of art August 12 in downtown Charlevoix. The Waterfront Art Fair is the second oldest juried art show in Michigan, and many consider it the finest. This event draws over 25,000 spectators annually and is a perfect opportunity to enjoy spectacular works of art in downtown Charlevoix.

August 12

Demonstration Day at Bier Art Gallery

Bier Art Gallery's Art Demonstration Day is Saturday, August 12 from 10am - 5pm. Featured at this demonstration are the following artists: metal sculpture by Rod Bearup, clay sculpture by Tami Bier and Rex Benson, piggy banks by Tyler Bier, and watercolors by Emily Beynon. The chocolate chip cookies are homemade and the punch is great! Bier Gallery is located 6 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 in the historic Hilton red and white school house.

August 13

17th Annual Pool Auction

Tickets are still available for the 17th Annual Pool Auction which will take place on August 13th at 5:30pm at the Charlevoix Country Club. There are many exciting items on which to bid, and dinner is always great by the chef of the Charlevoix Country Club. Don't be left on the starting block, call 547-0982 and make your reservation today!

August 17-19

Sidewalk Sales

The Charlevoix area merchants host their annual END OF SUMMER SIDEWALK SALES Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 17 - 19. This three-day event is a shopper's bonanza as participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory. Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9am to 5pm and inside after 5pm. These will be the best bargains of the year on quality merchandise of all kinds. Those merchants not located downtown conduct their sales at their own locations.

August 24 & 31

Downtown Charlevoix Farmers' Market

Charlevoix will host a downtown farmers' market on Thursday, August 24 & 31 from 9am - 1pm. Local farmers will offer fresh produce, maple syrup, shitake mushrooms, honey, flowers and more. The mission of the Charlevoix Downtown Farmers' Market is to promote economic development downtown and within our agricultural community.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the chance to win the Pontiac Solstice Convertible which will be raffled-off at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant on September 14. Tickets are going fast, so stop down to the Chamber and get your lucky ticket today!

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.



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| Aug 16 | Charlevoix Public Library Community Room Kitchen Shower 547-2651 |
| Aug 17 | Summer Concerts in the Park - Chris Dominic 547-2101 |
| Aug 17-19 | Charlevoix Sidewalk Sales 547-2101 |
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| Aug 24 | Summer Concerts in the Park - University of Michigan Priors 547-2101 |
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| Aug 28 | Supie Open Junior Golf Tournament, Belvedere Golf Club 547-2512 |
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| Sep 03 | Norwood Historical Society An Afternoon in Norwood 599-3892 |
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The next Retail meeting is September 21 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant 8:45pm.

St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Fr. Gerard (Jerry) Hunko's first year at Charlevoix's largest house of worship, St. Mary Church, has been marked by a series of firings, resignations, a petition to support him, appeals to the diocese for intervention, an assault charge and defections by both parishioners and students.

Bishop Patrick Cooney of the Gaylord Diocese declined to comment on the apparent turmoil at St. Mary Church.

"Obviously, due to privacy issues and in respect to individuals, we do not publicly comment on personnel issues," stated Candace Neff, Director of Communications for the Diocese of Gaylord in an e-mailed response to questions intended for the bishop.

"They (disgruntled parishioners) had been allowed to be in charge of many things because the former pastor was elderly," said parishioner, Alberta Beyers. "(Fr. Hunko) came in, and things he wanted changed, he changed — that's his prerogative."

Changes Fr. Hunko has made since taking over the reins from Fr. Tom Neis in July 2005 included cancellation of some church programs.

This sparked former parishioner, Scott McDonald, to leave for the church in Boyne City this spring.

"He canceled a bunch of programs I was involved with. After that I figured, what's the point?" he said.

The changes also touched a nerve with former parish bookkeeper, Nancy Rajewski, who resigned. She and her husband Bob now attend services in East Jordan.

Bob, who was removed from the finance council without explanation, said, "My concern is not what (he) does, but how he does it. He makes a lot of decisions, but doesn't consult with anybody. That gets a lot of people upset."

Nancy added, "It seemed like a good time to get out of the situation. I didn't necessarily agree with what he (Fr. Hunko) was doing, and you can't work

with someone when you don't agree with him."



Fr. Jerry Hunko

nine years at St. Mary, neither refuted nor confirmed Hunko's role in her resignation.

"I'm not willing to say one way or the other," said Furtaw, who now works for another catholic church under the direction of the Gaylord Diocese.

Husband and wife, Mary and Rick Shepard, former secretary and maintenance workers respectively, were both let go in the last year.

Mary's contract was not renewed after 15 years on the job and Rick was fired by Fr. Hunko during a meeting over terms of his employment.

"Due to the fact that I am in an appeals process with the (Gaylord) Diocese to have my job reinstated, I am unable to make any comment on the situation at St. Mary's at this time," Mary said.

Jean McDonough, formerly in the youth ministry and vacation bible school programs, resigned on June 9 sparking an investigation.

McDonough, a parishioner of 31 years, claimed Fr. Hunko shoved her during a loud and unpleasant altercation.

In the police report, Fr. Hunko contended that he, "Nudged her," in an attempt to escort her from the building.

"It was submitted to the prosecuting attorney for criminal charges," said Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema. "We reviewed it and felt we could not press criminal charges."

In the police report, Deputy-Chief of the City of Charlevoix Police Department, Scott Hankins, stated he was advised by his chief, Gerard Doan and attorney Harry Golski, both parishioners of St. Mary, that a small group of churchgoers, including McDonough, were opposed to Fr. Hunko.

"This appears to be related to that division in St. Mary's Church," Hankins stated.

Changes made in the church and allegations of assault aren't the only issues that have devoted St. Mary supporters hot under the collar. The turmoil has reportedly spilled over into the school in the form of firings and other shifts.

Former parish secretary, Mary Chapdelaine, said she resigned as a result of Fr. Hunko's behavior and will send her child, a former St. Mary School student, to Charlevoix Middle School this fall.

Former teacher at St. Mary for four years, Heather Sape, felt the sting of strange happenings when, after her contract was not renewed, she was approached by parents who said they were asked by church and school officials to write erroneous letters stating Sape's performance was poor.

"There was never any indication that I was not supported by parents or other staff members," she said. "I can tell you I'm not a Catholic. That could be one of the reasons."

Unhappy parent, Heather Sterly, said, "A year ago, St. Mary was a great place to be, and now I have a hard time going to church on Sunday. I don't think our kids will be in St. Mary this fall (and) I won't send my kids there if Fr. Jerry (Hunko) is still there."

Former parishioner, Jessica Clark, echoed Sterly's comments and said Hunko's behavior sets a bad example for her children.

"We've called and talked to Northwest Academy," she said. "The only way we would send them back is



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Since the July 2005 change in leadership at St. Mary Church, a series of tumultuous happenings have jolted the parish and school.

if Fr. Jerry (Hunko) was gone."

While these parishioners and parents of students say Fr. Hunko is the reason they won't be back, some say he's the reason they keep coming back.

Louise Hilligan said, "People had been leaving in droves (prior to Fr. Hunko's arrival) and they're coming back now."

"People just love him, and I think that is why he was brought up here," said Beyers. "I only know positive things about him. The rest is so unbelievable."

Carol Morris, a 30-year parishioner, said a petition circulated during mass in June was authored by school board members and some teachers in response to letters and phone calls to the bishop by church members un-

happy with Fr. Hunko. She said the signatures supporting him speak for themselves.

Supporter, Diane Barker, said, "I just think it's a very small group that's trying to cause a lot of trouble."

Fr. Hunko did not return calls by press time.

With the bishop declining to comment and Fr. Hunko's decision not to return numerous calls regarding this matter, the future course of action to calm the rough waters at St. Mary remains unknown.

Fr. Hunko received his bachelor of science degree from Sacred Heart in Detroit and a master's degree in divinity at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake and has served several churches since 1991.

Most school vandals get deferred sentences

By STEVE ZUCKER
Petoskey News-Review
Staff writer

If they complete their sentences and stay out of further trouble, most of the teens charged in connection with an illegal entry and vandalism incident at Charlevoix High School in May will have the opportunity to emerge from the ordeal without a blemish on their records.

All but three of the 14 teen-agers who were charged in connection with the incident have entered guilty pleas and been sentenced in their respective cases.

Authorities said in the early morning hours of May 26 a group of Charlevoix High School seniors used copies of a stolen master key to get inside the high school building. While in the building, at least some of the suspects allegedly plugged up the drains in several sinks, then turned on the water, causing the sinks to overflow.

The students sentenced thus far have received deferred sentences that included four to six months probation, five to 10 days of community service work, \$200 to \$300 in fines and costs and restitution. Initially authorities estimated that the cost to clean up the damage to the school could go as high as \$10,000. However, the actual bill came to about \$4,000 to re-key the

locks at the school and about \$500 for damage clean-up. The restitution amounts to about \$300 per defendant.

A deferred sentence means that if the defendants complete all of the terms of their probation and stay out of trouble while on probation, the conviction is expunged from their records.

Former Charlevoix school board president Dennis Halverson, who was on the school board at the time of the incident, said he feels the sentences were appropriate under the circumstances.

"It was not the intent of the school or the criminal justice system to scar those individuals permanently. However, there had to be some reaction from the community that this kind of behavior wasn't going to be tolerated," Halverson said.

Defense attorney Mary Beth Kur, who represents four of the defendants charged in the incident, agreed that the deferred sentences were the right thing to do and commended county prosecutor John Jarema and district judge Richard May for agreeing to the deferrals.

"These kids should not be saddled with criminal records for the rest of their lives because of what turned out to be \$700 worth of water damage — not caused by all who were in the school," Kur

said.

"They made a mistake, plain and simple. The sentences imposed give them a consequence and at the same time provides them with the opportunity to make Charlevoix proud of them in the years to come," she added.

The three remaining defendants are: Andrew Victor Kantola, Aaron William Hagen and Jarod William Kirby, all 18. They face one count each of illegal entry and malicious

destruction to a building, \$200-\$1,000. Hagen and Kirby also face a 1-year misdemeanor charge stemming from the alleged theft (Kirby) and later concealment (Hagen) of chemistry equipment from the school.

All three are slated for a final pretrial hearing on their respective cases on Aug. 29.

Hagen also faces a charge of possession of marijuana that prosecutors say arose out of the search

warrant that police used to search for the chemistry items.

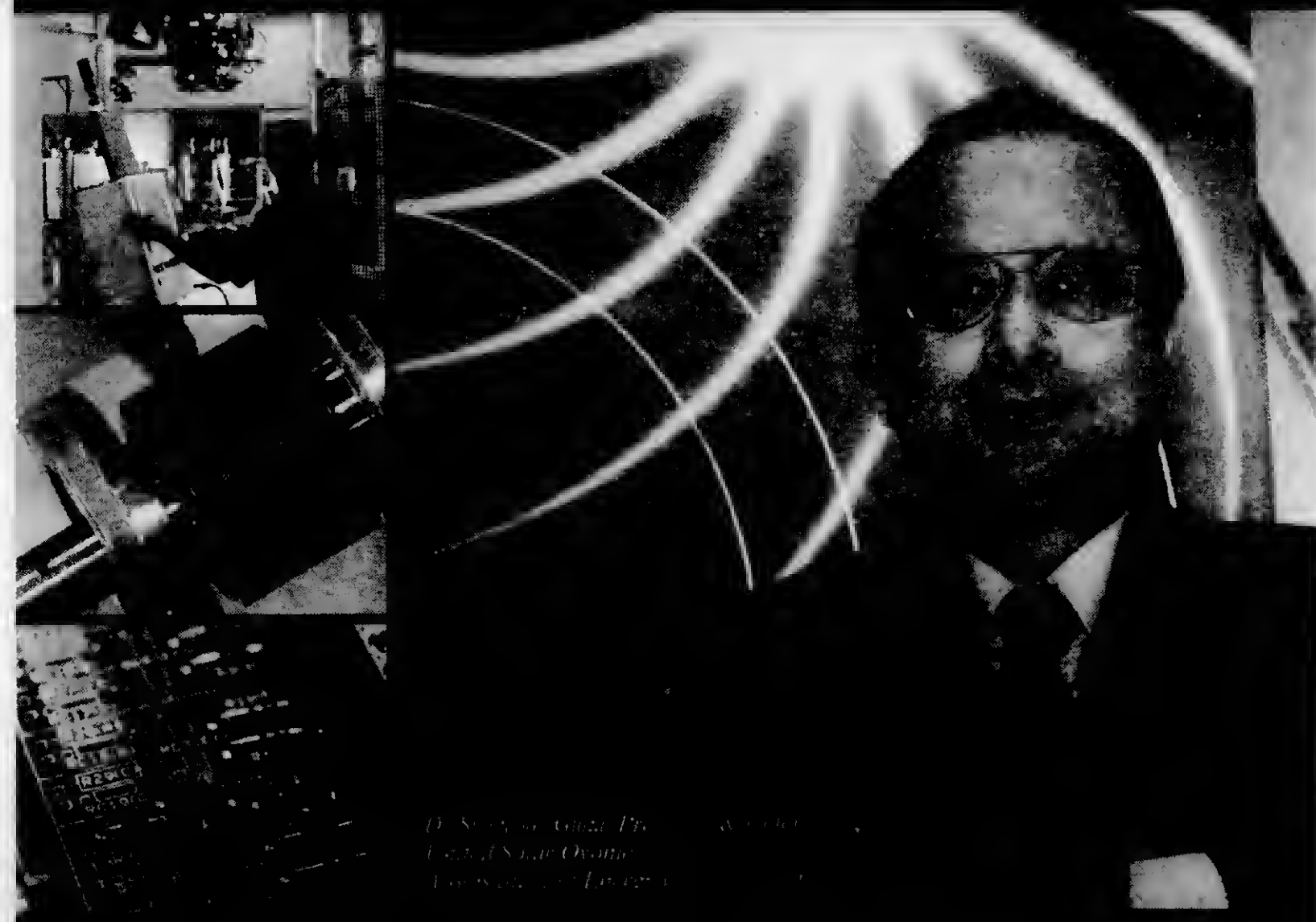
At a motion hearing last week, 86th District Court Judge Michael J. Haley denied a defense motion to have the search declared inadmissible, but Haley granted a motion to have the marijuana case separated from the charges tied to the school.

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Legislature bridges school funding gap

By BETHANY ROOT
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The Michigan Legislature has taken a step toward making every student in the state worth the same amount of money to the district, from Beaver Island to Bloomfield Hills.

The Legislature recently passed a funding plan for the 2006-2007 school year, which for the first time includes equity payments for lower-funded districts across the state.

The payments signal an attempt to give more money to poorer districts across the state, without taking away funding from more affluent districts, said state Rep. Gary McDowell, D-Rudyard. To receive an equity payment of \$23 per student, a district had to have a foundation allowance of less than \$7,150.

"We're trying to bridge that gap, to make sure every student in Michigan gets the same amount," McDowell said. "Our kids in Northern Michigan are just as important as kids in affluent schools in suburban Detroit."

Area schools received \$2.7 million in additional funding, and schools in Emmet County alone will receive \$1.39 million. The money will provide an additional \$210 in per-pupil funding, slightly more than many of the districts



Shawn Biddle

"We looked at schools like Northern Michigan schools that have decreasing enrollment, and because they're funded on a per-student basis, are in a bad situation because overhead doesn't go down," McDowell said.

Potoskey Schools superintendent John Scholten said the district planned for \$200 increase per student, but the real help, he said, will be the equity payment of \$71,185.

"We're very gracious, especially for the effort, at least, although it's not huge, to bring equity to funding this year," he said. "It's unfair that zip codes do dictate how much money goes behind each child."

Shawn Biddle, business manager for Charlevoix schools, said the district budgeted for \$200 per pupil. The foundation grant will provide approximately \$233,050.

Depending on enrollment figures in the fall, the \$10 per student more than the district budgeted for should amount to approximately

\$12-13,000, she added.

"It's right in line with what we were anticipating," Biddle said. "But out of a \$13 million budget, \$13,000 isn't very much. It will just flow in and help with operating expenses."

Harbor Springs schools business manager Pam Gibson said that the funds may be used to help pay salaries, purchase materials and repair buildings. She added that even though the district derives most of its money locally from property taxes, it still needs state funding.

"We are a unique district in that we receive 89 percent of our revenue from local tax dollars, where most districts receive the majority of their funds from state sources," she said. "We hope to receive the same amount other districts have been promised."

McDowell said that districts like Harbor Springs will still receive the same funding from the state.

He also said that education funding has lost \$29 billion to tax exemptions given to approximately 79 different businesses and industries by the state. One of those exemptions is for the oil industry, and was first passed 10 years ago when oil was \$30 a barrel and the industry was struggling to survive, he said.

"We need to look again and see if the tax break is justified," he said. "This is what's really hurting our school aid fund, is these types of

exemptions"

Jim Cooper, newly appointed superintendent for Charlevoix schools, emphasized that the district appreciates the additional funding, but the increase wasn't a big surprise, given the timing.

"We all felt that with election year coming up, things were proba-

bly going to be more favorable," he said. "The Legislature, everyone, including the governor, would like to make a statement that they're putting more money into education."

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Pool auction offers tickets, treats, trips and more

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By KIMBERLY AGNELLO
Special to the Courier



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Outdoor furniture from Ace Hardware was recently delivered by Mike Greyerbiehl and Mike Gauthier to the site of the upcoming pool auction. The furniture sits beside a Global Electric Motor Company electric car which is also on the auction block. These are some of the 200 items that will be sold at the Aug. 13 Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction.

SEE-North offers free environmental education teacher workshops

SEE-North announces new Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support free workshops for teachers.

The workshops will take place from Aug. 15 to Aug. 19 at the University of Michigan Biological Station near Pellston.

SEE-North, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is pleased to announce that Michigan is among a handful of states creating its own environmental education curriculum, known as the Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support (MEECS). Five Michigan-specific science and social studies units are ready for Michigan classrooms. These are Ecosystems and Biodiversity (grades 4-6); Land Use (grades 4-5); Water Quality (grades 6-8); Energy Resources (grades 7-9); and Air Quality (grades 7-9).

This project is designed to provide fourth through ninth-grade students with an opportunity to learn about and to increase appreciation and understanding of Michigan's environment and its role in Michigan's economy.

Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support is aligned with the Michigan middle school science and social studies content standards and MEAP assessment. The curriculum, units were carefully created by a team of experts with input from scientists,

writers, teachers, environmental organizations and business groups.

The workshops and materials are provided free upon completion. Lodging and food will be provided at the biological station for \$22 each night.

To register, contact Sue Fruchey at (231) 348-9700.

The 17th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

"It's going very well as far as donations are concerned," said Charlevoix Area Community Pool board of directors member, Bruce MacArthur. "There is something for everyone."

With 200 items up for auction, participants can bid on any number of items while donating to the pool.

"This is our 17th year and I think what's happened is that people are using the pool more. It's just become a popular thing to do as far as an activity, and they realize it's a worthy cause to support," MacArthur said.

Some of this year's bidding items include vacation packages to Key West, Fla., and Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, golf packages for four at Bay Harbor and Belvedere Golf Club, a Global Electric Motor Company electric car, a trip aboard the 100-year-old cement carrier St. Marys Cement Challenger, and a cooking lesson for six from Chef James Simonsen of Truffles.

Not to mention, auction organizers have secured tickets to the University of Michigan versus Michigan State University and Michigan State University versus Notre Dame football games.

The money raised from this year's auction goes to general maintenance of



Photo by Kimberly Agnello

Megan Johnson, 20, a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Charlevoix Community Pool takes a dip. The Aug. 13 17th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction will assist in funding programs that Johnson participates in including Dollar Nights.

the pool and allows for special activities like Dollar Nights, said pool director, Al Gooch.

"We have hills to pay throughout the year and the money raised isn't earmarked for anything specific," Gooch said.

Previous years have raised between \$70,000-\$73,000, and Gooch hopes to do the same this year.

There will be a preview of all items up for auction at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 at the country club.

Anyone is welcome to attend the preview and place a sealed bids on anything

that catches their eye, MacArthur said. "There's no guarantee they won't be out-bid by someone in the actual auction, but it's still worth a shot," MacArthur said.

Tickets for the event are \$75 each and include dinner.

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Knights of Columbus look to sell hall

By JULIE WITTHOFT
Editor

The Knights of Columbus Hall, a popular local event venue, may be sold this week.

"We are going to be in big money trouble if this sale doesn't go through," said Steve Seely, Grand Knight for the local Knights of Columbus. "We want to get things redirected to doing more good works without the constant financial and human resources drag of the building on the council's membership."

Seely said the Knights purchased the hall, located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road in Charlevoix, in 1994 from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for about \$135,000. Since then, they have made about \$150,000 in upgrades to the property including a new heating and ventilation system and paving of the parking lot.

Since buying the property which includes the 3,000 square foot building, they have lost money each year he said and over the last several years, thousands of dollars have been spent to keep the building.

"They bought the building with good intentions. And I don't think they were able to grasp the cash flow and management issues that come with a property like that," said Seely, who is in his fifth year as Grand Knight.

Expenses associated with the building and increased competition in terms of available rental properties are two factors Seely cited as contributors to the current situation.

This uphill battle led the membership to vote in favor of putting the property on the market on July 11 based on a recommendation from the group's Building Corporation Committee.

According to Knights member, Gabe Campbell, there are two offers on the table. One is from Dry Harbour Marine and the other is from Freedom House Ministries.

Seely would not confirm the offer the Knights will consider this Thursday, Aug. 10, but did say the purchase amount being presented is \$310,000.

The only hall debt hanging over the heads of local Knights is a loan for just under \$40,000 used for parking and heating system improvements.

If the sale isn't approved, Seely said the state body that regulates Knights of Columbus chapters may get involved. He explained that according to the group's charter, that building must operate at a break even or profit point to be maintained.

"By constitution, the Knights of Columbus Council cannot operate in a negative cash flow," he said.

While Dick Brown, Grand Knight for the Petoskey chapter of the Knights of Columbus claims their facility is able to break even with rentals, Seely said the local numbers are way too low.

For 2006 the Charlevoix hall is booked for 12-14 events. Seely said this falls far short of the 45-50 rental events needed for the club to break even.

Since the Knights took ownership of the building they have used it as a group headquarters from where monthly meetings are conducted and as an event location for their cash party, sportsmen's dinner and awards dinner. It is also available to rent for events like weddings and other gatherings.

Seely said if the sale goes through, the group will discuss its future meeting and event space opportunities as well as how the proceeds from the sale will be handled this week.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Hall, pictured above, located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road has been a losing investment for the local Catholic service organization since it was purchased in 1994. In order for the sale to go through, 51 percent of the group's 93 members must vote in favor of selling it on Aug. 10.

While many of the group's 93 Knights continue to support keeping the hall Seely hopes the majority will back the sale.

"The Knights of Columbus is not a building. It's an organization and

Who: Knights of Columbus
What: Proposed sale of club hall
When: Council vote on Aug. 10
Where: 15144 Bell's Bay Road
When purchased: 1994
Purchase price: \$135,000
Upgrade estimate: \$150,000
Proposed sale amount: \$310,000

that organization is not successful because of that building. It's successful because of the people we have and the things we do," Seely said.

Knights of Columbus is a Catholic service organization. The local chapter serves five area Catholic parishes including Charlevoix, East Jordan, Central Lake, Bellaire and Ellsworth.

The five groups they target with support are community youth; the community itself; parishioners of the five communities they represent; families; and the Knights of Columbus Council.

"If the sale goes through it will be a win, win for Charlevoix and for the council itself," Seely said.



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Van Houzen's wood sculptures featured at art fair

By ANNE KELLY
Special to the Courier

Michael Van Houzen, a Holland area resident who specializes in wood sculpture out of basswood, participates in about 15 shows a year and has been coming to Charlevoix for 25 years.

This artist lives just north of Holland, on two acres of land which encompasses a sand dune surrounded by woods, three ponds and a birdbath. From this environment, he gleams the subject matter for his carvings of songbirds and their wildlife surroundings.

"I began carving when I was 6 or 7 years old," Van Houzen said.

An early influence was his father who encouraged him to carve, duck decoys. Van Houzen started out sculpting ducks as a hobby but by 1976 decided to concentrate on songbirds. He has been sculpting songbirds and other wildfowl out of basswood since 1969 and has



Michael Van Houzen

won numerous awards for his artistic ability.

When asked about his preference for wood as a medium, Van Houzen responded, "I like the feel of wood; I

can be creative; I can make something realistic from raw material."

Basswood is stable, like pine, and provides the medium for creating his birds. Each feather is cut in separately and textured with a pyrographic pen. The birds are then painted with acrylic paint. Legs are shaped from copper and bronze wire and a natural habitat is created for each piece.

Van Houzen received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Upon gradu-

ation he worked in the design studios of Chrysler Corporation.

"You don't make a living out of doing this immediately," Van Houzen said. "It took a faithful wife with a good job to allow me to get this far. It takes five to 10 years before you make enough money to scrape by."

A long-time Waterfront Art Fair exhibitor, Van Houzen, considers this show to be the top exhibition in the north.

"I am impressed by the top quality of work shown and with the support shown by local patrons," he said at the conclusion of last year's show.

Van Houzen most recently has won awards at the Ohio Decoy Collectors Carving Competition in Westlake, Ohio, Last November. Van Houzen exhibited at the Eastern Waterfowl Festival in Easton, Md.

For more information about the work of Van Houzen, visit www.vanhouzen.com.



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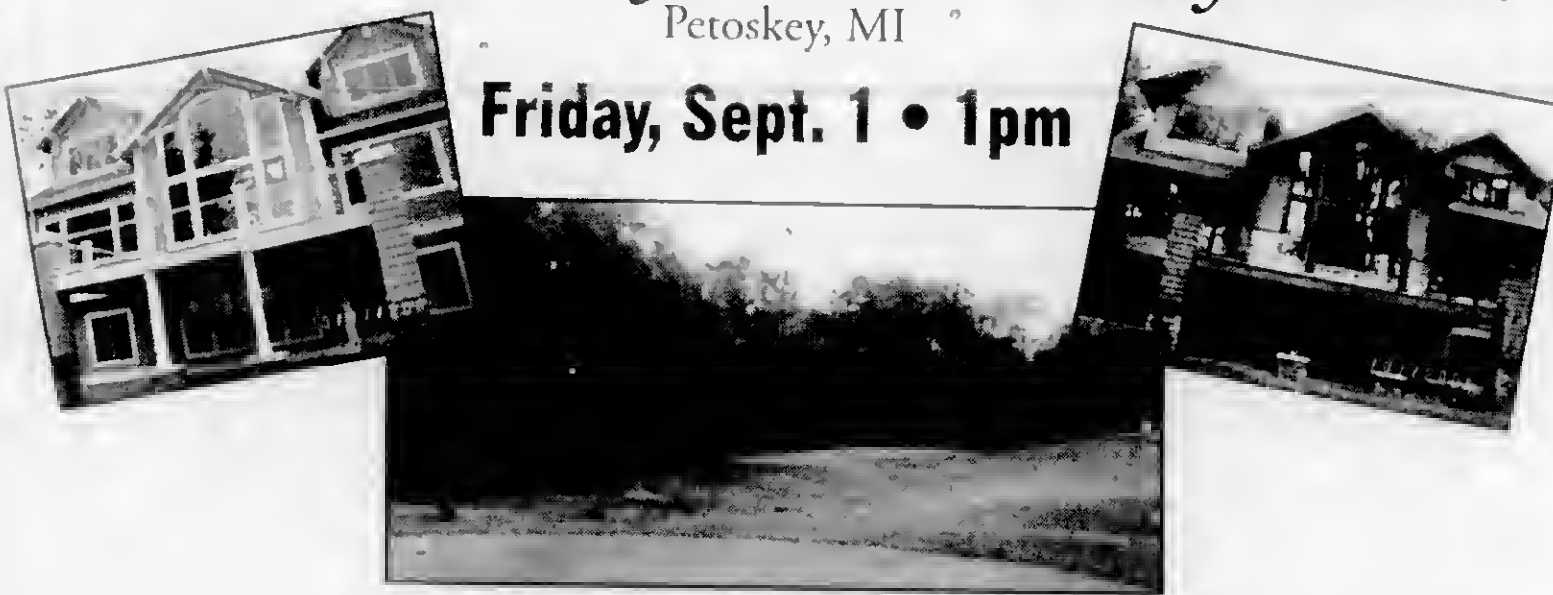
This sculpture of a cedar waxwing is one of many wood sculptures created by Michael Van Houzen, a Holland area resident who has been coming to Charlevoix for 25 years who will be featured at this weekend's Waterfront Art Fair. A long-time Waterfront Art Fair exhibitor, Van Houzen considers this show to be the top exhibition in the north. For more information about the work of Van Houzen, visit www.vanhouzen.com.

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Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council and Charlevoix Planning Commission met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present. All Planning commissioners with the exceptions of Richard Hodgson and Thomas Rankl were present.

• The City Manager and staff reviewed the budget cash flow analysis and presented the infrastructure plan. No actions were taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

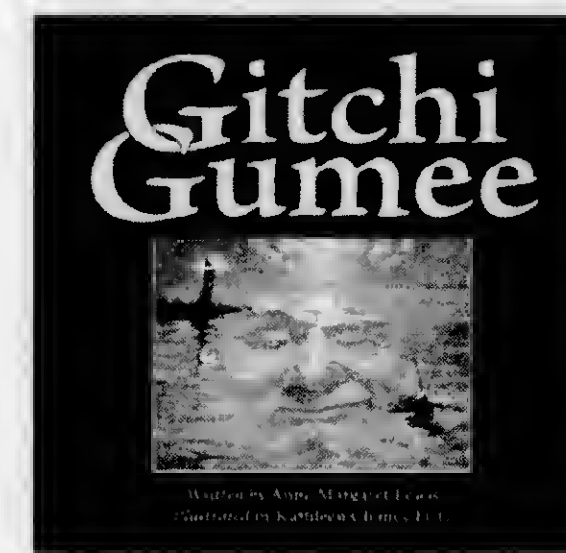
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Pastel, oils artist Malloy returns to art fair



By ANNE KELLY
Special to the Courier

Pastel/oils artist, Clare Malloy, of Chicago, Ill., will be a returning exhibitor in this year's Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair.

It may pique Art Fair enthusiasts' curiosity to learn that Malloy has expanded her repertoire to include landscapes. Last year, she displayed still lifes, figures and the flowers, influenced by the art of Japanese flower arranging, for which she has been known. Even though realistic landscapes are difficult in the sense of "flirting with anachronism or worse, sentimentality," Malloy chose to give it a whirl.

"The poet John Keats said, 'The poetry of the earth is ceasing never,' and I believe this is true," Malloy said. "Nowadays, a pretty picture is a kiss of death in the art world, but Keats wasn't afraid of beauty, and neither am I."

With this mantra, Malloy captures that beauty in her simplistic pastel landscapes rendered on rice paper. The pictures have an ethereal quality that collectors may find refreshing.

"I have chosen to work with pastel on rice paper (for the most part) as the combination lends itself to a novel approach to the landscape: the colors can be mixed in full directly on the surface. The broken surface creates borderless, abstract planes of space. And the best part is that the fibrous paper implies the palpable quality of rural environment. Anyone who has been in a cornfield in July knows what I'm talking about," Malloy explained.

Malloy earned master's degrees in art and fine arts from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a bachelor of fine arts graduating magna cum laude from Providence College.

Her work is represented by Tory Folliard of the Tory Folliard Gallery in Milwaukee, Wis., where Malloy will have a gallery show in October. Malloy, who shares a studio with her husband, a print maker, engages in about nine shows a year.

For a preview of Malloy's work, visit www.claremalloy.com.



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This piece by pastels, oils artist, Clare Malloy, of Chicago, Ill., represents her recently expanded repertoire of landscape art captured on rice paper.



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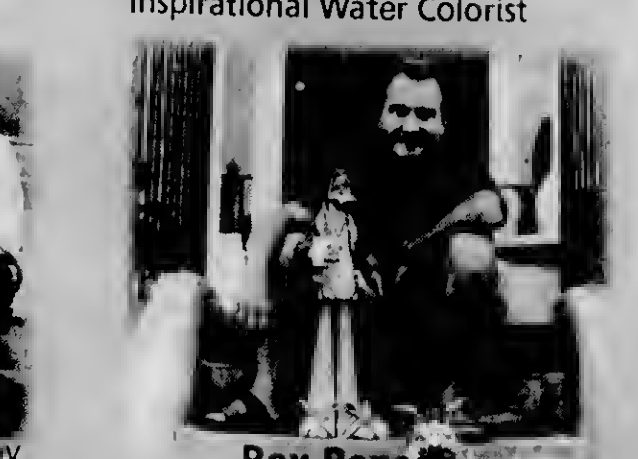
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Gary Stretar introduces oil paintings



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This depiction of a country barn is one of the many oil paintings artist Gary Stretar has added to his array of watercolor works. His pieces will be on display this weekend at the Waterfront Art Fair.

By ANNE KELLY
Special to the Courier

This year, participating artist Gary Stretar, will be introducing some landscapes done in oils to complement the watercolors collectors have seen from his palette in the 10 years he has been showing at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair.

"I really look forward to Charlevoix as it is always one of my best shows," said Stretar. "My wife and child also look forward to going to the show with me. It is such a beautiful area. It is a great show, easily the best one-day show in which I exhibit. I am impressed by the quality of art."

Stretar travels when he participates in shows from Philadelphia to Kansas, and makes pictures, sketching along the way, everything from prairie plateaus in Kansas to salt

marshes in Massachusetts. The rural landscapes of New England, the Midwest, and the regions around the Great Lakes have served as inspiration for his renderings.

"My techniques in oil are somewhat similar to those used in watercolor. I use thin washes for my sky and water in the first stage, then sketch the composition in a more opaque blend of color and finally use thick paint and dry brush in finishing each painting," Stretar explained.

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BUSINESS

Pointes North Inn gets platinum face-lift

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

From flat screen TV's and fireplaces to cushy robes and plush bedding, the new Pointes North Inn offers platinum standard accommodations with the fit and finish discerning travelers are looking for.

"We found a need in Charlevoix for something of this quality. Before, vacationers had to go to Bay Harbor or the Mountain Grand Lodge (in Boyne Falls)," said Rik Lobenherz, co-owner of Vacations Properties Network who is heading up the renovation and real estate portion of the Pointes North Inn overhaul.

Changes at the established condominium complex, located at 101 Michigan Avenue just north of the bridge in downtown Charlevoix, began on April 1 when a new management company and development group took over the reigns.

Tom and Jean Pfeifle, co-owners of Northern Quarters Management who also manage the Weatherlane Terrace Inn and Suites, are the new Pointes North Inn management team.

Tom Pfeifle is also actively working

with Lobenherz on the real estate and renovation project.

Pfeifle said that while he is managing two side-by-side properties geared at attracting vacationers, he doesn't feel they'll compete because of their differences. The 70-unit Weatherlane Terrace Inn which offers hotel rooms and suites, also recently underwent renovations and was brought up to a gold standard, while the new Pointes North project will take vacation living to the next level, he explained.

"Many vacationers come from very affluent areas and had no place to stay with the fit and finish they are used to. People want at minimum what they have at home," Pfeifle said. "This boutique type of hotel doesn't exist here right now."

Pointes North Inn, built in 1985, has had limited updates to its central shared areas and 24 units — 12 one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom — in its 20 years.

Thus far, three of the units have been totally revamped at a cost of \$50,000 each. Kathryn Lobenherz, interior designer and owner of Kitchens by Kathryn, handled the furnishings. All three are for sale.

"They are the first units requested," Pfeifle said of their rental status.

Peak tourist season pricing for a one-bedroom platinum unit is \$225 per night and \$325 for the two-bedroom. During the shoulder seasons, prices drop to \$125 per night for the one-bedroom and \$150 for the two-bedroom.

Over the next two years, Pfeifle and Lobenherz plan to continue by remodeling 16 more Pointes North condos as well as refurbishing the building's exterior.

As available units sell, new owners will be included in the upgrade process. While the group is offering full ownership, they are also selling quarter share ownership. Under this arrangement, the owner is given 13 weeks to either use or rent the unit for income — two of those weeks are back-to-back during the summer months and the balance fall on every fourth week the rest of the year.

Quarter share ownership of a renovated two-bedroom unit is \$79,000.

Other Pointes North amenities include newly renovated common areas, an indoor/outdoor public pool, a conference room, exercise room and gaming area.

Long-term plans include a day spa



Photo by Julie Witthoef.

Rik Lobenherz (back) and Tom Pfeifle (front) are heading up a renovation project that will overhaul both the interior and exterior of Pointes North Inn. They are pictured above in one of the renovated two-bedroom units.

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The Charlevoix Area Garden Club sponsored the annual Downtown Beautification project. Merchants' flower pots and window boxes were judged on four categories, color, texture, originality and design. For the second year in a row, Maison & Jardin received first place. Second place went to Acorn Cafe and Details took third. (Above, from left) Presenting the first place award is Rhea Dow, president of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club. Accepting is Brenda Teague, owner of Maison & Jardin as Susan Flanders, chairperson of the Downtown Beautification Committee, looks on.

Sheriff Lasater featured at Aug. 12 book-signing

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater will sign his new book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

and Sheriff Lasater will be available to answer questions.

At 1 p.m. that afternoon, Martha Mothershead, author of "Petoskey Stone Soup," a children's book about Michigan's state rock, will be signing books.

In the book, Sheriff Lasater has compiled the names, photos and histories of hundreds of World War II Veterans from Charlevoix County. Books will be available to purchase

The Bridge Street Book Shop is located at 407 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

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Bier Art Gallery is having an Art Demonstration Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12.

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Pajtas upholds legality of smoking ban

By FRED GRAY
Petoskey News-Review
Staff writer

You can throw away your cigarettes and stow the gas mask: The four-county workplace smoking ban is now legal.

Charlevoix Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas Wednesday, Aug. 2, upheld the authority of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Department to adopt a workplace smoking regulation that applies to Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim and Osego counties.

The regulation has already been approved by all four counties, and health officer Jerry Chase said after the ruling that the regulation is in effect and will be enforced as necessary.

Pajtas' ruling came in a lawsuit filed by five citizens who argued that the state Legislature had pre-

empted the authority of local health departments to regulate smoking.

He said the issue raised in the case was narrowly limited to one of pre-emption and did not include arguments over the dangers of second-hand smoke or government interference in individual rights.

Attorneys for both sides said they expected the test-case decision to be appealed all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court.

"This case is exceedingly important statewide," said health department attorney Jim Young. Young said that although he had no direct evidence, he believed the plaintiffs had the secret backing of tobacco companies, a charge plaintiffs' attorney Sam Frederick firmly denied.

Young said he believed the plaintiffs had selected a small, rural Northern Michigan county to test the authority of health departments throughout the state, because the

plaintiffs believed the local agency had neither the resources nor the will to withstand a legal challenge, as larger counties might have.

He noted that a number of other county health departments had passed similar regulations without challenge, although the Northwest Michigan Health Department was the first multi-county agency to pass such a ban.

Plaintiff Scott Way of Way Transportation said today he had no comment on the ruling. Other plaintiffs included Kent A. McNeil, Franklin E. Fisher, Roger Griffen and Jeff Legato.

Chase said the ruling was evidence that the legal process had worked.

"We had excellent counsel and advice," Chase said. "We thought the

regulation was something required by the situations created by second-hand smoke and that we were bound to fulfill our responsibility in accordance with law.

"I was badly mistaken when I thought this would be something that would be hard to convince our county commissions that we needed. It was passed almost unanimously in three of the four counties."

The Charlevoix County board had initially adopted the regulation but exempted the county from enforcement. After Connie Saltonstall won a special election to the 1st District, the issue was raised again and a vote to exempt the county failed by a 3-3 vote.

Fred Gray can be contacted at (231) 439-9374, or fgray@petoskeynews.com.



File photo

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Wagbo Peace Center to host food preservation class Aug. 29

Wagbo Peace Center will host a food preservation class.

Participants will learn the newest techniques on how to safely preserve fruits, vegetables and herbs by canning, drying and freezing.

The class will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29 in the community room at the center located at 5745 North M-66 in East Jordan.

The class will be presented by Sue Shenk from the Michigan State University Extension Office.

Refreshments will be served after class.

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Library summer reading program wraps

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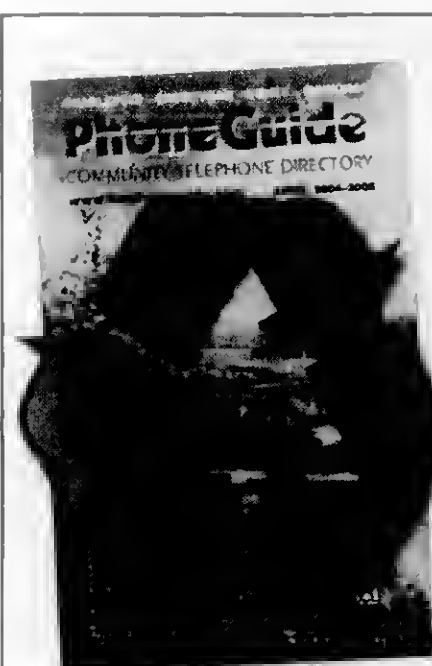
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SPORTS

Rod and Gun Club draws 123 shooters to tourney

This year's Great Lakes Championship took place July 29 and 30 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

Target setters Ray Jones and John Clevenger started planning the course layout in early spring for the 123 main event entries. Shooters were treated to a fun filled weekend with various presentations of clay targets and family activities.

Saturday, July 29, produced beautiful weather for the 100 bird preliminary event, which drew 97 competitors. Competing were Master Class shooter Tom Mack, of Grand Rapids, who edged out his brother Dan Mack by five targets to take High Over All Honors. AA Class went to Mick Carver of Clio. A Class went to local shooter Dr. Carl Harlan and Mike Oakley of Grant Township. B Class went to Russ Gooden of Prudenville, and C Class went to Barry Williams of Britton. D Class was won by Bill Long of Ontario. E Class went to Jeff Knoblauch of Sycania, Ohio. Hunter Class was won by Jack Watters of Rapid River. Lady honors went to Mollie La Croix of Sterling Heights. Veteran Champion was Barry Williams, and Sub Junior Champion was Doug Lovell of Clinton Township.

Sunday's main event started off with dark skies looming over the lake. This sent the crew on a mission to cover the traps to protect the clay targets and still allow the machines to launch the birds.

All 13 stations had shooters testing their skills at the various types of targets from subtle angles and in your face appearances, to long crossing target and high towers. With four stations to go in the morning rotation Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club was dealt

another challenge in the weather department — lightning. With lightning in the sky the call was made to stop the shoot and pull all the shooters and the Boy Scouts that were trapping off the course for safety reasons. During the hour delay the club used the down time to draw for door prizes made available by numerous area business sponsors.

The afternoon rotation started an hour behind schedule with blue skies and rising temperatures. Snooker, Long Bird and 5 Stand were all in full swing making for a full day of shooting.

Shooters were treated to burgers and brats on Saturday with Tom Rankl's grilled lemon chicken and locally grown Kiteley's sweet corn and the fixings on Sunday.

The scores were totaled up for Sunday's main event after a few shoot offs. Awards were handed out to the following individuals. Mike Mix, of Manton, was High Overall Champion; Darin Holman, of Hudsonville, took AA Class Champion; Dr. Carl Harlan, of Boyne City, took A Class Champion; Ed Mathews, of Jeddo, took B Class; Jim Newell, of Vanderbilt, took C Class; Bill Long, from Ontario, took D Class; and Mike Smith, of Dearborn, took E Class; Dennis Norman of Manton, won Hunter's Class; Lady Champion went to Mollie La Croix; Sub Junior Champion went to Douglas Lovell; Junior Champion was Daniel Williams, of Redford; Veteran Champion was Duane Hartman, of Frankenmuth; Senior Veteran Champion was Gerald Perzyk, of Clarkston.

The club is open to the public at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact the club at (231) 547-2785 or (231) 547-0554. Lessons are available.



Courtesy photos



(Above, from left) Trapper Scotty Statson, Roger Huckins and shooter Tom Fisher, president of the Freeland Sportmen's Club, participate in the two day Great Lakes Championship at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. (Left) Greg Larson, Tom Trefzer and Paul Perzyk cruise with HOA champion, Mike Mix and Bill Berghuis as Don Russell looks on. The group traveled all over the grounds of the club during the event.

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A 4-H soccer training clinic took place July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2 at Shanahan Field. (Above) Ted Rosenthal, 10, goes one-on-one with Matthew Klooster, 13, of Charlevoix. Clinic participants studied under Martin Neuhoof, head coach of the Indiana Tech soccer program in Fort Wayne, Ind. Similar clinics will be offered throughout the fall and winter months. The first game of the 4-H soccer fall season is Aug. 24. The games will be every Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, or to register, contact Charlynn Gray, program development instructor for Charlevoix 4-H soccer, at (231) 838-5808 or by e-mail at charlynn@charlevoixsoccer.com.

SPORTS

Yacht club race results for sixth race of summer series

Charlevoix Yacht Club racers sailed their sixth race of the summer series on Aug. 2 in moderate winds.

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 2 are:

The course was shortened due to the possibility of dying winds, resulting in a course of a triangle and one windward leg. For the series, only boats having attended four races or more were scored. Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Sonnet (Lepmann); 3 — Exitus (Pung); 4 — Opus (Hansen).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (Stewart); 2 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 3 — Tireless (Carland); 4 — Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 2 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 3 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 4 — Four at Play (Herald); 5 — M3 (Carey).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — Sail La Vie (Williamson).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — 616 (Thomas); 4 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Summer series results after six races with one drop:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (6); 2 — Exitus (8).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (7); 2 — Lost Vermonter (10); 3 — Tireless (12); 4 — Original Sin (18); 5 — Apothecary (25).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (8); 2 — Suzie Q (10); 3 — Paleface Lite (11); 4 — Four at Play (17); 5 — What's Her Name (23); 6 — M3 (27); 7 — Fairret (35).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (6); 2 — Hoi Polloi (9); 3 — Booma (16); 4 — Sail La Vie (19); 5 — M3 (20).

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SPORTS

Rec league softball results from July 31 and Aug. 1

Men's slo-pitch rec league softball teams continued their season on July 31 and Aug. 1.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch Aug. 1 games, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Boss Engineering 11-10. For Carlson's, Robert Russell had four hits and Jody Puttman had

three hits, one of which was a triple. For Boss, Craig Boss and Neil Friske each had four hits.

In game two, Flight Deck beat Ace Hardware 11-5. For Flight Deck, Roger Puttman had three hits, one of which was a double and Matt Shindorf had three hits, one of which was a

triple. For Ace, Anthony Ceasaro and Jared Hunt each had a triple.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 31 games, Flight Deck beat Carlson's Home Improvements 5-4. For Flight Deck, Casey Crain had three hits. For Carlson's, Chris Bartling Sr. had three hits and Robert

Russell had two hits, one of which was a double.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements shutout How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating 13-0. For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had three hits and Tom Savison had two hits, one of which was a triple. For How

About Bob, Bubba Kochanny had two hits.

In game three, How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating beat Boss Engineering by one run. The final score was 10-9. For How About Bob, Matt Teuscher had three hits. For Boss, Cliff Jones had a double.

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DUE TO health reasons we are delayed coming home. Thank you so much for the prayers, cards & telephone calls. We hope to see you before long. Bill and Ida Nall.

(08-09-1-076)

SERVICES AVAILABLE 084

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(8-19-1f-084)

EMPLOYMENT 086

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(08-09-3-086)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, U.C.C. is seeking a highly motivated part-time Christian Education/Youth Director. Flexible hours, compensation commensurate on experience. Please send resume by August 21st to First Congregational, U.C.C. attn: Personnel, 101 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

(08-09-2-086)

TECHNICIANS, NO nights, no Sundays, full or part-time. Apply in person at Performance Plus Quick Lube, 06525 N. M-66, Charlevoix, across from Kmart. 231-547-6307.

(08-09-3-086)

HOTEL RELIEF night audit person two nights per week. Will train. Perfect for retiree or college student. Apply at the Charlevoix Sleep Inn.

(08-09-1-086)

PART-TIME ice cream merchandiser for the Charlevoix area. \$10 per hour. Send resume to J&S Dairy at 2440 Dairy Square, Traverse City, MI 49684.

(08-09-3-086)

APARTMENT MANAGER. Local, Part-Time for 24 Unit apartment building in Charlevoix. Needed to start immediately. Flexible hours. Paperwork and excellent communications skills needed. Send resume with letters of reference to Apt. Mgr., PO Box 307, Buckley, MI 49620.

(07-19-4-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

OFFICE MANAGER. Recently opened small automotive company located in Charlevoix is in need of a positive, personable individual. Will be responsible for the management of the sales lot, administrative duties including phones, payments, record keeping, etc., and providing support to the sales staff. Previous office experience required, management experience preferred. Please send resume to: File 246, c/o Charlevoix Courier.

(08-02-2-086)

LOCAL CHARLEVOIX business seeks part/full-time bookkeeper with Quick Books, AP/AR/GL and payroll experience. Send resume to 304 Meech Street, Charlevoix.

(07-26-3-086)

SALES HELP WANTED 088

FAST TRACK to management. One of America's fastest growing insurance companies is currently seeking individuals interested in entry-level positions leading to rapid advancement into management. Nationwide Company expansion has created this unprecedented opportunity for those who qualify. Ambition, intelligence, integrity and a strong work ethic will lead qualified individuals to management positions within three months to one year depending on experience and performance. Our associate managers earn \$60,000 to \$100,000 per year. Our top managers earn \$200,000+. For additional information and to arrange an interview, call 231-347-6958.

(08-02-2-088)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134
FRENCH DOORS, Thermatru, 72 x 80, great condition, 6 9/16 door jam for 2 x 6 wall. You haul. \$100. Call 231-547-8483.

(08-09-3-134)

LOTS & ACREAGE FOR SALE 157
LOT #47, Northpointe Woods, Charlevoix. \$65,000. Call 561-707-1194.

(07-26-3-157)

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(08-02-3-157)

CONDOS FOR SALE OR RENT 158

STOVER CREEK, Charlevoix, new, upper, 2 BR, 2 BA. Utilities included. Non-smoking adults. \$1,000 per month for 1 year or \$900 per month for 2 years. First and last. Call 248-338-4336 or 231-547-4199.

(08-09-3-158)

EDGEWATER INN, 1 bd, 2 ba. Month to Month lease. No pets. No smoking. All utilities, plus cable included. Lease plus deposit, \$1,250.00 per month. 517-719-8637.

(06-14-1f-158)

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. 231-881-3528.

(3-9-1f-158)

HOUSES FOR SALE 160

\$129,986 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Charlevoix, on 5 acres, 2 car garage. Nice location. Call Margie at REO 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

CHARLEVOIX SUGARBUSH KNOLL, wonderful 5 bedroom, 3 bath, over 3,400 sq. ft., nice wooded lot. Lots of extras. Call Margie at 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-09-3-170)

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS

Sales professionals needed for our Charlevoix and other dealerships. Salary plus commission - earning potential \$60,000+. Health care and retirement available. If you are an individual with integrity, good organizational skills, and a successful sales background, then we want to see your resume. Send to: ICC, P.O. Box 146, Acme, MI 49610.

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

CHARLEVOIX, MI rehab and/or Fitness Center facility. "Purpose-built" for such use with large shower & locker rooms, sauna and massage area. Top lighting, AC and Heating systems. Special flooring, separate racquet ball court, newer building and great ground floor location in town center. Over 5,000 square feet at less than \$6 per S.F. per year, triple net. Contact Aila at 231-547-1155, EXT. 3115 or call Richard at 248-885-0802. E-mail: rgeorgi@resortbook.com.

(08-2-3-168)

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

nice 2nd floor office room, \$300 + util. Call Aila at 231-547-1155, ext. 3115.

(08-02-3-168)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169

AVAILABLE FOR immediate occupancy at Pine Cove & Charlevoix Apartments: 1-bedrooms starting at \$422 per month, and 2-bedrooms starting at \$456 per month. Rents based on income. Call 231-547-5202 or stop by 1001 May Street. TDD 1-800-760-1997.

(08-09-3-169)

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX large one bedroom, remodeled, new appliances. \$550 plus utilities, no pets. Call 231-547-6715, evenings.

(05-31-1f-169)

HOUSES FOR SALE 160

\$129,986 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Charlevoix, on 5 acres, 2 car garage. Nice location. Call Margie at REO 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-02-3-160)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

THREE BEDROOM between Petoskey and Charlevoix. \$700 per month plus utilities. Call 231-547-5009.

(08-09-3-170)

TWO BEDROOM house, 3 blocks from downtown Charlevoix. \$700 plus deposit and utilities. No Pets/No Smoking. Call 231-547-6715, evenings.

(08-02-3-170)

CHARLEVOIX, 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA. 1 block from downtown. First floor master suite. Remodeled throughout. Central Air. \$1,200 per month. Call Judy Winter at 231-547-0025.

(07-26-3-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-1f-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

BELLS BAY, Charlevoix, 20 x 45 x 20 high with 20 x 20 loft. Boat storage available. Call 231-547-5671.

(08-02-3-174)

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-547-6445.

(9-15-1f-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas. Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(3-31-1f-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage, 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-1f-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix, 231-237-0893.

(8-27-1f-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed, Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-1f-181)

PETS 183

YORKSHIRE TERRIERS, Champion line. Quality bred. Written health guarantee. Vet checked. For an appointment call 231-625-9775.

(07-26-3-183)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIP. 203

1984, 22' STARCRAFT Islander, Cuddy, Inboard, 120 h.p., excellent condition. Always stored inside, with 2005 Mercury 15 h.p., 4 stroke, Kicker motor, 2 Cannon Mag 10 electric down riggers, Loran LCX20, Graft (Color) auto pilot and tandem E-Z Loader trailer. \$9,150. Call 231-547-2927.

(08-02-2-203)

BIDS WANTED 209**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Charlevoix County Transit will be accepting proposals for transportation services on Beaver Island, St. James and Peaine Townships until Friday,

August 18, 2006. Service will begin October 1, 2006 and run through September 30, 2007. Prospective bidders may call the Transit office at 231-582-6900 (ext. 208), Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to receive a bid packet. Charlevoix County Transit is an equal opportunity employer.

B(08/02, 08/09, 08/16)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krag Edward Beaton, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2005 and recorded January 6, 2006 in Liber 725, Page 431, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine and 61/100 Dollars (\$116,849.61) including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made an provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 1, 2006. Said premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The Easterly 220 feet of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, Township Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: August 2, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.

Attorneys for Servicer

P.O. Box 5041

Troy, MI 48007-5041

(248) 457-1000

File No. 207.5164 ASAP# 783246

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing

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Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to IndyMac Mortgage Holding, Inc. (f/k/a INMC Mortgage Holdings, Inc. a/k/a Independent National Mortgage Corporation), dated August 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on September 16, 1998, in Liber 346, Page(s) 410, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated July 22, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on August 30, 1999, in Liber 370, Page(s) 962, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$79,473.56, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 9.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 8, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL C:

BEGINNING AT A T-IRON STAKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 54, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CHARLEVOIX-COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 54 (WEST LINE OF EAST STREET) SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14' 00" WEST 57.77 FEET (RECORDED AS 57.75 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE

OF SAID LOT 54 NORTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" WEST 148.50 FEET (RECORDED AS 145.50 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 54 AND 55 OF SAID PLAT, (EAST LINE OF AN ALLEY), NORTH 00 DEGREES 29' 10" EAST 60.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" EAST 147.79 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF EAST STREET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 55, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19' 04" WEST 2.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING ALL OF LOT 54 AND PART OF LOT 55, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

By:

DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)

Attorneys for Mortgagee

1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817

Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817

(231) 941-9660

Dated: July 28, 2006

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LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Citizens Bank may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and

May E. Legg, a single woman; to Citizens Bank, dated June 29, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 11, 1999, in Liber 373, Page(s) 957, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$103,558.97, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and Mary E. Legg, a single woman, to Citizens Bank, together with interest at 7.0 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 1, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

COMMENCING AT A 3/4 INCH PIPE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 1322.30 FEET TO THE SOUTH EIGHTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, AS MONUMENTED; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EIGHTH LINE, AS MONUMENTED, 663.44 FEET (RECORDED AT 663.37 FEET) TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ANDREW KOSC PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 258, PAGE 372, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST (RECORDED AS SOUTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST) ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID KOSC PROPERTY, 38.23 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 225.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 354.77 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 33.05 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST

ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 225.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 387.82 FEET (RECORDED AS NORTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST) ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF THE KOSC PROPERTY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST.

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE THEREOF BEING 30 FEET WIDE AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75 AS RECORDED IN DEED, LIBER 274, PAGE 807, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Citizens Bank

By:

H. DOUGLAS SHEPHERD (P64560)

Attorneys for Mortgagee

1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817

Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817

(231) 941-9660

Dated: July 24, 2006

L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 08/23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210**STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT****ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION**

PLAINTIFF: Daniel Ray Kayser

v.

DEFENDANT: Karen Elizabeth Kayser

TO: Karen Elizabeth Kayser

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 on or before August 18, 2006. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case:

July 18, 2006

Judge Richard M. Pajtas

L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09)

LEGAL NOTICE 210**STATE OF MICHIGAN****IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX**

CHRIS M. FRASZ and MICHELE M. NICKEL FRASZ, as assignees through HAROLD I. HAMLIN, JR., Trustee of the Harold I. Hamlin, Jr.,

Revocable Living Trust, U/T/A dated 11/9/1990

Plaintiffs,

v.

File No: 01-1111-19-CH

HARRY A. BURKHART III,

Defendant.

BARRON & ENGSTROM, P.L.C.

Heather S. Frick (P67958)

Attorney for Plaintiffs

309 Petoskey Ave., P.O. Box 309

Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

(231) 547-9950

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On March 15, 2002, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan, entered a Default Judgment of Foreclosure. On June 15, 2006, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, Michigan amended the Default Judgment of Foreclosure in favor of the Plaintiffs, Chris M. Frasz and Michele M. Nickel Frasz and against the Defendant, Harry A. Burkhardt, III.

2. On August 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

A part of Lot 35, Block F, of South Boyne as recorded in Liber 1, page 9, Charlevoix County Records; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the above Lot 35; thence South 103 feet; thence West 33 feet; thence North 103 feet to Main Street; thence East to Place of beginning. AND ALSO, a parcel of same above Lot 35; Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence West 33 feet; thence North 53 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 53 feet to place of beginning. AND ALSO, 4 feet of the West side of Lot 36 of said plat of South Boyne.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

June 28, 2006

Sharon M. Selissen, County Clerk

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Aug. 10 Genealogical society

Bob Oliver will present a program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10 in conjunction with the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society meeting.

The meeting will be held in the basement community room at the Jordan Valley District Library, located at 1 Library Lane in East Jordan.

Oliver will present a program on early East Jordan area schools and also the history of the East Jordan United Methodist Church. He has spent many years researching and documenting his findings on all of the early Charlevoix County schools, but he will focus his talk only on East Jordan area schools for this meeting. In addition, he has compiled a wealth of information on the East Jordan United Methodist Church and will be sharing that with those in attendance.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call JoAnn at (231) 582-9602.

Aug. 10 Panhellenic meeting

Members of the Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will gather for their final meeting of the season at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, at Stafford's Bay View Inn.

Following the luncheon, Ruth and Robin Rhone of Rhone House and Farm Textile Studio will present a fashion show of hand knit and hand woven clothing.

Hostesses for this event are Connie Burt and Suzanne Teman.

To make reservations, call (231) 347-9310.

Aug. 12 Gardening talk

Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, will present a free, hour-long gardening talk, "Seven Steps to Success with Roses" at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Pine Hill Nursery in Elk Rapids. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids. To register, call (231) 599-2824.

Aug. 15 City band rehearsal

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

For more information, call Ev Wucjick at (231) 547-6376, Gail Bailbridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 547-9392.

Aug. 15

Retired federal employee luncheon

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will host their annual picnic

at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 15 in the shelter at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. Members and guests may attend. For more information, call Cheryl at (231) 238-4840.

Aug. 15 Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group

An Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

Aug. 18 Class of 1956 reunion

The Charlevoix High School class of 1956 reunion calendar has been released.

Graduates may attend an open house at 7 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the home of Jill (Cross) Picha. A dinner event will take place at 6 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Grey Gables. And a bring your own picnic will take place at noon on Aug. 20 at Depot Beach.

Aug. 20 Helen Open

The 6th Annual Helen Open will take place on Sunday, Aug. 20 at the Charlevoix Golf Club.

This annual golf and auction event held in honor of Helen Weislik will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan to support the services the organization provides to area residents.

The 2005 event raised \$12,000, bringing the total raised and donated in memory of Weislik to over \$50,000.

The Weislik family has owned the Townhouse Bar for over 40 years, and this tournament was established as a lasting tribute to Helen Weislik, who dispensed spirited advice as freely as she dispensed spirits.

Open registration is underway. The entry fee is \$60 per golfer and must be paid at registration.

For more information, call Cheri Hoffman (231) 547-4578 or Ron Weislik at (231) 547-6690.

Aug. 24 Spaghetti dinner

The Rainbow Shoppe will host a benefit spaghetti dinner and pie sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the

Community Reformed Church located at the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

Proceeds from the sale will assist in funding the non-profit resale store's September relocation to the Norman Brummi Showroom.

The dinner cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12 and \$25 per family. Children under 3 eat free.

For more information, call (231) 547-2815.

Sept. 9 1940s reunion

Members of the Charlevoix High School class of 1949 invite anyone who graduated in the 1940s to join attend their class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Argonne Supper Club to celebrate the "Fabulous Forties."

A reception begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$21 per person.

Those who wish to attend are asked to send a check made out to "Helen Emmons-Class of 1949" to Helen Emmons, 102 Alice St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, along with your choice of whitefish, shrimp or chicken.

For more information, call Helen at (231) 547-2955.

Grange auction

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in late September in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

Bergmann sale

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is accepting donations for its annual garage sale to take place on Sept. 21-23 and September 28 and 29. All donations must be in good to excellent condition and clean.

To schedule an appointment for a drop off, call Kim Brock at (231) 547-2979.

Skatepark hours

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark is open from noon to 9 p.m. daily through Aug. 31 at the site, located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-

day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

Ladies only swim

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

Museum hours

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street, will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from July 1 through Sept. 2. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

Service men item drive

The East Jordan Ladies Auxiliary is accepting donations of non-perishable items including towels, socks, candy, peanut butter, soap, shampoo and money for phone cards, to send to servicemen and women overseas. To donate, call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-0769 or Kim Hazel at (231) 536-7168.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pickup commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

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Day of Caring

The Get Involved Northern Michigan group, led by community leaders and the Char-Em United Way, is preparing for the 3rd Annual Community Wide Day of Caring to take place Sept. 14. This event promotes teamwork and gives your group a taste of volunteering while making a difference in the community. For more information, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.



Courtesy photo

Honored essayists

At a recent summer picnic members of the Northern Michigan Detachment, of the Marine Corps League, presented \$750 college scholarships to three area students. (Above) Scholarship chairman, Paul Michael, presented scholarships to Jillian Wilhelm of Charlevoix; Anne Varga of Petoskey; and Eric Hansen of East Jordan. Wilhelm will work toward a nursing degree at Northern Central Michigan College. The scholarships were awarded based on the recipients' entries in an essay-writing contest, "What Being An American Means to Me." They were among 82 entrants from graduating high school seniors in several high schools throughout the league's jurisdiction.

Charlevoix County Relay for Life is this weekend

More than seven teams will turn out with nearly 100 participants from Charlevoix and the surrounding area for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Aug. 12 and 13 at the East Jordan Community Park.

The 24-hour walk event will take place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday to raise funds that will be used toward cancer research and vari-

ous community outreach programs and services.

The opening ceremony is at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Children's activities will be offered all day. An auction will also take place.

The East Jordan Community Park is located at 805 Maple St.

For more information, contact Corinne Fosdick at (231) 947-0860.

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The next heat wave could mean lights out in town

BLACKOUT

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warning calls on utilities to help conserve power to reduce demand.

Swem said he feels the warnings issued by the Midwest Independent Transmission Operator were sent out too soon and the region wasn't that close to its peak use.

However, the warnings were taken seriously. Swem said if Charlevoix were to reach that peak load, power use would have to be cut in one of three ways.

The first approach would be to initiate a brownout. In this scenario, instead of the power being cut off altogether, the voltage is reduced by a certain percentage to all customers — the resulting dimming of electric lights being the origin of the term "brownout." Swem said it wouldn't impact typical customer use and air conditioning units would still run.

The second would be discussions with local manufacturing plants, the city's largest power users, to see if they would shut down to save power. And the third would be the rolling blackout — temporary removal of a circuit of houses.

"Hopefully that never happens," Swem said.

For years, California has made headlines with its rolling blackouts. While customers and onlookers may assume these blackouts are a sort of unexplained power outage, they are actually done on purpose. Power distributors cut the juice when they



Photo by Julie Witthoft

While some City of Charlevoix electric customers cooled off during last week's heat wave like these East Jordan teens, most kicked air conditioning units into overdrive bringing the city's electric system near its peak. Conditions like this could result in rolling blackouts.

don't have enough supply to meet prevailing demand for electricity.

While Charlevoix dodged the blackout bullet last week, if temperatures climb back into the 90s, its looming shadow may return.

According to Kevin Sullivan, a meteorologist for the Gaylord station of the National Weather Service, heat was building back up in the Central Plains region last week.

"That warm air could surge back in," he said. "We still have a long way to go this summer. I wouldn't rule out another hot spell."

Swem added that the peak use should not have a significant impact on hills.

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Schools: No place for Myspace

By **BENJAMIN GOHS**
Staff writer

You may not be the parent of Amber, a 14-year-old from Colorado seductively posing online in her underwear, but chances are, your teenager has a Myspace.com web page.

Type www.myspace.com into the address bar on your Web browser, click on the "Browse" button and within seconds the images and information of over 100 million adults and children is only a mouse click away.

"I find it really disturbing," said father and school board member,

Dean Spenceley.

While some use Myspace to share photos of themselves, others including Charlevoix students, use the service to stay in contact with family and friends.

Charlevoix School District technology coordinator, Scott Mays, said Myspace.com has been on a list of Internet destinations banned from use by students for most of last school year.

"It wasn't prompted based on a change in policy," Mays said. "It's actually part of a filter list we subscribe to from Surfcontrol."

Surfcontrol (www.surfcontrol.com) is a company which blocks

sites customers feel are inappropriate for their clientele, in this case school officials concerned for student safety.

During the interview, Mays typed Myspace.com into Surfcontrol's filter list to illustrate how he checks to see if a Web site is on the banned list.

"Myspace is listed as personals/dating and is grouped with other sites that fall into personals and dating, so it's blocked," he said.

According to Northwest Academy co-administrator, Gary Stutzman, his school has no official policy banning Myspace.com, but the administration has ways of keeping

kids safe.

"The kids can only get on for educational purposes. That's how we deal with that," he said. "We have a monitoring system to check to make sure they're not in a site they're not supposed to be in."

He added, "It's something we're continuously addressing and working on — it never stops."

Dean said a friend of his from California contacted the local's daughter through Myspace.com after recognizing her last name.

"Because she put an older age in there, he asked if she was my sis-

See **MYSFACE**, page 35

Compromise reached on current library property

By **BENJAMIN GOHS**
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Public Schools and library boards officially agreed on a compromise to the long-contested 109 Clinton St. property.

At their Monday, Aug. 14 meeting, school board members unanimously supported an agreement to split the proceeds from the property upon its sale.

"We've been talking all summer long, and we finally decided we were going to try to work through this issue," said school board president, Bill Trubilowicz. "I feel good. It's another one of these things that we need to get behind us."

Spurred by committees charged with finding solvency in the matter, this agreement came days after the library board passed a similar resolution.

"At this point, what we're trying to do is sell the property," said library director, Valerie Meyerson. "We all agreed to move forward in this direction."

She added, "The Saltonstall heirs agreed to work with us to clear the title so we could have a clear title to sell the property."

The committees, consisting of several board members and an administrator from each board, met several times throughout the last

nine or so months.

Trubilowicz said it has been clear from the beginning that no one wanted ill feelings to continue over the issue.

"Nobody wanted it to come down to some sort of court battle and wasting money on attorneys," he said. "So we said, 'What's the best way we can work through this?' We got to a mutual point, and that's where we're at."

He added, "Connie Saltonstall had a lot of input on this and she moved from her original position, so everybody gave a little bit."

The 50-50 split will be reduced by whatever it costs to maintain the building until sale.

"You've got to keep the building heated while it's for sale so there's going to be some maintenance costs," Trubilowicz said. "What the library has been good enough to do is to pay for those maintenance costs up front. And then, when it comes to the point of splitting the money, we'll pay our half of the maintenance costs out of the money we get for the building."

A clause in the contract states that, after a year without sale, the agreement can be reevaluated.

"I'm still interested in the potential in us having offices in the library building, but I understand

See **LIBRARY**, page 3

Dog days of summer

Tony Lee, associate patron of the Charlevoix Order of the Eastern Star (OES) #72, cooks hot-dogs and brats for the group's annual fundraiser during the 48th Annual Waterfront Art Fair on Saturday, Aug. 12 which was attended by thousands. Proceeds from the sale go to help local charities such as Charlevoix Area Hospital, the Women's Resource Center and local youth.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Abraham Bensimen, 40, Oldsmar, Fla. Disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling \$1,000.

Cody William McCary, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession-alcohol. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Anthony James Bousquet, 18, Beaver Island. Impaired driving. Serve 38 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$630 in fines and costs.

Tracy Lyn Collins, 40, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunken. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for three days, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$300 in fines and costs.

Michael Scott Spencer, 56, Olivet. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for four days, 89 days held in abeyance; \$1,285 in fines and costs.

Segundo Luciano Ascencio, 36, South Boardman. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve seven days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 13 days of community service work in lieu of 13 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,235 in fines and costs.

Stephanie Rae Erickson, 43, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for three days, 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 75 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled

substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,285 in fines and costs.

Broderick Russell Wiser, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession-alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; \$100 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Allan Grutsch, 30, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 28 days in jail; \$700 in fines and costs.

Leon Ray Evans Jr., 26, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property-less than \$200. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$657.58 in fines and costs.

Sebastian Kyle Kirby, 18, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Kenneth Wayne Schroder, 59, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Andrew Lee Reno, 20, Vanderhilt. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled

substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$500 in fines and costs.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Aug. 7	83	71	—
Aug. 8	73	61	—
Aug. 9	75	60	—
Aug. 10	77	63	—
Aug. 11	76	55	—
Aug. 12	73	49	—
Aug. 13	73	52	—

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Rickey Joe Saganek, 46, Albia. Impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Timothy Fred Downing, 37, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Tyler Versite Spence, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend Impact weekend; \$100 in fines and costs.

Mary Kenwabikise Halpin, 46, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Phillip Allen Jordan, 42, Boyne Falls. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed; Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Serve 20 days in jail; \$510 in fines and costs.

Ryan Arthur Cox, 18, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 41

days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$980 in fines and costs.

Richard Travis Brown, 34, Coloma. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Mary Kenwabikise Halpin, 46, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Phillip Allen Jordan, 42, Boyne Falls. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed; Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Serve 20 days in jail; \$510 in fines and costs.

Ryan Arthur Cox, 18, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 41

Timothy Lee Iams, 36, Muskegon. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling \$260.

Austin Carl Eaton, 17, Ellsworth. Disorderly person; and minor in possession of tobacco. Serve 10 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Mark Larry Crain, 29, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Brian Lee-Anthony Starr, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession-alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; \$100 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names
 The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Walco Trust, 631 West Michigan Avenue, Boyne City, by Walter D. Coyle Trust

Get Jazzed & Joyful, 2566 Lake 26 Road, Charlevoix, by Mary Ellen Pierce

TB Underground, 13376 Stover Road, Charlevoix, by Timothy Joseph Burger

M & S Property Management, 113 Eaton St., Charlevoix, by Michael and Sandra Raecke

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Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Joseph Sassini II, 31, Providence, R.I. and Erin Elizabeth Eckhold, 28, Charlevoix

Ryan Hayes Smith, 30, and Melissa Anne Mosher, 30, both of Park City, Utah

Jeffery Scott Little, 22, Boyne Falls, and Brandy Nichole Rose, 18, Conway

James Edward Cook, 62, and Charlene Anne Sears, 60, both of Charlevoix

Jacob Oral Caverly, 27, and Jennifer Marie Finch, 24, both of Boyne City

Divorce
 The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jeremy Schlueter vs. Megan Schlueter

Births

Grace Marie Holm weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces was born June 21 in Battle Creek to Tim and Tina Holm. Her siblings are Cayge Josef, 4 and Elisabeth, 3. Her grandparents are Ed and Mary Jo Holm of Charlevoix and Don Captain of Gobles and the late Elisabeth Captain. Her great-grandparents are Suzanne Gzerkis of Petoskey, Harold Holm of Charlevoix and Elisabeth Wittenhour of Germany.

Emily Renee Rose weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces was born Aug. 5 at

Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael Rose and Laura Saunders of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Mike and Karen Saunders of Clinton, Rick Barber and Kim Kingsbury of Petoskey, Glenda Shelley of South Bend, Ind. and John Puroll of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Josephine Hawks of Ann Arbor, Richard and Joyce Kingsbury of Harrison, Billie Saunders of North Port, Fla., Walt and Waneta Puroll of Boyne City and Marianne and Lynn Barber of Bloomfield Hills.

Melaine Kay Milligan weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces was born Aug. 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert and Tracy Milligan of Mancelona. Her sisters are Molly and Madison. Her grandparents are Joe and Janell Salisbury of Bellaire and Gerald and Sheryl Milligan of Kalkaska.

Brady Arthur Jess weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces was born Aug. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Don and Jennifer Jess of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Bob and Debbie Jess of Charlevoix and Hud and Jan Drenth of Ellsworth. His great-grandparents are Jake Vandenberg of Ellsworth, Don and Bev Hicks of Boyne City, Bob and Kathleen Jess of Redford and Jean Drenth of Ellsworth.

Correction

Due to a reporter's error the hours of operation for the new Well Being Day Spa were printed incorrectly. The spa hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment on Sunday and Monday.

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Library, school district to split property sale 50-50

LIBRARY

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that they need to get into their building," Trubilowicz said. "But, it could help us with operating costs. We could work out a nice little agreement. We could use that wonderful multimedia center for the board meetings."

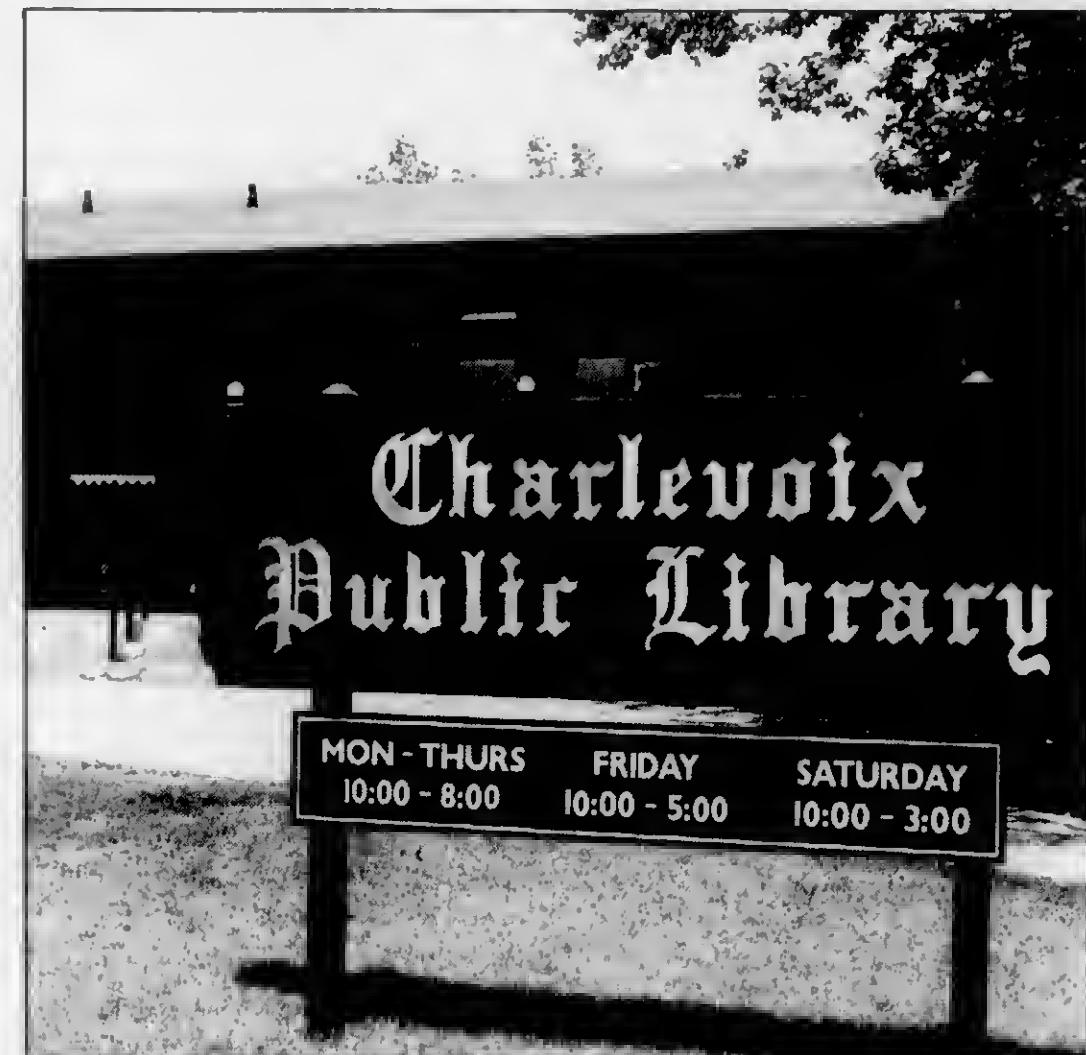
Early estimates show the library and school spent \$4,000 and \$2,400 in attorney fees respectively over the matter.

And, while he is borderline ecstatic over the deal, Trubilowicz said the biggest winner is the taxpayer.

"The two boards will be working closer to disposition of the building without costing them (taxpayers) any more money," he said. "If we sell the building and we both clear \$350,000, then that's \$350,000 for their operating budget and the same amount in our operating budget."

He added, "We still have to work on our issue of wanting to improve our central offices, but this gives us some more flexibility."

The property, in ownership limbo since plans to relocate the library were overshadowed by the discovery of mishandled paperwork, was recently appraised at \$720,000.



File photo

The boards of trustees of both Charlevoix Public Schools and the Charlevoix Public Library have opted to end the ownership feud over the library's current facility at 109 Clinton St. (above) by agreeing to split proceeds from its sale.

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OPINIONS

Punishment of vandals doesn't fit the crime

EDITORIAL

Just what does it take to get a proverbial slap on the wrist for breaking the law?

We didn't expect the culprits who broke into Charlevoix High School and damaged the place in May to be sent to Old Sparky for their crimes, but deferred sentences? C'mon.

Some liken the act to a prank. Putting a whoopee cushion on someone's chair is a prank — causing nearly \$5,000 worth of damage is a crime.

A lawyer defended some of the Rayder raiders by saying the, "kids" don't deserve a lifelong criminal record over \$700 worth of water damage. She must have forgotten about the \$4,000 it cost to re-key the place.

The majority of these, "kids" were 18 or older — old enough to go off to war, old enough to be accountable for their actions.

Will letting these kids off without serious consequences unbalance the universe? Not likely. But, just like allowing these lawbreakers to walk during graduation after being told contrarily, they are reminded that they are above rules, regulations and the

law. While this case of premeditated vandalism wasn't the end of the world, it wasn't exactly the same as throwing a rock through the window of old man Johnson's candy store.

Let's remember, these people conspired and succeeded to steal a master key and make copies of it, illegally enter a building, commit malicious destruction of property and theft.

What of the aftermath now that the precedent has been set? What is the incentive for next year's graduating class not to perform some outrage in a building funded by you and us?

If the damage from tomfoolery on public property is the same next time, and there will be a next time, then the culprits should receive a sentence equal to this one.

Fair is fair. So listen up, graduating class of 2007, senior antics are supposed to be clever and humorous. Then again, if you can't come up with anything good, you can always fall back on a destruction budget of \$4,500.

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Chlorophyll, it's more than a breath freshener



Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

The natural world we see around us every day is predominantly green.

Why and how it is green is a question that had no answers until about a century ago. When teaching botany, I commonly had my students extract the green color from different plants — slimy algae from a pond, mosses or lichens from damp tree bark, ferns, pine trees and spinach. At least a few of the students were surprised to find that each of those very different plants contained exactly the same green pigment. Not just something green, but precisely the same 137 atoms arranged in exactly the same way. The pigment is called chlorophyll, and it's found in abundance in every green plant on earth. One of its near chemical relatives is part of the hemoglobin molecule, source of the red color of our

blood. When we supply nutrients for plants one of the absolute requirements is magnesium. There is a single atom of magnesium in the center of every chlorophyll molecule. Without the magnesium it isn't chlorophyll and it doesn't work. The work of chlorophyll in plants is to intercept light and convert it to a tiny bit of electricity. The plant uses this electricity along with air and water to feed itself and make nearly all the food that feeds most animals on earth, ourselves included. Chlorophyll, it turns out, is considerably more than a breath freshener.

Up to now, no scientist has been able to artificially manage the makeup of food from sunlight, air and water, but plants of many sorts have been accomplishing that for several billion years.

If we make any association at all, we are likely to associate the color green with St. Patrick's Day. We could clearly broaden our interest in green. Without the green of chlorophyll there would be no life at all, or only the life found in some deep-sea volcanic vents, where there are other kinds of chemical magic going on.

The thousands of slightly different

greens that we see in plants — the greens that make it possible to tell the difference between oak trees and maple trees — are the product of chlorophyll plus dozens of other pigments. Even those maple trees with red leaves are green underneath it all. Pick off a red leaf sometime and boil it in water for a few minutes. The red dissolves and you have a bright green leaf. The brilliant green of spinach leaves when boiled briefly is at least partly the product of some of the non-green pigments dissolving away. None of those other pigments have the unique ability of chlorophyll to capture light and convert it to food.

Chlorophyll was invented by some of the earliest algae in the fossil record, more than a billion years ago, and it is still probably the best idea that plants ever had. Next time you walk about in our northern Michigan world, say a silent "thank you" to chlorophyll for making life on earth possible. Without it earth would still be a barren ball of rock.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

Clear shelves, stock pantry

Editor: On behalf of the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry Board, I would like to once again remind our summer-time residents and visitors that, when they are thinking of packing up and leaving our beautiful city for warmer winter climates, they might remember us when cleaning out cupboards and pantries.

There has been a great demand on the pantry this year, and if you are looking for a place to donate your leftover canned goods and non-perishable food items or cleaning supplies and paper products, we would be so grateful to receive them. We only ask that the items

be unused and unopened.

This is a good solution to the final cleaning up of homes and cottages when many are left wondering what to do with items left over from your summer visit. It is also a tax-deductible item, and we will be glad to furnish you with a statement if you leave us a winter address.

The pantry is located at the U.C.C. Congregational Church at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in Charlevoix. If you bring items to the pantry, please use the Park Avenue entrance. However, you can call (231) 547-6456, (231) 547-2359 or (231) 547-5752 to arrange for pickup.

We thank you for your generosity to causes in this community during your

summer stays here, and we wish you "safe home," as the Irish say. We hope you will return to our city next year.

Sue Dixon
Charlevoix Community Food Pantry Board president

Energy commentary

Editor: "The world's demand for energy will never stop." That is a quotation from a television commercial that advocates producing ethanol from corn and fuel oil from soybeans for internal combustion engines.

The world's demand for food will never stop. That suggests that corn and

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soybeans are more important as food than their use as fuel in a world of increasing population.

Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

'Thanks' soccer supporters

Editor: On behalf of the Charlevoix High School girls' soccer team we would like to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation to all the community members and businesses who have supported us this past season at games and with our fundraising attempts.

The Venetian 3 on 3 Soccer Tournament was again very successful, but we couldn't do it without the help of area businesses and Randy Holeczek and the Charlevoix Township workers who always have the fields game ready.

On another note, we would also like to wish Jim Kanine good luck in his new position. Jim was awesome to work with as athletic director and we will miss his insight and dedication to the athletes.

Tom Conlan and Carol Madison
Charlevoix High School girls' soccer Coaches

Fabulous fireworks

Editor: This year's Venetian fireworks were fabulous, better than ever. But the pyrotechnic display on Aug. 1, was even more fabulous. What a wonderful storm that was, and how nice of Charlevoix to welcome the August visitors who might have missed Venetian weekend. Summer time in Charlevoix is wonderful.

Bill and Barbie Claggett
Charlevoix

Change is part of life

Editor: I am a teacher at St. Mary's School in Charlevoix. I was very disappointed in your article regarding the year of turmoil as your title suggested (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil").

There are always parishioners, in every parish, who are upset when a new pastor comes to town. Things are not done the same, they no longer have the control they once had, whatever. St. Mary's has had changes occur, but for most people change is a part of life. I have been teaching at St. Mary's for 14 years and I have seen lots of change. Imagine all the changes that have taken place in the last 100 years. Do you think everyone has been in agreement with all those changes? I doubt it. Does that mean they resign or had mouth the parish or school? No is the answer for most people. Most people try to get along, realizing that God made each of us unique, with our

own strengths and talents. Isn't that what we teach our children? I think it is time to stop acting like children and try to get along.

St. Mary's School is moving forward in a positive light. We have a new principal and a qualified, dedicated staff. It is too bad some people don't feel they can move with us. For them I am sorry. St. Mary's has been a great school for the past 100 years and it will continue for the next 100 years.

The turmoil is over. No action needs to be taken to "calm the waters." The waters are calmed — the disgruntled people have gone to Boyne City or East Jordan. The other parishioners who continue to pack the church each week speak loud and clear to me.

Some points and questions not answered in your article:

— What programs does Scott McDonald refer to that have been canceled?

— The school principal is in charge of renewing school staff contracts. What does the school secretary or teacher contract not being renewed have to do with Fr. Jerry?

— Did you confirm with the parents who "were asked by church and school officials to write erroneous letters stating Sape's performance was poor?" She has taught both my children and no one asked me to write anything.

— Fr. Jerry is loved by the children of St. Mary's. Ask them if they like going to Mass and they will tell you they love it.

Kathleen Dvorack
Charlevoix

St. Mary turmoil doesn't exist

Editor: As a parishioner I was unable to believe why this article (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil") was ever written in a "news" paper for the interest of the public. I was angered and appalled at the inferences made from the information and some interviews provided to Mr. Gohs from those who had their own personal agendas. The situation as implied in Mr. Gohs' article and stated in the title simply doesn't exist.

With any normal new replacement of leadership comes change — some overdue, some new. Unfortunately, there are those who receive any change with difficulty and trepidation instead of attempting to comply and then discussing any problems. As a Catholic community and parish, we pray for peace and reconciliation for those experiencing difficulties with any level of community activity. Religious beliefs and participation in a community parish are both private and social experiences — there are always those who join and those who leave due to their own internal value systems and comfort levels. This is true of any religious community and denomination.

St. Mary's parish is thriving and untroubled as witnessed by the overflow of attendance at Mass and the partici-

pation in parish and school activities. We continue to pray for our parish well-being as well as for all those experiencing problems in this world.

Julianne Fialkowski
Charlevoix

Story not newsworthy

Editor: We are absolutely appalled at the Courier's printing of the article about St. Mary's Church and Fr. Jerry Hunko (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil"). We would think that a newspaper would have some shred of journalistic integrity and decency and realize that the article was not something newsworthy for the entire community. Who is affected by this situation except Catholic parishioners who, incidentally, were already aware of it? We would like to know your justification for printing it.

Also, we would like to know if you are planning a weekly or monthly article about other churches in town.

Rosemary Horton, Janis Dietrich, Karen Campbell, Martha Resch, Donna Morrison, Gary Zieller and Madelyn M. Renaud
Members of St. Mary Church

St. Mary story one-sided

Editor: (Reference page 4 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "Courier to bring readers a new look") You state you are dedicated to offering readers a reliable, quality product. However, when I read page 10 about St. Mary's Church (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil"), it was apparent that you failed to meet your goal.

Your reporter who wrote this article should have known that he was going to end up with a one-sided story. Churches, no matter what denomination, do not hang their laundry out for inspection and this is the way it should be. With this article you have lowered your paper's status to that of a rag publication such as the "National Enquirer" and "Globe."

If you are having a hard time finding stories to print, I'll give you a few leads. Send your young reporter to the court house to find out why the (Charlevoix County Board of) commissioners want to hire an administrator when most of the people that work there work for an elected official and they will do their work the way that person directs and not the way an administrator tells them. Then he can hop right down the street to the new Charlevoix Public Library and find out how they are going to operate that large building on their current budget.

Is there another tax increase waiting in the shadows? He'll have to get on his bike now and head up to the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to find out why they are working on regulations to stick their noses into citizens' septic tanks when health of



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Reaction to the article "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil," printed on page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Charlevoix Courier has included numerous letters to the editor printed in e-mails, on paper and even on this dirty sock sent in the mail by Janis Dietrich. It reads, "You missed this in your gossip column about St. Mary's." Letters not printed in this week's edition due to space constraints will appear in the Aug. 23 edition of the Courier.

the large influx of third world workers in our northern Michigan restaurants goes unchecked and unregulated.

There you have it. Three possible stories concerning politics, taxes and health. If you have trouble getting the information you need, then file Freedom of Information Act requests. Your paper has only one direction to go now, and that is up because last week you hit Fr. Jerry and the parishioners of St. Mary's below the belt.

Edward F. Linse
Charlevoix

Fr. Hunko is a leader

Editor: It was with great interest that I read the article about St. Mary's Church and our pastor, Father Jerry Hunko. It is not surprising that a small group of people would try to raise dissent in our parish, since they are no longer running it.

Having lived in Charlevoix for the past 25 years, it is only now that I have formally become a parishioner at Saint Mary's Church and it is because of Fr. Jerry. He is a leader with a clear vision for our parish. More importantly, he is a caring, compassionate man who preaches love, forgiveness and tolerance for all people.

I feel blessed, honored and fortunate to have Fr. Jerry as my spiritual leader.

Kathleen A. Stangis
Charlevoix

Church business should be private

Editor: This is my first letter to the editor of any newspaper. As a parishioner of St. Mary's Church, I feel the need

to express my opinion on the Aug. 9 article by Benjamin Gohs "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil."

I will begin by saying that I have lived in Charlevoix for about 10 years but am here only seasonally. Therefore my involvement in parish workings is limited. I am however refreshed to attend Fr. Jerry Hunko's services at St. Mary's.

I was aware of some conflict upon the change from Fr. Neis to Fr. Hunko. Such dissent may and does often occur when leadership changes in any organization. A hint of this conflict surfaced when I received a personal letter last winter from one of the staff announcing her resignation.

Also Fr. Hunko has been repeatedly praying for "peace in the parish" during weekend Masses. Beyond that I have had no knowledge of what Mr. Gohs has reported...until now. Well thanks to the Courier, all of Charlevoix is aware of differences of opinion about the operational challenges of St. Mary's Church.

The reasons for administration and program changes at St. Mary's should be private to that organization. St. Mary's is a church of God. Its purpose is to give honor and service to God and community. Even without comment from the Diocese of Gaylord or Fr. Hunko, that intent is understood.

The article written by Benjamin Gohs has damaged the reputation of a fine church and school. I would classify this article as gossip and not news. I believe that the Charlevoix Courier has overstepped its bounds and owes an apology to St. Mary's parish.

Marilyn Bauknecht
Charlevoix

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Karen MacArthur, daughter of Bruce and Barbara MacArthur of Charlevoix and Hilton Head, S.C., recently married Bill Schuiling of Charlevoix and Washington, DC.

The Schuiling's flew the wedding party in their private jet to their home on St. John's in the Virgin Islands for a surprise wedding.

Karen wore a traditional silk island wedding ensemble with a traditional island head wreath of orchids, which signifies eternal happiness. Bill wore a traditional island grape tree marriage wreath, which signifies long life and many joys.

The attendants were two maids of honor, Karen's sister, Lori, and Karen's daughter, Morgan. Bill's two best men were Tim Kochanny, of Charlevoix, and U.S. Senator-at-

Large Craig Barshinger of the Virgin Islands. In attendance were Bill's twin sister, Barbara, and her family, as well as, other guests from all over the country.

The Schuiling's were married in a traditional island ceremony on a volcano bluff overlooking the famous Drake's Passage.

The couple honeymooned at the Rockefeller Resort in Caneel Bay and will be spending the remainder of their honeymoon in Paris and the French Coastal area of Normandy.

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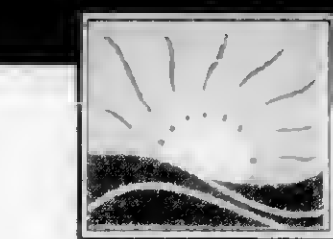
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Beth Strawbridge, a Charlevoix Public Library librarian, helps Tim Claggett make a selection for the Charlevoix Public Library kitchen shower which takes place today, Aug. 16 at the new library located at 220 Clinton St.

Aug. 16 shower planned to stock new library kitchen

Residents of the Charlevoix Public Library District are invited to the Wednesday, Aug. 16 community kitchen shower for the new Charlevoix Public Library.

The event which aims to stock the library kitchen with items groups will use when they meet in the new library, will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. at the site of the new building located at 220 Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

Gifts and donations will be accepted and are tax deductible. Gift tags will be provided.

The shower will include refreshments and tours will be offered.

A display in the lobby of the current library at 109 Clinton St. includes items on the wish list.

For more information, call Linda Weston at (231) 547-6603.

(Above, right) Long-time Charlevoix resident Norma Cunningham, a current resident of Bortz Health Care of Petoskey, is surrounded by family members (from left) her daughter, B.J. (Cunningham) Steffens of Petoskey, granddaughter Karla (Steffens) Frei and great-granddaughter Ashley Frei of Phoenix, Ariz. (Below, right) Norma and her daughter B.J. are pictured with Norma's granddaughter, Mary Kay (Steffens) Pederson holding her daughter and Norma's great-granddaughter, 3-month-old Emma Jean.



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This benefit concert will present three gifted young musicians from the area. Andy Tuck, who is currently studying at Interlochen Arts Academy, will play viola. Anna Kroom, a student at Northwest Academy, will be playing clarinet and piano. And Patrick Hand, also attending Northwest Academy, will play string



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Northwest Academy students Anna Kroom and Patrick Hand (pictured above, right) will join Andy Tuck (above, left), an Interlochen Arts Academy student, at this weekend's Sundays at Four performance.

bass and tuba.

A donation of \$5 or more is suggested. All proceeds will provide for scholarships for the three musicians.

A reception will follow the concert in Ransom Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Ellen Addington at (231) 536-7018.

Obituaries

Lucille Alward: Nov. 24, 1942 - Aug. 8, 2006.

Lucille I. Alward, 63, of Charlevoix, went home to her Lord on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral took place on Friday, Aug. 11 at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Rev. James D. Green officiated and burial followed in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Lucille was born Nov. 24, 1942, in Lansing, the daughter of Sylvester and Alice (Mugger) Robinson. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking and playing bingo.

Lucille loved everyone she met and especially loved children. She had worked at Noah's Ark Daycare where she was known to the kids as Grandma Daycare. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

Lucille is survived by her children, Annette M. (Craig E.) Tompkins of Charlevoix, Penny I. (Patrick N.) Lewis of East Jordan and Roger J. Alward of Petoskey; grandchildren, Tiffany, Nean, Patrick, Bobby, Sandra, Kaitlynn and Emily; great-granddaughter, Kaydence;

brothers, Sylvester (Kathy) Robinson of Campbellburg, Ky. and Joseph (Nancy) Robinson of Shafterburg; and sister, Clara (Delbert) Alward of Laingsburg.

Lucille was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Vanessa Tompkins, and a sister, Alberta Argensinger. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family of Lucille Alward, c/o Bible Baptist Church, 5855 M-66 N, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Dorothy Skidmore: Dec. 25, 1918 - Aug. 8, 2006

Dorothy Eleanor Skidmore Kneeland, 87, of Machias, N.Y. and formerly of Battle Creek was born on Christmas Day, 1918, in Lansing. She died in Machias, N.Y., on Aug. 8. She was the daughter of the late Ralph and Bernice Skidmore.

Her older brother, Lt. Bruce D. Skidmore, went down on the "Houston" in the battle of Java in 1941, and her younger brother, Captain (retired) Edward O. Skidmore, died in 1996.

Dorothy graduated in 1936 from Eastern High School in Lansing and from Acme Business College in Lansing in 1939. She worked for the State of Michigan. Dorothy married Frank William Kneeland on Aug. 30, 1941, in the People's Church in East Lansing, they had three children: Suzanne Marie (Mrs. Robert L. Wade

of Cincinnati, Ohio), John William (Nancy W.) Kneeland of Kalamazoo, and Thomas David Kneeland of Cincinnati, Ohio. He husband died in March 1983.

Dorothy and Frank moved to Battle Creek in 1947 and she lived in their North 30th Street home for 52 years. She worked for 25 years as a medical secretary for Dr. Edward M. Chaudler, a surgeon. She and Frank were charter members of Westlake Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon and Frank was an elder and director of Christian education. She was an active member of the Medical Assistants Association of Calhoun County. She was also a Campfire Girl leader and Cub Scout leader. She also had the opportunity of meeting president and Mrs. Ronald Reagan in the White House and had the Tom's Mom's

Cookies named after her. After moving from Battle Creek in 1999, she lived for three years in Cincinnati, Ohio with her daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Sue, and then for 2-and-a-half years with her son, Tom, before spending one year as a resident of The Pines in Machias, N.Y.

She is survived by her three children: four grandchildren, Julie (William) Taylor, Jennifer (Troy) Guckian, Brian Kneeland and David (Manuela) Wade; six great-grandchildren, Lauren and Kaitlyn Wade, Emma and Trent Guckian, Stevan Radamann and August Taylor.

A service celebrating Dorothy Kneeland's life took place on Saturday, Aug. 12. Memorial contributions may be directed to Westlake Presbyterian Church or The Pines Care Center, Machias, N.Y.

Thomas Lawler: Jan. 20, 1924 - Aug. 8, 2006

Thomas Walter Lawler, 82, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. A rite of Christian burial took place on Friday, Aug. 11, at Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and burial followed in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Tom was born Jan. 20, 1924, the son of Elton and Maud (Uhlir) Lawler. Tom served in the U.S. Army

Air Corps during World War II. On April 23, 1955, he married the former Edna H. Kosi at Saint Luke's Catholic Church in Detroit. Tom owned and operated P&L Products (gasket manufacturing) in Clawson for 19 years. He then worked as a quality control product inspector for DeVlieg Company. He and Edna retired to Charlevoix in 1985. Tom was a member of Saint Mary Catholic

Church, Knights of Columbus Pierre de Charlevoix Council #7172, American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post #226, and VFW Post #1153, Charlevoix.

Tom is survived by his wife, Edna of Charlevoix; and sister, Virginia Collier of Chicago, Ill.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix.

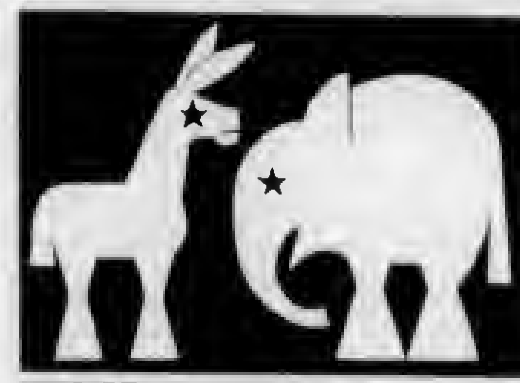
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Road proposals crash at election



ELECTION 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHIS
Staff writer

Two road millage proposals, one county-wide, the other within a township, failed to pass at the Tuesday, Aug. 8 primary election.

While road commission officials are unsure what their next step will be, the elected heads of Peaine Township on Beaver Island haven't given up on a 1-mill road maintenance millage.

"We're going to put it up in November and try again. We have over 73 miles of county road just in our township," said Peaine Township supervisor, John W. Works Jr. "We have more county roads in Peaine, per township, than any other township in Charlevoix County, and they can always stand improvement."

He added, "We'll try it again. All they can say is 'no.'"

The millage, which failed 60 to 45, was in addition to the existing millage which was renewed 78 to 29. The failed six-year, 1-mill proposal would have been in addition to the passed renewal which restored .1164 mills to an existing .8836 mills for a total of 1 mill annually for five years.

With more and more vehicles on the road, and the rising cost of materials, the Charlevoix County Road Commission doesn't have enough money in their budget to keep up with certain areas of maintenance, Works said.

"We in the township have to pay for our own dust control and our own gravel," he said. "If we pay for dust control, then they'll (road commission) apply it."

He added that his township must raise the money to maintain the many miles of gravel road.

"The roads are so old they need to be filled. You need a lot of gravel to do that," he said.

Works blames low voter turnout in the primary election for the millage's failure to pass.

"It was only 15 votes that it was down by, so we figured we'd give it another shot," he said. "There will be a lot more people coming out in the general election."

The same fate was realized by the five-year county-wide road construction and maintenance millage proposal which failed by a close margin — 1659 no votes to 1501 yes votes.

When asked what happens now, Charlevoix County Road Commission manager, Pat Harmon, said he isn't quite sure.

"The problem still exists," he said. "I thought it would pass. Roads have always been a very important issue to a lot of people in the county and I thought it was a very good proposal."

"I figured it would be close, but the public has spoken. The voters said, 'No,' so I'm not sure what

we'll do — you're guess is as good as mine."

One reason Works feels the county-wide road millage failed, and why he didn't support it, is that Peaine Township has far more gravel than primary roads.

"There was no guarantee that the money would go to the areas (specified)," he said. "I didn't see that, if I supported it (county-wide road millage), that it would eventually come to me. It's a big county. There are a lot of townships, and we're 32 miles out in the lake."

Harmon reminded county residents who await funding from the state and federal level, "Any money we get from the federal or state government, some taxpayer in this country has paid for it. It'll all have to be done with tax dollars, and I don't see any money in the near future."

Harmon doesn't know how many years will pass before funding for new projects comes Charlevoix's way.

"So, we'll have to patch them and make the best with what we can," he said.

Though dismayed by the future of roads in the county, Harmon emphasized services such as mowing near and plowing of primary roads

will continue.

"This millage wasn't for routine maintenance. This was to put black-top down and fix things up pretty nice," he said. "A lot of people that talked to me (were) supportive and very positive."

Harmon said opponents of the proposal ranged from those who questioned whether all revenue avenues had been researched, to people who were simply against any form of tax increase.

The other township millage proposals and renewals are as follows:

- The two-year, 1-mill Eveline Township road millage proposal passed 122 to 68.

- The four-year, 1-mill Norwood Township road millage proposal passed 54 to 46.

- The four-year, .5-mill Norwood emergency services millage proposal passed 79 to 21.

- The four-year, 2-mill Peaine Township rural health center millage renewal proposal 83 to 23.

- The five-year Peaine Township airport millage renewal proposal passed 71 to 35.

- The four-year, 1-mill Peaine Township, Beaver Island District Library millage proposal passed 87 to 19.

- The four-year, 1-mill St. James Township fire protection millage proposal passed 77 to 12.

- The four-year, 2-mill St. James Township medical center millage proposal 68 to 21.

- The four-year, 2-mill St. James Township road construction and maintenance millage proposal passed 71 to 16.

- The four-year 1-mill St. James Township, Beaver Island District Library millage proposal passed 66 to 23.



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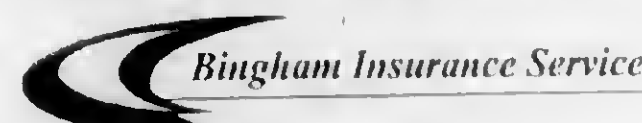


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Pool auction nets \$53,000

(Above) Patty Sitzma and Sandy Allard, members of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Board of Directors, check out Joan Buday of Charlevoix and Katie Stone, also a member of the board, at the close of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction, Aug. 13. The auction netted about \$53,000 for pool operations and programs. Over 200 people attended the event held at the Charlevoix Country Club. The biggest seller was an eight-person South African Safari vacation on a 231,000 acre game preserve which was sold for over \$4,000. Arriving late was a 3-foot chocolate rabbit donated by Bill and Karen Schuiling which was part of the Gift for Love Camp Quality package. Al Gooch, who is lifeguarding at Camp Quality this week, will bring the sweet treat to be shared among campers this week. Other gifts of love purchased by auction attendees include swim lessons for middle and high school students and swim sessions for Bergmann Center attendees.

Law enforcement step up drinking and driving patrol

To ensure the safety of motorists taking advantage of summer's final travel weeks, law enforcement officers across Michigan are stepping up enforcement during a statewide drunk driving blitz.

From Aug. 18 through Sept. 4, more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies are participating in the "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" drunk driving crackdown. This effort includes the Labor Day weekend, which typically marks the end of summer.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning is coordinating the enforcement effort by providing federal traffic safety funds to nearly 230 agencies in 55 counties to boost patrols in selected areas and by funding paid advertising to ensure widespread awareness of the crackdown.

"No matter what you drive — a car, truck, SUV or motorcycle — if you're caught driving drunk, you will be arrested," said Michael L. Prince, Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning division director. "Over the coming weeks, Michigan's law enforcement community will be out in force looking for and arresting drunk drivers."

During last year's Labor Day crackdown, more than 3,200 motorists were arrested for alcohol-related offenses.

In spite of the progress that has been

made in reducing drunk driving, approximately 35 percent of all traffic fatalities in Michigan still involve alcohol and/or drugs. In 2005, 408 people died and 7,982 were injured in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes on Michigan roadways. Over the 2005 Labor Day holiday weekend, 14 people died in Michigan crashes. Five of those fatalities involved alcohol, according to the Michigan Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

Motorists are reminded that if they catch a buzz, they should catch a ride, because the penalties are not worth the risk. Those convicted of a first drunk driving offense face up to 93 days in jail, up to a \$500 fine, up to 360 hours of community service, six points on a driver's license and up to a 180 day license suspension.

In addition, convicted drunk drivers will be subject to a \$1,000 fee or two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension.

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Pine River Lane developers present new plan

By KRISTINA HUGHES
Petoskey News-Review
Staff writer

A new hotel resort development is seeking approval on Pine River Lane.

The Charlevoix Planning Commission approved plans for the Charlevoix Pointe Inn. The three-story hotel resort features 30 hotel units and 34 parking spaces.

"Everything is within the requirements and we don't need any variances. We can't really stop this," planning commissioner Francis Flanders said. "... But, is there any way we can make it prettier?"

The Charlevoix City Council will review the plan for 115 Pine River Lane at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21. The property is owned by Julia Ann Bandfield, Randy Carey and Peter Carey and is part of the commercial service district. The developers, Travis Catt, of Catt Acquisitions of Gaylord and his partner Drew Spalding, did not request any variances. Doug Mansfield, an architect of Wells Mansfield Inc. of Traverse City, designed the project.

Mansfield said he is willing to work with staff to create a more aesthetically pleasing design fitting height requirements. The rooms are designed with 800 to 1,300 square feet with living quarters, kitchenettes and different bedroom configurations. The hotel features a lobby and registration area on the first floor. The parking is underground.

The commission's decision upset neighbors, who have concerns over the size and character of the development, setbacks and its potential

Who: Charlevoix Planning Commission
What: Approved plans for Charlevoix Pointe Inn
Where: 115 Pine River Lane, overlooking the Pine River Channel
Zoning: C-1 Commercial
Project details: Three-story, 30-unit hotel, covering 70 percent of the 7 tenths-of-an-acre of land it sits on, with 34 parking spaces.
What's next: Charlevoix City Council will review the plan at 7 p.m. on Aug. 21 in council chambers at city hall.

impact on traffic.

According to the traffic study by Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan Inc. in Detroit, the plan would have little impact on the surrounding roadways. The survey was conducted June 21.

Robert Grzech, of Running, Wise & Ford, who represents land owners who live in close proximity and oppose the plan, shared concerns over the intent of the hotel.

"If there is a private ownership there needs to be safeguards so it's not being used as a residency," Grzech said.

Last spring, the same parties opposed Mansfield's Rivulet Pointe resort/hotel development plan for a three-story, 12-unit condominium resort.

The planning commission approved the plan in April. The city council sent the plan back to the Zoning Board of Appeals. In May, the Zoning Board of Appeals tabled a decision on the Rivulet Pointe Development. The Zoning Board of Appeals ruled that the plan did not fit the city's hotel definition but questioned if the 12-unit condominium fit the city's

definition of a motel. The board requested the developer to submit the condominium deeds and place a restriction for residency.

After the meetings the developer went back to the drawing board to design a plan that met the criteria for a hotel and fit the city's zoning ordinance.

"Our goal is to comply with the law," Nancy Carey said. "We applied again to make sure there won't be any gray areas."

Bandfield whose grandparents purchased the land in the late 1800s, hopes the resort will be a place for people to come stay, shop and dine downtown.

"I hope it will be an addition to Charlevoix," Bandfield said. "People love to come to Charlevoix."

But Jerry VanderVeen shares a different vision for the area to preserve the neighborhood's character.

"This is basically wall to wall. I think it's a poor use of this property. This is your waterfront. You only get one chance at this," he said.

Kristina Hughes can be reached at (231) 439-9348, or hughes@petoskeynews.com.



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Doug Mansfield, an architect with Wells Mansfield Inc. of Traverse City, designed the proposed Charlevoix Pointe Inn project. He is the same architect that (above) pitched the Rivulet Pointe project for the same piece of land.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with MERS.
- Motion passed accepting the revision of health care caps for administrative employees.
- Motion passed authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement for the airport non-directional beacon.
- Motion passed appointing Bill Haggard as delegate and Gabe Campbell as alternate to the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Convention.
- Motion passed voting for the 7 nominated candidates for MML Workers' Compensation Board of Trustees.
- Motion passed to reconsider Resolution 2006-07-12 (Proposal 12)
- Motion passed to rescind Resolution 2006-07-12 (Proposal 12).
- Resolution 2006-08-01 adopted, award of bond bid.
- Resolution 2006-08-02 adopted, revised Proposal 12, regarding Board of Review meeting times.

[NOTE: Proposals will be printed in their entirety at a later date. Proposals along with a summary of the Charter section affected are available at the Office of the Clerk, City Hall, 210 State Street.]

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Dry Harbour Motor Sports buys Knights hall

By JULIE WITTHOEF
Editor

Like many Knights of Columbus council's throughout Michigan, the local chapter has opted to sell its burdensome hall.

On Thursday, Aug. 10, the Knights council membership met in special session to decide the fate of their hall. Of those in attendance, 73.9 percent voted to accept the \$310,000 sale agreement with owners of Dry Harbour Motor Sports, Barney Way and Scott Boss.

"It's a tremendous relief. This eliminates all that expense and gets us back to the basics of being a Knights of Columbus council and all the possibilities to do good works in the community that come with it," said Steve Seely, Grand Knight for the local Knights of Columbus.

He said this year, the Knights estimated a \$38,000 loss associated with the hall. And last year they lost about \$35,000.

Seely said the group's annual loss associated with the hall violates their charter, which states the building must operate at a break even or profit point to be maintained. If the sale hadn't gone through, Seely said the state body that regulates Knights of Columbus chapters

may have confiscated the building to balance the books.

"The intent of councils has always been to be associated with the lead parish and to be a Christian, Catholic men's organization devoted to the betterment and good will of those around us. Why the

buildings have crept up over the years is a sore spot with the Knights of Columbus national council," Seely said.

The local Knights aren't alone in selling their hall in the face of hefty mounting debt. Chapters in Bellaire and Grayling have also recently sold their halls.



File photo

On Aug. 10, the Knights of Columbus council voted in favor of selling its hall (pictured above), located off Bell's Bay Road, to Dry Harbour Motor Sports' owners Barney Way and Scott Boss for \$310,000.

"It's not unique to Charlevoix. This has been going on across Michigan," he said.



Barney Way

The Knights purchased the hall, located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road in Charlevoix, in 1994 from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for about \$135,000. Since then, they have made

about \$150,000 in upgrades to the property including a new heating and ventilation system and paving of the parking lot. The only hall debt hanging over their heads is a loan for just under \$40,000 used for parking and heating system improvements.

Expenses associated with the building and increased competition in terms of available rental properties are two factors Seely cited as contributors to the current situation.

The property, which includes the 3,000 square foot building sitting on about two acres of land, will be transferred to Way and Boss no later than Oct. 31 following the Knights' annual Sportsman's Dinner. Sale of the building accessories like tables and chairs will take place prior to the close.

Way said he has rented the Knights property which fronts on U.S. 31 since 2001 for promotional use. His business, located next-door at 06357 U.S. 31, which specializes in sales and service of watercraft has parked boats and trailers there to publicize his products.

Future use of the property has not been determined. Way said the existing hall isn't the right size for storage and service — their interest is centered around the property.

"We are protecting our interest. We need the land. We are out of space where we are right now (four acres)," he explained.

The Knights have not determined their new group headquarters or how the proceeds from the sale will be handled.

Knights of Columbus is a Catholic service organization. The local chapter serves five area Catholic parishes including Charlevoix, East Jordan, Central Lake, Bellaire and Ellsworth.

For 2006, the Charlevoix hall is booked for 12-14 events. Seely said this falls far short of the 45-50 rental events needed for the club to break even.

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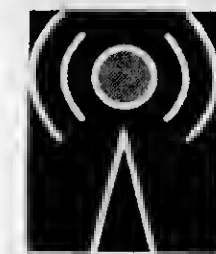
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Local merchants host end of summer three-day sidewalk sale event

Who: Charlevoix area merchants

What: Three-day sale

When: 9 a.m. to close, Aug. 17-19

Where: Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix and inside participating stores

Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17-19 in downtown Charlevoix.

This three-day event is a shopper's bonanza as all participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory.

Most merchants will sell wares on the sidewalk from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and inside after 5 p.m.

At the same time, shoppers can enjoy the fun and excitement of downtown Charlevoix.

Those merchants not located downtown will conduct their sales at their own locations.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.



File photo

Merchants and shoppers will pack Bridge Street this week to participate in sidewalk sales.

North Seas Gallery announces Paintings of the Lowlands exhibit

North Seas Gallery in Charlevoix is offering patrons a new art exhibit to peruse.

The Paintings of the Lowlands exhibit is a collection of 19th and 20th century Dutch impressionists.

Featured artists include Evert Moll, Jacob Madiol, Aris Knikker, Hendrik Pieter Groen, Henri van Os-Delhez, Hendrick Weegewijs, Frans Pieter Ter Meulen, Ben Vieggers, Arie Zwart, Johan Kaemmerer, Martinus Nefkens, Adriaan Geijp, Piet Bouter, Henri Jelinger, Kees van Waaning, Arend Jan van Driesten and Cornelis Bouter.

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Three concerts remain in free summer series in East Park

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has released the following lineup for its 2006 Charlevoix Concerts in the Park.

Performances take place at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 29 through Aug. 31.

The Charlevoix City Band will perform each Tuesday.

• Aug. 17 — Chris Dominic

• Aug. 24 — University of Michigan Friars

• Aug. 31 — Northwind Brass

Concerts will be moved to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue should it rain.

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Beemon earns the 2006 Peacebuilders award from Traverse League for Peace

JoAnne Beemon of Charlevoix was given the 2006 Hugh and Beatrice Henshaw Peacebuilders award by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom.

Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom chairman, Bruce Sanderson, announced the award at the annual Hiroshima remembrance on Aug. 6 at Mineral Well Park in Petoskey.

Beemon earned the honor, in part, for her role in initiating weekly vigils since 2001 of Women in Black, a worldwide movement originated by women in Israel and Palestine who deplore violence and mourn its victims.

In announcing the award, Sanderson said, "She has stood for peace all her life, visibly on a street corner in Charlevoix, through rain, snow, blizzards and heat waves, since before the invasion of Iraq. In so doing, she has inspired others to work for peace and justice."

A committed activist, when nuclear power became an issue in Charlevoix, Beemon dedicated herself to learning everything possible about nuclear power and the functioning of the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant itself. Her knowledge of nuclear plant safety led to her appointment on the Citizens Advisory Committee on the decommissioning of the plant.

Currently, she is a "driving force" on the Big Rock Point preservation committee dedicated to assuring that the 500 acres on Lake Michigan be preserved in its natural state for eventual public use.

Beemon established the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy which has protected a chain of lakes south of



Courtesy photo

JoAnne Beemon of Charlevoix recently accepted the 2006 Hugh and Beatrice Henshaw Peacebuilders award from chairman of the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom, Bruce Sanderson.

Charlevoix and seeks to extend a bicycle trail in the Charlevoix area.

Her knowledge of water issues led to her election to the post of Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner as a Green Party candidate.

The Henshaws, two of the founders of the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom 26 years ago, established the award to recognize individuals whose goal it is to create a culture for peace. Recipients in previous years were Ellen Addington of Ellsworth, Dr. Gerald and Martha Drake of Petoskey, and Charlotte and

Bruce Sanderson of East Jordan.

The Hiroshima remembrance and reflection observance is held to honor the hundreds of thousands who died from blast, heat and radiation after the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan 61 years ago and to reflect on ways to create a more peaceful world.

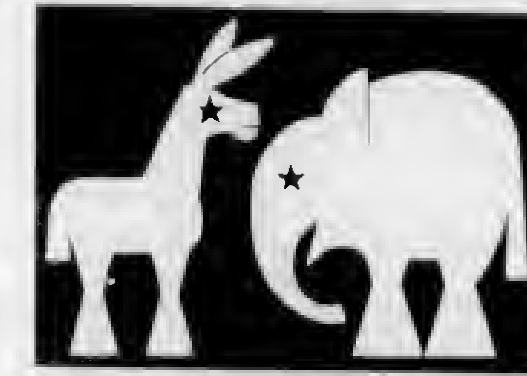


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Veteran honored

Ed Smalley (left) was recently awarded the Non-Commissioned Officers Association Medal for his service in World War II by Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Administrator, Bob Drebenstedt. Smalley served in the U.S. Navy in the Atlantic from 1943-1944 and in the Pacific from 1945-1946.

Hayes Township voters pick Ethel Knepp



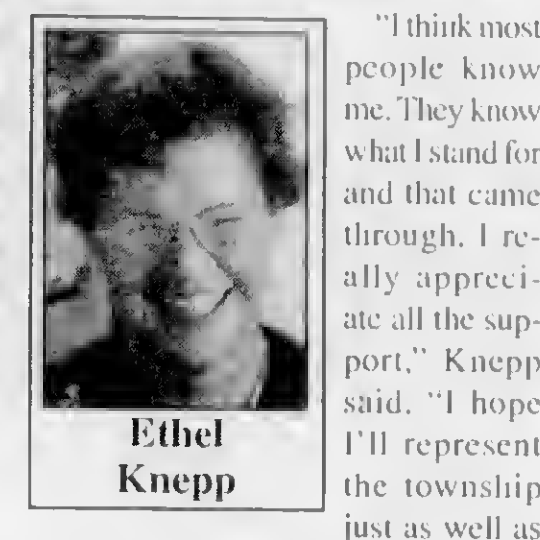
ELECTION 2006

By JULIE WITTHOET
Editor

An overwhelming majority of Hayes Township voters supported Republican Ethel Knepp's candidacy for township supervisor.

At the Aug. 8 primary election, of the 242 total votes cast in Hayes Township, Knepp secured 172 votes to fellow

Republican Frederick Parsons' 70.



Ethel Knepp

supervisor as I did as clerk. I love where I live and want to see that it's taken care of."

Parsons, 67, who has held the township supervisor's seat since April when former supervisor Tim Boyko resigned, attributes his loss to Knepp's long

standing as a township official.

"I'm not as well-known," he said.

Parsons will continue to serve as supervisor until the November general election.



Frederick Parsons

Knepp, 60, worked as a township clerk from 1988 until November 2005, she has served on the zoning board of appeals and is the zoning administrator.

Knepp resigned from the clerk's seat citing her heavy workload conflicting with her accounting business, Ethel Knepp's office, and other business she

takes care of for the township.

She said the supervisor's position should be less of a time commitment than the clerk's post.

Marlene Golovich, 53, who works out of Knepp's accounting office, replaced her as clerk and ran unopposed in the primary. She has served on the zoning board of appeals and the planning commission as well.

If elected to the supervisor's seat for a two-year term at the Nov. 7 general election, Knepp said she will resign her zoning administrator's role effective Nov. 20, when she would officially take office.

Jim Rudolph, 64, was the only Democrat looking to fill an office in Hayes Township. He is on the board now and is running to maintain his trustee's seat.

Knepp, Rudolph and Golovich will now go on to the Nov. 7 general election in which they are currently running unopposed. A write-in candidate may file to run against them until 4 p.m. on Nov. 3. Write-in filing information is available at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office, located at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

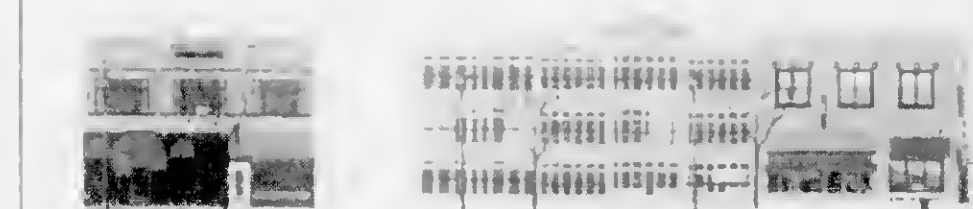
If elected, terms for the three will expire in 2008.

While Parsons' name won't appear on the Nov. 7 ballot, the retired supervisor of the Charlevoix Township Department of Public Works and former Hayes Township Board trustee said he may throw his hat in the political ring again in the future.

"It's tough to etch something in stone. Never is a bad word to use," he said.

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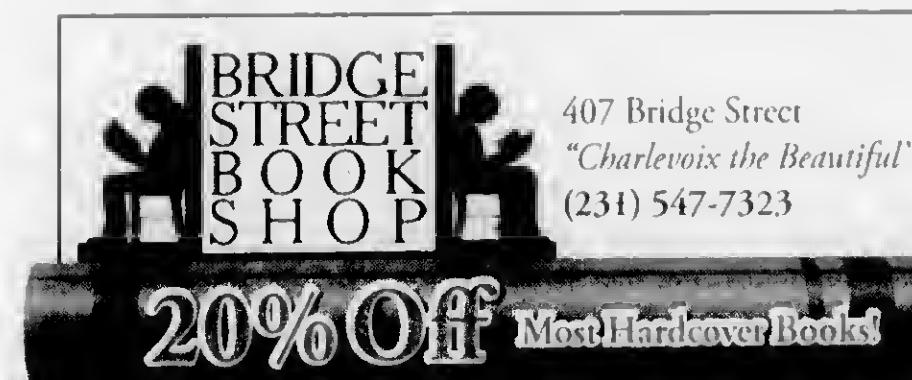


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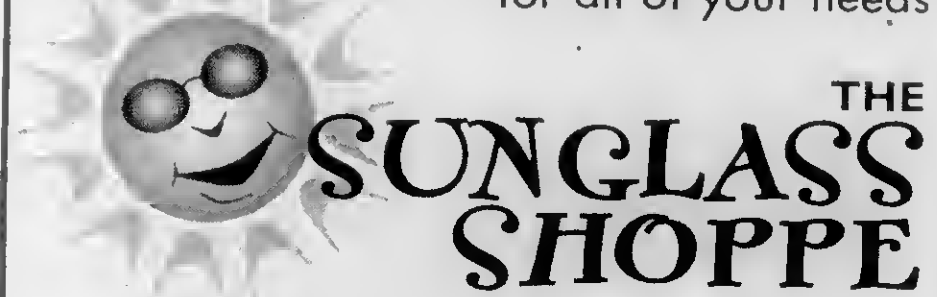
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Health department monitors area beaches



Lacey Crowe, a summer intern with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, collects water samples taken from 47 Lake Michigan and inland lake beaches to test for E.Coli bacteria. The samples are delivered on a daily basis to the health department's Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory in Gaylord for analysis.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency has monitored water quality throughout the summer at public beaches on Lake Michigan and inland lakes in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

A summer intern collects water samples three times per week at 47 Lake Michigan and inland lake beaches to test for E.Coli bacteria. She delivers them on a daily basis to the health department's Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory in Gaylord for analysis. Within 24 hours, lab staff can report test results.

Scott Kendzierski, director of environmental health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, said when E.Coli levels are high, he posts a beach advisory and orders second water analysis at the beach. If water samples continue to be unsafe, Kendzierski orders a beach closure until lab results confirm the water is safe for full body

contact.

E.Coli is an indicator of sewage or fecal contamination and can cause severe illness in individuals exposed to impacted surface water.

"There are many reasons that beaches have an unsafe E.Coli test result," said Kendzierski. "E.Coli levels can be affected by water temperatures, wind and weather, and bird populations."

Birds carry E.Coli in their digestive tract.

"It is important for us to monitor E.Coli levels to prevent E.Coli infections in people," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "Swimming in water contaminated with coliform bacteria can cause illness, usually involving vomiting and diarrhea."

Beach advisories and closures, as well as up-to-date information on current public health advisories restricting

access along the Lake Michigan shoreline in Bay Harbor and at East Park are listed on the health department Web site at www.nwhealth.org. The East Park and Bay Harbor area closures are related to contamination from cement production when Penn-Dixie Cement Plant occupied the site, not from unsafe E.Coli levels.

The health department's beach monitoring program is funded with grants from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Clean Michigan Initiative and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Beach Grant.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

For more information, visit www.nwhealth.org or call Kendzierski at (231) 547-6523.

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Firefighters complete training through local academy

In July, 34 firefighters completed the Office of Firefighting Training Council's Firefighter I and II program through the Charlevoix County Fire Academy.

These students spent over 300 hours of training to successfully pass the Michigan Certified Firefighter test.

Program instructors are: Jesse Silva, manager; Joe Schwartzfisher, assistant manager; Curt Thompson, financial officer; William Brodin; Mark Steffel; Kevin Shaw; Alfred Welsheimer; Bryce Traey; Don Horn; and Mike Passingham.

Program evaluators are: Paul Ivan, James Marsh, Winfield Scott, Manual Travers, Ralph Cross, Ray Hoff, Anthony Postmus, Evan Thompson and Darryll Hamlin.

Firefighter I and II course students are: James Melcher, David Francis and Karen Hoig with the Alba Township Fire Department; Patrick Rogers and Anthony Budzinski with the Hudson Township Fire Department; Kevin Cheadle with the (Melrose Township Fire Department; Austin Merner and Stephen Troup with the Redman Friendship Fire Department; Douglas Weiss with the Boyne Valley Township Fire Department; Amber Wormell and Matt McGuinness with the Springvale Township Fire Department; Luke Harriman, William Schoof, Brandy Riley and Thomas Wilhelm with the City of Charlevoix Fire Department; Donald Forsty, Adam VanStedum and Kandi Randall with the Banks Township Fire Department; Timothy Drenth with the East Jordan Fire Department; and Keith Webster with the Charlevoix Township Fire Department.

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Preservation society presents museum program

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's August program, "An Evening at the Museum," will take place at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Museum.

After an introduction to the museum and its collection attendees will tour the museum which features periods of area history including, agriculture, lumbering, homemaking, store keeping and

railroading. Student docents, portraying people from different walks of life will give short presentations on the lives of early settlers.

The East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Museum is located at

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Non-society members are also invited to attend. For more information, call society president, Carol Goodenough at (231) 582-7042.

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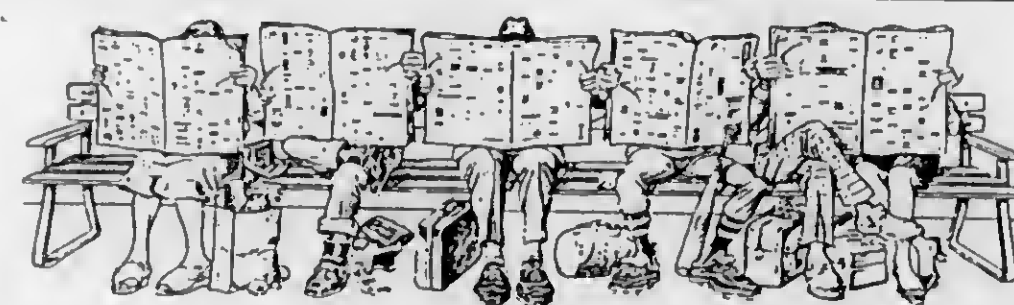
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The new awards bring the community foundation's grant making total to over \$6.8 million in its 14-year history.

Programs chosen for foundation support and the amounts of their grants are:

From the Adams Fund: \$2,000, to support the Baroque on Beaver classical music event for St. James Episcopal Mission Church; \$1,000 to help the Beaver Island Property Owners Association produce a documentary film called "Beaver Island: A Great Lakes Jewel."

From the Boyne City Enrichment Fund: \$500 to support Senior Project Fresh for Charlevoix County Seniors through the Michigan State University Extension office; \$1,000 to host a book-signing event with the Boyne District Library "Community Reads" program.

From the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund: \$1,000 to support

the Beaver Island Property Owners production of its documentary film; \$1,000 to support the Baroque on Beaver classical music event.

From the Cancer Fund: \$4,368 to support an event offering breast cancer education and services for women through the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

From the Charlevoix County Community Fund: \$1,000 to support the Beaver Island documentary film project; \$500 to support Senior Project Fresh for Charlevoix County seniors; \$400 to print a resource booklet for Charlevoix County seniors through the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging; \$1,400 to support a Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant Historical Display through the Charlevoix County Historical Society; \$1,000 to help Catholic Human Services Inc. purchase counseling materials for residents of Charlevoix County; \$600 to complete Room IV of the Depot Beach Historic Garden for the Charlevoix Area Garden Club; \$2,500 to support the Baroque on Beaver Program; \$250 to host a book-signing event for Boyne District Library's "Community Reads" program.

From the Charlevoix Fund: \$500 to support Senior Project Fresh for Charlevoix County seniors; \$3,400 to help the Charlevoix Area Garden Club complete the Depot Beach Historic Garden.

From the Dcdoes Fund: \$250 to help Catholic Human Services purchase counseling materials.

From the Environmental Fund: \$2,600 to purchase and erect signage along the Taxonomic Trail at Raven Hill Discovery Center.

From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund: \$3,500 for a joint land planning/urban design study for the East Jordan Public Schools and the City of East Jordan; \$1,500 to provide scholarships for the East Jordan Middle School summer reading program; \$2,500 to purchase concert platform risers for the East Jordan Public School auditorium; \$3,000 to provide field trips for kids attending Camp EJ summer camp; \$500 to support Project Fresh for Charlevoix County seniors; \$9,000 for technical support and a building addition to Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop; \$2,500 to support a farm and art experience for students and adults through a program co-sponsored by Jordan River Arts

Center and Wagbo Peace Center; \$1,340 to provide regular farm, art, and nature experiences for East Jordan teens at Wagbo Peace Center.

From the McKeon Fund: \$1,010 to purchase counseling materials at the Catholic Human Services Inc.

From the Charlevoix County Substance Abuse and Treatment Fund: \$240 to purchase counseling materials at Catholic Human Services Inc.

From the William Ohle Fund: \$750 to host a book-signing event at the Boyne District Library.

From the Towsley Fund: \$1,600 for Camp McSaba summer scholarships.

From the Tunison-Garlock Memorial Fund: \$600 to help the Charlevoix County Historical Society present a Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant display.

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Since it was founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$17.8 million.

The community foundation will review grant requests again this fall. The deadline for applications is Oct. 2.

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Immunization Awareness month reminder from the health department

In recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency reminds area residents that immunizations are available to everyone.

"We especially want to get the word out to people who have lost health insurance benefits from their employer or who have lost immunization coverage," said Patricia Fralick, director of family and community health for the health department. "By staying up-to-date on recommended vaccines, individuals can protect themselves, their family members, friends, and communities from serious, life-threatening diseases."

Vaccines have eradicated smallpox, eliminated wild poliovirus in the U.S. and significantly reduced the number of cases of measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis, and other diseases. But despite these efforts, today tens of thousands of people in the U.S. still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

"Getting immunized is a life-long, life-protecting community effort regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background or country of origin. Recommended vaccinations begin soon after birth and continue throughout life. Being aware of the vaccines that are recommended for infants, children, adolescents, adults of all ages and seniors, and making sure that we receive these immunizations, are critical to protecting ourselves and our communities from disease," Fralick said.

Because children are particularly vulnerable to infection, most vaccines are given during the first five to six years of life. Other immunizations are recommended during adolescent or adult years and, for certain vaccines, booster immunizations are recommended throughout life. Vaccines against certain diseases that may be encountered when traveling outside of the U.S. are recommended for travelers to specific regions of the world.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

For more information about immunizations, contact your health care provider or local health department office at 1-800-432-4121.

Charlevoix County Jail reports decrease in bookings

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

According to the 2005 annual report, bookings in the Charlevoix County Jail are down from 2004.

There were 1,661 bookings into the jail in 2005, down from 1,719 in 2004. Individuals were booked on charges ranging from murder and assaulting a police officer to burglary, stalking a minor and welfare fraud. The most common charges facing those incarcerated were operating while intoxicated, marijuana possession, minor in possession of alcohol, probation violations, failure to appear in court, domestic violence, assault and battery and bad checks.

While bookings were down, total activity complaints county-wide increased.

The sheriff's office substation on Beaver Island saw total activity complaints increase from 409 in 2004 to 489 in 2005. In 2005 there were eight traffic situations, 74 verbal warnings, 16 incidents of property damage, 134 citizen assists, one felony and seven misdemeanor arrests and 30 animal control complaints.

On the mainland, dollar amount of property recovered by sheriff's deputies totaled \$103,597.99.

Road patrol complaints are up from 11,240 in 2004 to 11,412 in 2005.

There were 727 total arrests made, with 72 of those for driving while under the influence of alcohol, 366 traffic citations issued and three fatal automobile accidents were investigated.

According to the report, there were

two one-vehicle crashes and one head-on crash which led to the deaths of three individuals, only one of the accidents involved drugs and alcohol.

The detective division of the sheriff's office investigated nearly 150 incidents involving murder, drugs, criminal sexual conduct and fraud.

In 2005, detectives investigated 33 cases of breaking and entering, 28 cases of criminal sexual conduct, 26 cases of larceny, 10 incidents of bad checks, seven cases involving dangerous drugs, three identity thefts, three harassing phone calls, two suicides, two embezzlements, one homicide, one case of witness intimidation, one inmate possession of contraband, one case of arson, one case of forgery, one case of suspicious death and one case of child abuse.

The secondary road patrol had 229 traffic stops, 34 citations, 245 verbal warnings, 37 motorist assists, 25 criminal arrests, 87 state, four county and 53 township parks patrolled.

Total miles patrolled by the secondary road patrol in 2005 were 10,388 with a total of 915 hours worked, down from 18,112 miles patrolled and just over 1,365 hours worked in 2004.

The snowmobile division had 22 complaints in 15 townships in 2005, up from 19 complaints in 2004.

There were 56 violations last year which consisted of one count of operating on a roadway, six counts of trespassing, three personal injuries, 14 instances of no registration or trail permit and zero fatalities for the third year in a row.

The marine patrol gave 1,411 verbal warnings in 2005, up from 1,086 the previous year. Patrolers issued 208 citations, more than double the 76 given in 2004. There were 13 boating accidents, down from 35 the previous year and 279 students took water safety training.

The dive team, which consists of Deputy George R. Lasater, volunteer Christopher Schelth, and corrections officers Russ McCraney and Michael Dolack, recovered one car in 2005.

The school liaison officer investigated 25 complaints at area schools involving two weapons free school violations, one indecent exposure, eight violations of the controlled substance act, one bomb threat, 11 counts of larceny, two non-aggravated assaults, seven criminal sexual conduct instances, two situations of threats/witness intimidation, two contributing to the delinquency of minors and six child abuse/neglect cases.

The sheriff's office, while participating in the 12-county Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Task Force-Emergency Response Team, assisted with two barricaded gunman, a "distracted, armed subject," and a "High-risk warrant service on four armed subjects wanted for narcotics violations in Antrim County," the report states.

The sheriff's office generated \$93,170 in grants, collected \$7,900 in false alarm fees and registered 320 handguns to their owners.

The sheriff's office gave 129 car seats away and inspected several seats a week for safety.

Almost 60 senior citizens received used cell phones from the sheriff's office, which they can use to call 911 if needed.

Papers served around the county generated \$22,770.50.

Inmates at the jail working through the sheriff's office assisted 20 elderly individuals in cleaning up their yards during spring and fall in the Senior Clean-up Program.

Over 190 children were fingerprinted in 2005 for a total of 1,673 since the program began.

"Our fingerprinting program serves a valuable function in this community," Lasater states in the report. "Not only does it serve as a means to keep our children safe, but it also allows exposure for families to this office."

The county jail had a total of \$237,662.10 in revenue. Sources include the inmate phone commission which brought in \$28,935.85, the local booking fee which brought in \$13,970 and out-of-county housing fees which brought in \$119,895.

Incidents at the county jail include one count of improper use of food, four counts of unauthorized communication, 13 instances of refusing an order, 19 counts of creating a disturbance, one count of self-mutilation, one sexual act, 17 cases of possessing contraband, six instances of assault and one count of possessing a weapon. Five of those violations resulted in criminal charges.

For a copy of the full report, contact the sheriff's office located at 1000 Grant St., Charlevoix by calling (231) 547-4461.



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Class of 1976 reunites

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1976 held its 30-year class reunion on July 28 in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms. Pictured are (front, from left) Lynn (Bradley) Carbonell, Sandy (Dyer) Witherspoon, Tim Hanna, Ed Donaldson, Kim (Kenny) Kierczynski, Tim Coen, Eric Slone (second row) Heidi (Hansen) Miller, Debbie (Krueger) Boss, Sue (Westenbroek) Kaufman, Tammy (Borowiak) Bier, Cynthia (Staph) Crumbaugh, Betsy (Straw) Bennett, Kim (Gould) Gray, Penny (Leitner) Berlage, Jim Berlage, Rob Hilton, Randy Williams (third row) Candy (Metzger) Jaquith, Gordy Russell, Jim Marsh, Lori (Whitley) Bumstead, Linda (Keie) Burt, Laurie (Pidek) Cornett, Chris Wimmer, Jonathon Mays, Carol (Streeter) Hilton (fourth row) Laura (Corbin) Grijalva, Shelly Wood, Denise (Boss) Busman (back) Dan Engstrom, Kirk Lieberman, Joe Seidel, Jay Potter, Steve Michael, Kevin Speer, Bob Alger and Dane Whitley.

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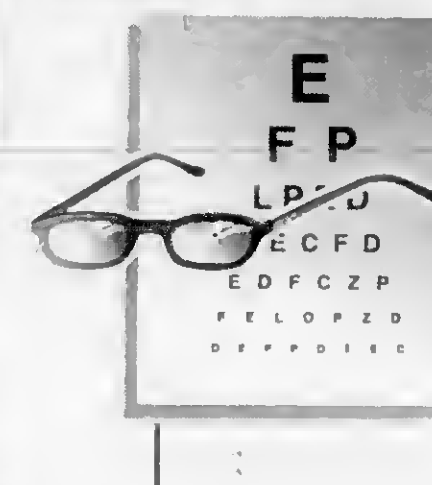
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Hospice of Little Traverse Bay grief support program

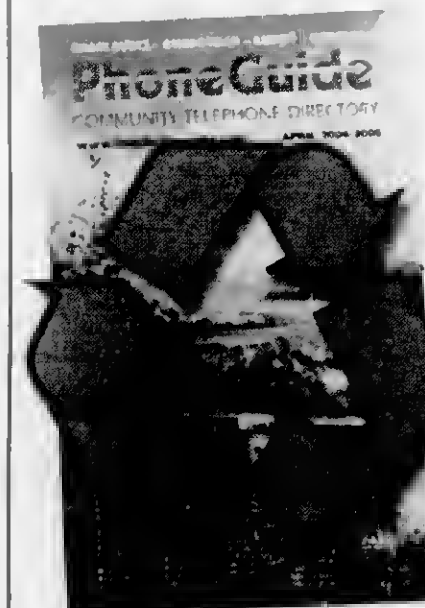
The Safe Crossings program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will offer a six-week support group for those coping with a loss.

A Petoskey day group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon beginning Tuesday, Aug. 22 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, located at 1020 East Mitchell St., in Petoskey.

The support group is sponsored by the Safe Crossings program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and will be facilitated by a family counselor. Other Safe Crossings services include: Individual and family counseling for adults and children who are grieving a loss or coping with the advent of a life-threatening illness; pregnancy and infant loss support program; survivors of suicide loss

support group; and educational in-services.

All Safe Crossings services are provided free-of-charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit www.hospicehtr.org.



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Newly elected Charlevoix Evening Garden Club officers are (above, from left) Robin Pearson, Cindi Urban, Karen Joy and Kathy Hartmann.

Evening Garden Club announces new officers

New officers of the Charlevoix Evening Garden Club admire rose blossoms on a recent garden tour.

Robin Pearson, vice-president; Cindy Urban, secretary; Karen Joy, treasurer; and Kathy Hartmann, president have started their terms of office to guide the club. The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club was federated in May 1998, and is a member of the Garden Clubs of Michigan. Monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Monthly meetings

begin with a program followed by a business meeting. Programs focus on horticulture, gardening and landscaping. Membership is open to anyone. The club maintains the gardens at the three "Welcome to Charlevoix" signs and a section at the Depot Heritage Garden. The club fundraiser is an annual plant sale on Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend. Dues are \$20 per year. For more information, call Margaret at (231) 547-5199 or Sue at (231) 547-3091.



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Triple vision

Triplets, Luke, Logan and Hannah Ladach of Chesterfield Township were in Charlevoix last week visiting their grandma, Audrey Belfy. Here they were found taking a break from playing on the jungle gym at Ferry Beach.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS - AUGUST 9, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on August 9, 2006. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved the minutes of the July 26, 2006 meeting as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-050, Data-1 Line, and authorizes Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-051, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (Prosecuting Attorney), and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-052, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (Friend of the Court) and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-053, Authorization and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-054, Support Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-055, Crime Victim's Grant and authorized the Fiscal Officer to execute the same.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-056, Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-057, Grandvue Millage Renewal.
- Motion defeated Resolution #06-058, Bikeway Maintenance Agreement. Commissioners Reinhardt, Patrick and Roloff voting no.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

SPORTS

Registration underway for Porker golf tourney

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Billed as "The Affordable Golf Tournament," the entry fee remains only \$40 per person.

"With the amount and value of the

prizes awarded to Porker participants, it is almost as if the Rotary Club is paying people to play," said tournament director, Tim Petrosky. "Last year we distributed gifts with a retail value of more than \$3,000 to golfers. Everyone went home with a prize."

The event is a four-person scram-

ble. The entry fee includes golf, a dinner buffet at Giuseppe's and the chance to win oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"It is due to the generosity of area

businesses and residents, who donate prizes for the event, that makes the tournament so much fun for everyone," said Petrosky.

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop.

The event is limited to the first 20

teams that register. An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

Rotary uses proceeds from the event to benefit the community with an emphasis on area youth.

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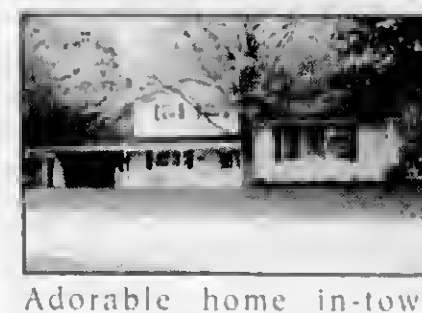
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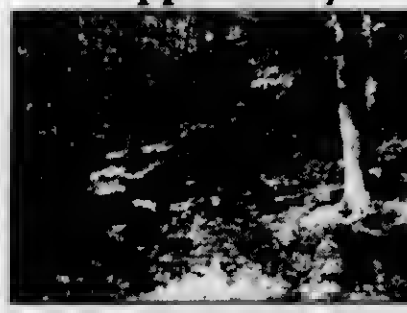
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SPORTS

Junior Golf award winners announced

The Charlevoix County Junior Golf program recently concluded its eleventh summer of providing golf lessons and competition for the youth of northern Michigan with an awards and picture day.

For the 2006 season, 135 youth registered with the Junior Golf program, the majority of which were from Charlevoix, but some came from Petoskey, Boyne City, Harbor Springs, East Jordan and Ellsworth.

Juniors played at five local clubs, the Charlevoix Country Club, the Belvedere Golf Club, the Charlevoix Golf Club, Antrim Dells and Dumaglas.

The program champions were: Kyle Parker and Nick Brandi, who tied in the boy's ages 14-17 flight; while Montana Dominey won the girl's division. Connor Boss won the boy's ages 12-13 flight; while Molly Cahill captured the girl's crown. There was a tie in the boy's flight between William Hasseld and Mitch Carlson. Chelsea Dominey captured the girl's ages 10-11 championship. Noah Jeakle won in the boy's ages 8-9 flight and Allie Hodge took the girl's title.

In the Venetian Carey Cup tournament, winners were: 14 and over flight champion, Ty Jones, who won the boy's title. And 14 and over flight champion, Montana Dominey who secured the girl's title. In the ages 12-13 flight, the boy's winner was Thomas Rich and the girl's winner was Jordan VanMeter. In the ages 10-11 flight the boy's winner was Jackson Buday. In the girl's ages 8-9 flight, Kelly Parker won and for the boy's, Walker Drost was the champion.

In the Sunday night league, the Spartans team was undefeated. Winning team members include Jeremy Dominey, Ty Jones, Thomas Rich, Jerry Christin and Molly Cahill. The coach for the Spartans was Bruce Herbert.

Skill test champions were as follows:

- Chipping, Walker Drost, 8, Brian Certa, 9 and Riley McKeon, 10, Austin Edger, 10, Drew Seymore, 11, Austin Themm, 12, Christian McFalls, 12, Logan Kline, 13, Gunner Whitley and Jerry Christin tied in the 14 and over division.

- Pitching, Hunter Cox, 8, Ryan Erskine, 9 and Mallory Murray, 9, Jackson Buday, 10, Kelly Parker, 10, Chelsea Dominey, 11, Alex Gooch, 12, Thomas Rich, 13, Nick Brandi and Montana Dominey tied in the 14 and over division.

- Putting, Nathan Linefors, 8, Ryan Moran, 9, Shane Sutherland,

10, Amanda Trimark, 11, Dan Brown, 12, Jeremy Dominey, 12, Logan Kline, 13 and Ty Jones.

— Bunker shot, Turner Haven, 8, Peyton Cole, 9, Jackson Buday and Jonathon Lindfors tied among 10 year olds, Chelsea Dominey, 11, Patrick Scheelk, 12, Logan Kline, 13, Ryan Halloren and Mike Pelon tied in the 14 and over division.

Scholarship winners that received a free week of golf instruction at Ferris State University's Golf Academy were Casey Sharrow, Morgan Stewart, Nolan Ager, Wyatt Drost, Kyle Parker and Billy Smith.

Junior Golf executive director, Dean Davenport, was especially pleased with the program this year.

"Our mentor program had over 30 adults that committed to attending each session and that allowed for a safe teaching and playing environment. Both the Belvedere and the Charlevoix Country Club provided incentives which rewarded our mentors, and as a result, our program continues to improve," he said.

Davenport also commended Charlevoix Recreation Department director Ike Boss for assisting with



Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Junior Golf program winners recently gathered at an awards ceremony where this picture was taken. Pictured above are (front, from left) Noah Jeakle, Chelsea Dominey, Mitchel Carlson, Allie Hodge, (back) Montana Dominey, Molly Cahill, Nick Brandi and Kyle Parker.



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Yacht Club racers compete in No Boundaries Regatta

Charlevoix Yacht Club racers sailed in the No Boundaries Regatta on Aug. 5 and competed in their seventh race of the summer series on Aug. 9.

The race results for the Aug. 5 No Boundaries Regatta are:

Jib and Main: 1 — Exitus; 2 — Booma; 3 — Flash; 4 — Apothecary; 5 — Big Red.

Spinnaker Division A: 1 — Jeeze Louise; 2 — Eclipse; 3 — Tireless; 4 — Cygnus; 5 — Sail La Vie; 6 — Lickety Split Too; 7 — Wind Ensemble.

Spinnaker Division B: 1 — Thunderstruck; 2 — Spar Wars II; 3 — Suzie Q; 4 — Fling; 5 — What's Her Name.

Spinnaker Division C: 1 — Northern Light; 2 — Moxie; 3 — Hoi Polloi; 4 — Stinger; 5 — Windrunner.

Overall results in Jib and Main and Spinnaker Divisions:

Jib and Main overall: 1 — Exitus; 2 — Booma; 3 — Flash.

Spinnaker overall: 1 — Northern Light; 2 — Moxie; 3 — Hoi Polloi.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 9:

The seventh race of the summer series was sailed in medium to light winds. The course was shortened to three windward-leeward legs due to the dying breezes. There was a tie for second place in the Spinnaker B fleet between Booma and Sail La Vie, with the same corrected time. They will each receive two-and-a-half points toward series totals. Race results provided by Mike Carland.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Sonnet (Lepmann); 3 — Exitus (Pung); 4 — Opus (Hansen).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Original Sin (Miller); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Lost

Vermont (Tinney); 4 — Cygnus (Stewart); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 2 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 3 — What's Her Name (Robinson); 4 — M3 (Carey); 5 — Four at Play (Herald); 6 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 7 — Fairret (Seymour).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 — Tie: Booma (Gosling/Tyra); and Sail La Vie (Williamson); 4 — MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — Windrunner (Pirie); 4 — Northern Light (Orlow); 5 — 616 (Thomas).

Summer series results after seven races with two drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (5);



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Charlevoix Yacht Club hosted the "No Boundaries Regatta on Aug. 5. Winners pictured above, from left, are Bob Pung, winner in the Jib and Main Fleet, Derek Chowen, with the event's sponsoring business, Edward Jones, and Tom Orlow, the winner in the Spinnaker Fleet.

2 — Exitus (8); 3 — Sonnet (14); 4 — Opus (21).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (7); 2 — Lost Vermont (10); 3 — Tireless (11); 4 — Original Sin (15); 5 — Apothecary (24).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (7); 2 — Paleface Lite (9); 3 — Suzie Q (10); 4 — Four at Play (17); 5 — What's Her Name (20); 6 — M3 (25); 7 — Fairret (34).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (5); 2 — Hoi Polloi (9); 3 — Booma (13.5); 4 — Sail La Vie (17.5); 5 — MJ2 (19).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Affinity (7); 2 — Moxie (8); 3 — Northern Light (14); 4 — 616 (19); 5 — Windrunner (21); 6 — Padawan (27).

Braun plays 12 hours of golf to benefit Junior Golf

A local athletic event that has become a summer tradition is about to be repeated.

Belvedere Golf Club professional, Steve Braun, will again play 100 holes in a single day.

While some local golfers might talk a good game, wishing they could play golf all day, not many could play 100 holes in a 12-hour period. Braun does and averages scores in the mid-70s for each round.

When asked why he puts himself through the physical and emotional agony, Braun's simple answer is, he's a dedicated believer in Charlevoix's Junior Golf program and the potential it has to impact young people so that they learn life skills through the game of golf.

As in the past, pledges made to Braun's 100-hole adventure go into the program's scholarship fund.

which allows deserving junior golfers to attend the Ferris State University week-long golf camp. The program has sent over 85 youngsters through the years. The week away from home and the educational setting has proven to have a positive effect on each camper that has attended.

Braun tees off at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 21 and finishes approximately 12 hours later.

Those interested in pledging support of the Junior Golf Scholarship Fund or in monitoring Braun's progress can do so by calling the Belvedere Golf Club at (231) 547-2611 or Dean Davenport at (231) 547-6433.

There is an effort this year to have former campers who attended the Ferris State golf school to be at the Belvedere course at 6 p.m. to cheer Braun home on his 100th hole.

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EMPLOYMENT 086

NOTICE

Full-Time Deputy Sheriff

Beaver Island

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office currently has an opening for a full-time Deputy Sheriff on Beaver Island. Persons interested in the position may submit an application and resume to Sheriff Lasater. Any inquiries regarding the position may be directed to Sheriff George T. Lasater at 231-547-4461.

(08-16-3-086)

PART TIME Van Driver: PT 15/hr for the Petoskey Club, a psycho-social rehabilitation program, to transport individuals to and from their homes. Afternoon shift covering primarily Emmet County starting at 4pm. Must possess a valid Michigan driver's license, with good driving record, and have the ability to obtain a chauffeur's license. Position is M-F, with possible/occasional Saturday activities, \$9.63/hr to \$13.25/hr. Please complete an application or send resume to: North Country CMH, HR Dept., One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770, Fax: 231-347-1241 or E-mail: hr@ncccmh.org. Must respond by 08/31/06. E.O.E.

(08-16-2-086)

GRANDVUE MEDICAL Care Facility has immediate openings for Certified Nurse Aides on our afternoon and mid-night shifts. Qualified applicants must possess state certification; wages commensurate with experience. Health, dental, vision and life insurance available for full time staff. If you are looking for a position in a state-of-the-art facility that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents and their families, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase at 231-536-2286 with questions.

(08-16-2-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

LOCAL AREA development company looking for **bookkeeper/office manager**, with computer and QuickBooks skills. Call 248-722-1711 or fax resume to 231-547-9580.

(08-16-3-086)

GRANDVUE MEDICAL Care Facility is looking for relief staff for our housekeeping, laundry and dietary departments. If you are a friendly team player with a flexible schedule and a desire to make a difference in the lives of our residents, please stop by 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan, and fill out an application. Wages start at \$8.86 per hour with increases after 90 and 180 days. Apply in person; if you have questions, please call Jane Korthase at 231-536-2286.

(08-16-2-086)

TECHNICIANS, NO nights, no Sundays, full or part-time. Apply in person at Performance Plus Quick Lube, 06525 N. M-66, Charlevoix, across from Kmart. 231-547-6307.

(08-09-3-086)

PART-TIME ice cream merchandiser for the Charlevoix area. \$10 per hour. Send resume to J&S Dairy at 2440 Dairy Square, Traverse City, MI 49684.

(08-09-3-086)

OFFICE MANAGER. Recently opened small automotive company located in Charlevoix is in need of a positive, personable individual. Will be responsible for the management of the sales lot, administrative duties including phones, payments, record keeping, etc., and providing support to the sales staff. Previous office experience required, management experience preferred. Please send resume to: File 246, c/o Charlevoix Courier.

(08-16-2-086)

NORTHWEST ACADEMY

MATH AND SCIENCE teacher positions, grades 7 - 12. We are looking for quality individuals with excellent communication skills, able to differentiate instruction, and meet the requirements for Highly Qualified Teacher as per NCLB and Michigan Merit Curriculum.

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115 West Hurlbut
Charlevoix, MI 49720
Attn: Cindy Romero
Call 231-547-9000

EMPLOYMENT 086

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, U.C.C. is seeking a highly motivated part-time Christian Education/Youth Director. Flexible hours, compensation commensurate on experience. Please send resume by August 21st to First Congregational, U.C.C. attn: Personnel, 101 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

(08-09-2-086)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

WE'RE MOVING to our new warehouse at 5783 Charlevoix Ave. across from Bay Harbor, next to Hammond Equipment and Traverse Bay Marine. Pre-Opening Sale begins Friday, Aug. 18th. **Hardwood flooring prices as low as \$1.49 sq.ft.** Northern Michigan Hardwoods 231-347-4575.

(08-16-2-134)

NEW LINES of Pre-Finished Flooring now available. Hickory, Brazilian Cherry, Tigerwood at in-stock sale prices. Northern Michigan Hardwoods, 231-347-4575.

(08-16-134)

ANDERSON STORM Door. Less than two years old, full screen and glass, gold accent. All hardware included. \$100.00. 231-237-7837 or 248-515-6944 cell.

(08-16-3-134)

LOTS & ACREAGE FOR SALE 157

CHARLEVOIX BOULDER PARK - 2 lots available, starting at \$24,986. Water and sewer available. Manufacturers welcome. Call Margie at REO 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-157)

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CONDOS FOR SALE OR/RENT 158

STOVER CREEK, Charlevoix, new, upper, 2 BR, 2 BA. Utilities included. Non-smoking adults. \$1,000 per month for 1 year or \$900 per month for 2 years. First and last. Call 248-338-4336 or 231-547-4199.

(08-09-3-158)

EDGEWATER INN, 1 bd, 2 ba. Month to Month lease. No pets. No smoking. All utilities, plus cable included. Lease plus deposit, \$900.00 per month. 517-719-8637.

(06-14-11-158)

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. 231-881-3528.

(3-9-11-158)

HOUSES FOR SALE 160

CHARLEVOIX, REDUCED price. 3 BR, 2 BA. 1,500 square feet. Finished basement. Recently decorated. Fireplace. Many updates. Must see Open House on Sunday, August 20, 12-2 pm. \$148,900. Call 231-675-8633.

(08-16-3-160)

\$129,986 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Charlevoix, on 5 acres, 2 car garage. Nice location. Call Margie at REO 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

CHARLEVOIX SUGARBUSH KNOLL, wonderful 5 bedroom, 3 bath, over 3,400 sq. ft., nice wooded lot. Lots of extras. Call Margie at 231-547-5100 or 231-675-2498.

(08-02-3-160)

THREE BEDROOM between Petoskey and Charlevoix. \$700 per month plus utilities. Call 231-547-5009.

(08-09-3-170)

TWO BEDROOM house, 3 blocks from downtown Charlevoix. \$700 plus deposit and utilities. No Pets/No Smoking. Call 231-547-6715, evenings.

(08-02-3-170)

CHARLEVOIX, 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 1 block from downtown. First floor master suite. Remodeled throughout. Central Air. Call Judy Winter at 231-547-0025.

(08-16-3-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-11-171)

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE 162

CHARLEVOIX 2 bedroom mobile home in mobile home park in Charlevoix. Lived in 2 months per year. Large deck, outside shed, air conditioning, sofa sleeper, new carpeting and new hardwood floors. Move in today. Totally furnished including towels, bedding and so on. Call 517-402-0982.

(08-16-3-162)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

CHARLEVOIX, MI rehab and/or Fitness Center facility. "Purpose-built" for such use with large shower & locker rooms, sauna and massage area. Top lighting, AC and Heating systems. Special flooring, separate racquet ball court, newer building and great ground floor location in town center. Over 5,000 square feet at less than \$6 per S.F. per year, triple net. Contact Aila at 231-547-1155, EXT. 3115 or call Richard at 248-885-0802. E-mail: rgeorgi@resortbook.com.

(08-2-3-168)

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX nice 2nd floor office room, \$300 + util. Call Aila 231-547-1155, ext. 3115.

(08-02-3-168)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169

1/2 OFF Security Deposit till September 30th at Lake Harbor Apartments. Clean, friendly community. Call before gone. EHO/Barner Free. 231-547-6870.

(08-16-7-169)

AVAILABLE for immediate occupancy at Pine Cove & Charlevoix Apartments: 1-bedrooms starting at \$422 per month, and 2-bedrooms starting at \$456 per month. Rents based on income. Call 231-547-5202 or stop by 1001 May Street. TDD 1-800-760-1997.

(08-09-3-169)

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX large one bedroom, remodeled, new appliances. \$550 plus utilities, no pets. Call 231-547-6715, evenings.

(05-31-11-169)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NEW, large, 3 bedroom unit, large porch and deck, name your price. Must have good credit. No pets/smoking. Apply 231-547-4244.

(08-09-3-170)

THREE BEDROOM between Petoskey and Charlevoix. \$700 per month plus utilities. Call 231-547-5009.

(08-09-3-170)

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(08-02-3-170)

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STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

BELLS BAY, Charlevoix, 20 x 45 x 20 high with 20 x 20 loft. Boat storage available. Call 231-547-5671.

(08-02-3-174)

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-547-6445.

(9-15-11-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(3-31-11-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-11-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-11-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed, Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

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BOATS & MARINE EQUIP. 203

1979, 30' SEA RAY Weekender. T440 Chrysler engines. Heat, AC, electric down riggers, cover and much, much more. Stored in Charlevoix. \$8,900. Call 570-759-3991.

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1984, 22' STARCRAFT Islander. Cuddy, Inboard, 120 h.p., excellent condition. Always stored inside, with 2005 Mercury 15 h.p. 4 stroke, Kicker motor, 2 Cannon Mag 10 electric down riggers, Loran LCX20, Graft (Color), auto pilot and tandem E-Z Loader trailer. \$9,150. Call 231-547-2927.

(08-02-3-203)

BIDS WANTED 209

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Charlevoix County Transit will be accepting proposals for transportation services on Beaver Island, St. James and Peaine Townships

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krag Edward Beaton, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2005 and recorded January 6, 2006 in Liber 725, Page 431, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine and 61/100 Dollars (\$16,849.61) including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made an provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 1, 2006. Said premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The Easterly 220 feet of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, Township Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: August 2, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.5164 ASAP# 783246
08/02/2006, 08/09/2006,
08/16/2006, 08/23/2006
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage

made by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to IndyMac Mortgage Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a INMC Mortgage Holdings, Inc. a/k/a Independent National Mortgage Corporation), dated August 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on September 16, 1998, in Liber 346, Page(s) 410, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated July 22, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on August 30, 1999, in Liber 370, Page(s) 962, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$79,473.56, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 9.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 8, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL C:

BEGINNING AT A T-IRON STAKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 54, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 54 (WEST LINE OF EAST STREET) SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14' 00" WEST 57.77 FEET (RECORDED AS 57.75 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 54 NORTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" WEST 148.50 FEET (RECORDED AS 145.50 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 54 AND 55 OF SAID PLAT, (EAST LINE OF AN ALLEY), NORTH 00 DEGREES 29' 10" EAST 60.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" EAST 147.79 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF EAST STREET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 55, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19' 04" WEST 2.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING ALL OF LOT 54 AND PART OF LOT 55, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)
By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: July 28, 2006
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

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NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Citizens Bank may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and Mary E. Legg, a single woman, to Citizens Bank, dated June 29, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 11, 1999, in Liber 373, Page(s) 957, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$103,558.97, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and Mary E. Legg, a single woman, to Citizens Bank, together with interest at 7.0 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 1, 2006 at

11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:
LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

COMMENCING AT A 3/4 INCH PIPE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 1322.30 FEET TO THE SOUTH EIGHTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, AS MONUMENTED; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EIGHTH LINE, AS MONUMENTED, 663.44 FEET (RECORDED AT 663.37 FEET) TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ANDREW KOSC PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 258, PAGE 372, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST (RECORDED AS SOUTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES

34 SECONDS WEST) ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID KOSC PROPERTY, 38.23 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 225.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 354.77 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE NORTHEASTLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 33.05 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 225.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 387.82 FEET (RECORDED AS NORTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST) ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF THE KOSC PROPERTY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST.

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Citizens Bank

By: H. DOUGLAS SHEPHERD (P64560)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: July 24, 2006
L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 08/23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Charles E. Willette and Linda A. Willette, Husband/Wife, of 05845 S. Ranney Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 to Alden State Bank, P.O. Box 1169, Bellaire, MI 49612 dated November 21, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on December 23, 2002, in Liber 506, of Mortgages, on page ("1") 844, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven and 38/100 (\$21,377.38) dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has

become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Heresby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on September 15, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock ("2") in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.5% percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee

does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PARCEL C:

Commencing at a railroad spike at the West 1/4 corner of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along West line of said (centerline of Ranney Road) Section South 00°26'23" West 264.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89°44'25" East 330.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence south 00°26'23" West 66.84 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 89°44'38" East 987.42 feet to a T-iron stake on the West eighth line of said line section; thence along said

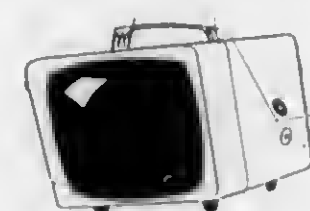
line South 00°29'20" West 321.47 feet; thence North 89°44'38" West 1317.14 feet to the West line of said section; thence along the West line of said Section North 00°26'23" East 388.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The period of redemption will be One (1) year from date of sale. ("3")

Dated: August 2, 2006

Leon W. Sluyter, Vice President
Attorney for Alden State Bank
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Area events

Aug. 16 Norwood Historical Society presentation

The Norwood Area Historical Society will host a presentation by Ed McDuffie at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16 in the Norwood Schoolhouse in the Village of Norwood.

McDuffie's topic will be "The Last Resort," a presentation about the development of the summer tourist trade in western Antrim County.

McDuffie is president of the Antrim County Historical Society.

Aug. 18 Class of 1956 reunion

The Charlevoix High School class of 1956 reunion calendar has been released.

Graduates may attend an open house at 7 p.m. on Aug. 18 at the home of Jill (Cross) Picha. A dinner event will take place at 6 p.m. on Aug. 19 at Grey Gables. And a bring your own picnic will take place at noon on Aug. 20 at Depot Beach.

Aug. 19 Singles for Christ

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to its monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Northern Lights Recreation Center's Sassy Loon Restaurant, located at 8896 M-119.

To make a reservation, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905.

Aug. 20 Helen Open

The 6th Annual Helen Open will take place on Sunday, Aug. 20 at the Charlevoix Golf Club.

This annual golf and auction event held in honor of Helen Weislik will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan to support the services the organization provides to area residents.

The 2005 event raised \$12,000, bringing the total raised and donated in memory of Weislik to over \$50,000.

The Weislik family has owned the Townhouse Bar for over 40 years, and this tournament was established as a lasting tribute to Helen Weislik, who dispensed spirited advice as freely as she dispensed spirits.

Open registration is underway. The entry fee is \$60 per golfer and must be paid at registration.

For more information, call Cheri Hoffman (231) 547-4578 or Ron Weislik at (231) 547-6690.

Aug. 23 United Way open house

The Char-Em United Way will host a reception Aug. 23 celebrating its new features including its new executive director Martha Lancaster.

Lancaster came on board in June. She directs United Way's fund-raising activities and support to non-profit agencies in the Charlevoix and Emmet County region.

As of July 5, the United Way has operated out of the American Red Cross Building at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive #8 in Petoskey's Mitchell Park.

The group's new mailing address is: P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770-1701. The new phone number is (231) 487-1006.

The open house celebrating these changes will take place from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at the new office.

Refreshments will be served.

Aug. 24 Blood drive

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 in the lower level classrooms.

Charlevoix Area Hospital is located at 14700 Lake Shore Drive. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the community education department at (231) 547-8906.

Aug. 24 Spaghetti dinner

The Rainbow Shoppe will host a benefit spaghetti dinner and pie sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Community Reformed Church located at the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

Proceeds from the sale will assist in funding the non-profit resale store's September relocation to the Norman Brumm Showroom.

The dinner cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12 and \$25 per family. Children under 3 eat free.

For more information, call (231) 547-2815.

Aug. 29 Food class

Wagbo Peace Center will host a food preservation class.

Participants will learn the newest techniques on how to safely preserve fruits, vegetables and herbs by canning, drying and freezing.

The class will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29 in the community room at the center lo-

cated at 5745 North M-66 in East Jordan.

The class will be presented by Sue Shenk from the Michigan State University Extension Office.

Refreshments will be served after class.

To make a reservation, call (231) 536-0333.

Aug. 30 CPR class

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30 in Classroom B.

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Classroom B.

- Basic First Aid from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in Classroom B.

The cost is \$30 for each Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information or to register, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

Sept. 4 Bridge walk

Charlevoix's signature "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk" will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

The walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Town House, located at 231 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. From there, participants will hike to the bridge which they'll cross at 1 p.m.

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For more information, call Patty at (231) 547-5190.

Sept. 9 1940s reunion

Members of the Charlevoix High School class of 1949 invite anyone who graduated in the 1940s to join attend their class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Argonne Supper Club to celebrate the "Fabulous Forties."

A reception begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$21 per person.

Those who wish to attend are asked to send a check made out to "Helen Emmons-Class of 1949" to Helen Emmons, 102 Alice St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, along with your choice of whitefish, shrimp or chicken.

For more information, call Helen at (231) 547-2955.

Sept. 16 Fall Down Classic

The Fall Down Classic, a golf tournament to benefit Charlevoix resident Brandon Kanoff, will take place on Sept. 16 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Four-person teams are invited to participate in the outing. Tee time is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person. A registration party will take place

from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 10 at the Flight Deck, located at 06966 U.S. 31 in Charlevoix.

Hole sponsors for the event are currently being sought, the per hole cost is \$100. A sponsor reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 23 at the Flight Deck. Complimentary food and drinks will be offered.

All proceeds from the event will help defray treatment costs and hospital bills for Kanoff who in May was diagnosed with a malignant tumor in his chest.

To sponsor a hole or to register, call (231) 547-2848.

Sept. 30 Northern Lights

Charlevoix St. Mary School is preparing for its annual Northern Lights Celebration fundraiser.

The 2006 dinner, dance and auction will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 30 in the family center at the school.

The cost is \$75 per person and includes an open bar and dinner provided by Jordan Inn.

Raffles and live and silent auctions will take place and Class Act Productions will perform. A children's art gallery will be on display.

Those who would like to preview the auction are welcome to attend a preview night from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 29. Light refreshments will be served at the preview.

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Schools restrict student use of Myspace

MYSPACE

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ter," he said. "Immediately there's a guy that's 42, chatting with a girl that's 17."

Dean added, "It's a silent way to talk and say whatever you want to say without getting hurt."

You can even search for people by zip code.

Dean's 15-year-old daughter, Shauna Spenceley, got her Myspace.com account about four months ago.

"I don't think it's dangerous because you can set your profile view to private so only people you want (can) see it," she said. "It's a fun way to talk to your friends."

While some children, like Dean's daughter who has her profile on a private setting, there are many more whose personal information is up for grabs in cyberspace.

"My main concern is pedophilia, I guess. These girls are all beautiful and they look like they're beyond their age. If they're 14, they look like they're 18," he said.

"They think they're safe and chatting and then it becomes more and then they give information to this guy who says he's 16, but he could be 23 and convicted of whatever."

He added, "The next thing you know, they (daughters) might not come home from school."

While Shauna claims Myspace.com is safe, she admits to the potential for harm.

"Attackers might see my profile and want to come after me," she said. "There are stories I've heard about, not around here, but there's been stories about different girls on Myspace putting up nude (photos) of themselves."

She added, "My parents don't like it, but I told them about my profile being private and they don't mind it."

Dean said, he monitors his children's use of the Internet as best he can, but still worries about their safety.

"When I was a kid, we were on the phone with our parents in the same room and they knew what we were talking about," he said. "People say I'm a little overprotect-

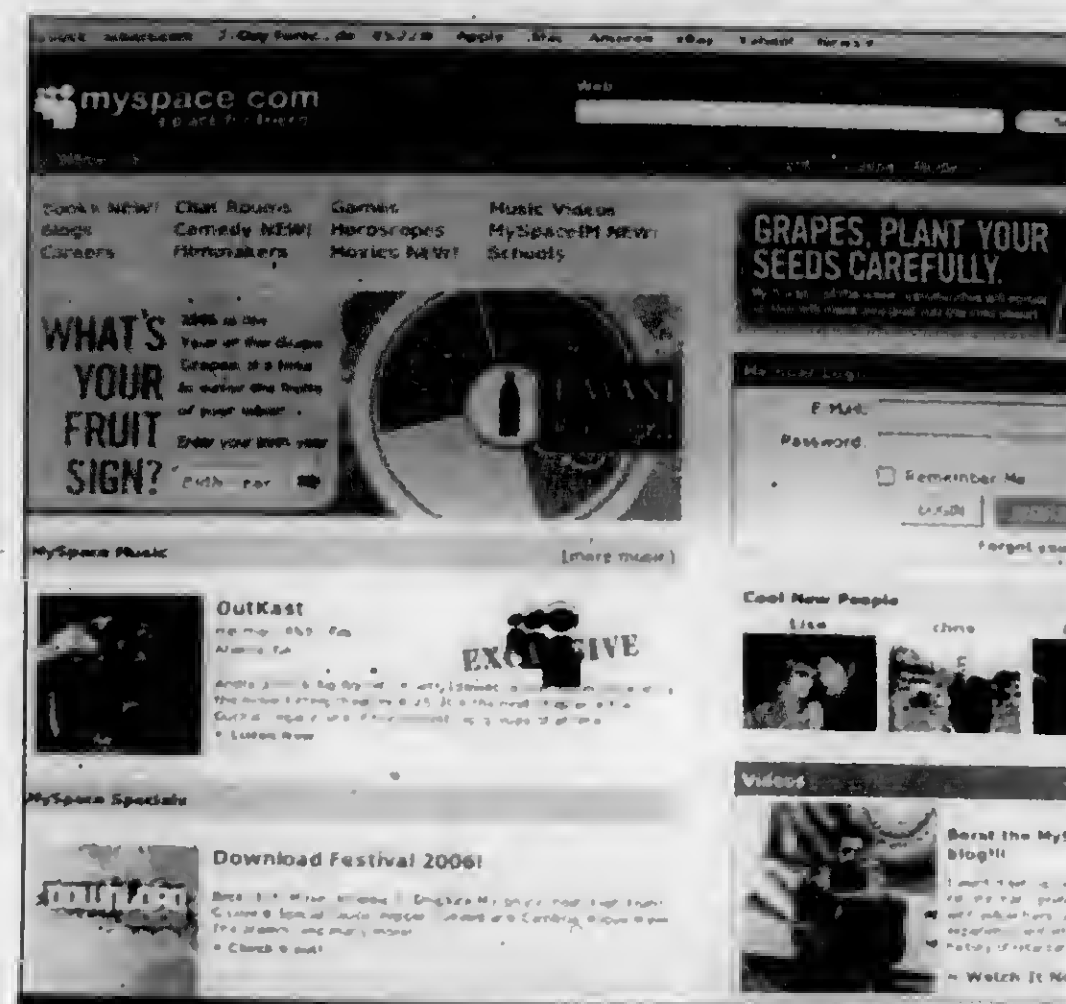


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Here is a screen shot of the Myspace.com Web site as it appeared on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Myspace is a social interaction site which boasts music, e-mail, chatting and over 100 million members. It is one of many sites blocked by computer software used by Charlevoix Public Schools.

ive, but it's hard for me to let go of that security of knowing where they (children) are."

Dean added, "We (he and his wife) have looked through Sasha (daughter) and Shauna's Myspace folders and grounded them about it before. It's getting to the point where I want to just drop it because it's too close to people they don't know — it just scares me."

Myspace.com is an adult oriented site, Dean said, and therefore young children should not be allowed to view its content or join the site.

"I think Myspace is a terrible

thing. I disagree with it totally, and other parents feel the same way," he said. "If (adults) want to get on and chat for whatever reason, it's great, but it almost has to have a rating like PG or R."

At the end of the interview, Dean said he planned to talk about the issue with his wife about the possibility of prohibiting any further use of Myspace.com.

"I think it (Myspace) should be banned from the kids all the way around," he said. "I think really every parent needs to shut it off."

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An undercover look at access to Myspace users

Courier undercover: In less than two minutes, this 31-year-old reporter registered as 16-year-old, Benita Gosh, a sophomore from Charlevoix. But it's not just registered users people need to watch out for.

It didn't take too much detective work to locate and speak with a 16-year-old area girl who's mother wished her to remain nameless.

The girl's Myspace.com page included her city of residence and the company she worked for. With the aid of a local phone book, it took less than two minutes before the girl was on the phone divulging her age and home phone number.

The girl said he has not been harassed while using Myspace.com, but the girl's mother, who also asked to remain anonymous for personal reasons, said she would make her daughter take the information off the site right away.

Background: Incidents surrounding the use of Myspace.com include last year when 87 percent of Warren High School students in San Antonio, Texas, avoided school or left early one day after several students with Myspace.com accounts threatened to bring guns to school.

Patrolling Myspace: Sting operations have been used to catch adults who prey on kids using Myspace.com.

Staying safe: Myspace.com offers the following list of Web sites for information on how to stay safe online: Netsmartz.org; SafeTeens.com; WebWiseKids.org; BlogSafety.Com; Common Sense Media.

The social interaction site also offers ways to report harassment, inappropriate conduct, images and information.

Age restrictions: While Myspace.com states that no one under 14 may have an account, there is no way of ensuring people are as old as they say they are.

Myspace at a glance: Myspace also has classifieds, music and e-mail and boasts millions of members.

Myspace mission: From the Myspace.com Web site, "Myspace is for everyone: Friends who want to talk Online; Single people who want to meet other Singles; Matchmakers who want to connect their friends with other friends; Families who want to keep in touch — map your Family Tree; Business people and co-workers interested in networking; Classmates and study partners; Anyone looking for long lost friends!"

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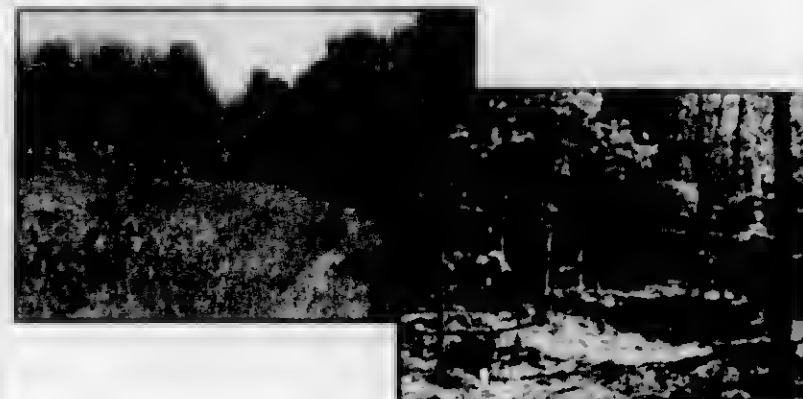
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China 1 owners accept plea deal

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
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The legal process was fast tracked for the owners of Charlevoix's China 1 who waived their preliminary examination, accepted a plea deal, were arraigned and sentenced all on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

"We want to have them held responsible before they are deported," Charlevoix County chief assistant prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara, said of the unusually expedited process.

Yong Shen Dong, 38, and Yuzhen Chen, 35, husband and wife who own and operate China 1 in Charlevoix's Glen's Plaza, were each facing eight felony charges and two misdemeanors in connection with alleged money laundering, embezzlement and tax fraud.

These charges included two counts of conducting criminal enterprise for alleged racketeering and money laundering; a count of third degree money laundering; a count of embezzlement of more than \$1,000 and less than \$20,000;

four counts of taxes — fail to file/false return; and two misdemeanor counts of conspiracy to taxes.

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The sentencing guidelines for the felonies would mean serious time in prison for most. But Chen and Dong will only do as much time in jail as it

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The final performance

Gary Stutzman directs the Charlevoix City Band on Aug. 15 during its final concert in the Odmark Pavilion, known commonly as the bandshell. It was scheduled to be torn down this winter in conjunction with the multi-million dollar East Park and marina renovation. However, a plan is in the works that may retain the pavilion until October 2007.

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Before 33rd Circuit Judge, Richard Pajtas, set a sentencing

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Once Pajtas was satisfied the guilty verdict was unanimous, Gibson asked for a motion which would render the jury's verdict moot — he was denied.

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As Lockman stood motionless and expressionless in the courtroom, tearful ex-employees and a co-owners of Northern Preferred streamed

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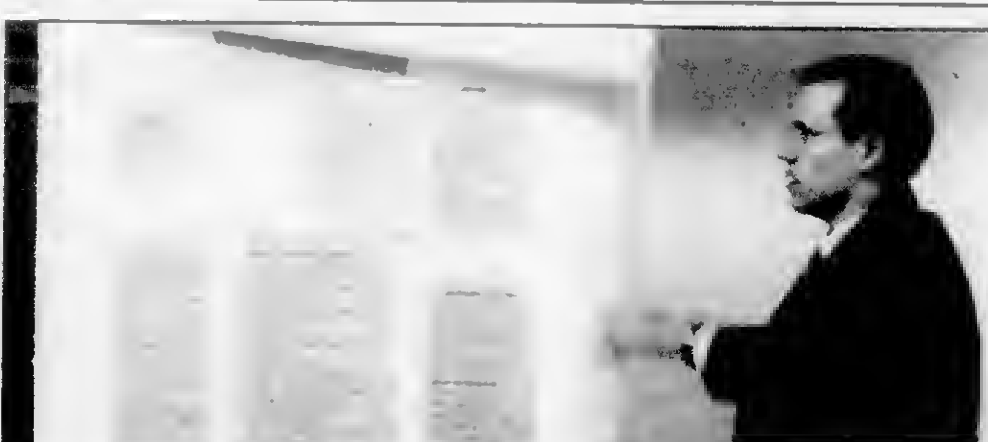


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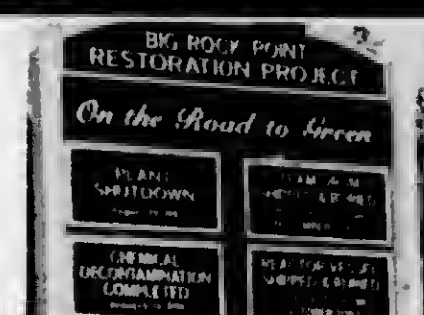
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Benjamin Gohs

"Rising and Converging." A reference to highway on-ramps, I believe. I'm no sports fan, but, "From the Mound," I assume is about baseball. "Last Call," is clever, seeing as the writer's last name is Boozie. "Just a thought," seemed a little generic, but what do I know? "Ear to the Ground," is clever, if figurative and uncomfortable, if literal.

To compete with mottos like those, I needed to figure out what

it was I did. Well, I fight with lawnmowers and snowblowers. I duke it out with giant bumble bees and tipsy canoes. I lock myself in the car at night when I go camping for fear of those yet to be discovered, but nonetheless real, Michigan man-eating black bears.

All that self-discovery was of little good after the boss said, while apropos, "The Klutz" and "The Pansy" were too defeatist.

I protested I told her, "No officer, I didn't realize I needed a permit for that," and "It jumped under my wheels," don't fit in the little box next to my head.

With face puckered and teeth bared, her eyebrows tried to make themselves vertical to the forehead. My father made a face like that when I was about 9. He caught me eating raw Kool-Aid straight from the packet in an attempt to hide the smell of a stolen cigarette on my breath.

Realizing I had pushed the editor about as far as was safe to do, I got to work on the following list

of taglines:

10. "Below the Belt," was inspired by a recent letter to the editor, but I don't fancy myself a cheater.

9. "The Gray Ghost," after a confederate war hero. I know, I know, my column has nothing to do with the Civil War — I didn't say this was a good list.

8. "Hammer and Tongs," meaning I write the columns with gusto. But let's face it, the last thing I did vigorously was a ham sandwich on rye.

7. "Heavens to Betsy," I chose this one just for the shock value.

6. "Not Quite Humble," in honor of former Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir's statement, "Don't be so humble, you're not that great."

5. "... We couldn't print number five. This is a family publication after all.

4. "Court Jester," could have worked if judges Pajtas and May allowed me to throw pies at defendants and squirt the prosecutor with a seltzer bottle.

3. "Four Flusher," referred to

never making the grade. The boss thought it sounded too much like bathroom humor and flushed it from the list immediately.

2. "Read Me or Else," in homage of the old National Lampoon magazine cover wherein a revolver was pointed at a dog's head with the caption: "If you don't buy this magazine, we'll kill this dog."

We decided on "The Crying Towel." I say, "We" because, if it had not been for my editor's decisiveness, this column would still fly under the flag, "Staff writer."

According to a book on phrase origins, "Get out the crying towel," is a retort to a chronic complainer.

With taxes, politicians and general ne'er-dowells, there's a lot to complain about in this world. I hope anyone reading this sticks around for a few more of my gripes, and dad, I still owe you a packet of Kool-Aid.

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I felt compelled to respond to the recent article regarding St. Mary's parish (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil"). As a member, I was shocked, angered and dismayed to see this article.

To devote so much space to a handful of people who are having trouble adapting to change was definitely a surprise. Why these folks would be so compelled to expose their conflicts with Father Jerry (Hunko) in a manner that shows so little respect for the majority of parishioners (who are proud to be members) makes no sense to me.

I have worshipped in many parishes across the country. In each, there has been change brought about by new leadership (in the form of the priest). I have always felt that the different perspectives and ways of doing things have helped enrich my religious experience.

In other denominations, the congregations are actively involved with the selection of their leader. This is not the case with

the Catholic church. Part of this selection process is whether there is a parish school. Bringing in a younger, more energetic priest can not only benefit the regular parishioners, but also aid in building a stronger school. To remove a child from the opportunities that a parochial education offers as a vengeful act may, teach the child a negative lesson on how to resolve conflict.

I truly wish those who feel compelled to attend another parish the very best. I hope that they find a faith community more to their liking. I am proud to remain a parishioner of St. Mary's. My family has been a part of this parish for 85 years. We will continue to be a part of St. Mary's for many years to come.

Jodi Laurent Charlevoix

Dissemination not newsworthy

Editor:

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Reconnect today: Friendship is a gift to value

This summer has been an unusually busy one for me and in it I found the importance of friends surfacing again and again, not just in my life but in the lives of others as well.

We teach our kids as toddlers to share and care. As they mature we continue to emphasize the importance of getting along. As parents we realize that our own behavior encourages our children and influences how they treat their own friends.

I would often listen to adult's share how a friend was there to offer a ride to a doctor's appointment when family members were not able, or how another would offer lunch and time to talk over a problem. Friends are there to encourage, listen and offer guidance.

As a veteran people watcher I en-



A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

joy observing the behavior of individuals relating and reacting to one another. When I'm traveling by train, waiting for coffee at a local café or taking in the sights at a concert, I can't help but notice how we relate with one another.

We connect and re-connect with friends stopping what we are doing in the middle of a haircut, dining out or in the grocery store — whenever

we spot a friend we stop what we are doing and reconnect. After checking in with our friend we go about our business.

The power of friendship is an essential part of our total being. If someone claims to be a loner I think deep down inside, part of them relishes the respect and camaraderie of another human being. Even individuals cordoned off in labs wearing white coats are seeking friendship with something other than mice.

Social skills are not always role modeled at home. Unfortunate as that may be it seems the schools have picked up on this. Social skills are quickly becoming part of the educational curriculum. Friendship teaches us the social skill of getting along with others, having empa-

thy, sharing and how to listen effectively.

Only a friend has the ability to critique our behavior in a light-hearted manner and we still accept them. When one of your friends is taken ill you wish the pain was yours and want to see them well again just as you would a family member. Friends are extended family. How often do we refer to a close friend as "aunt" or "uncle" when there is no blood line?

We are social beings, not much different than other species wandering the earth. We need to touch, talk, be heard and respected as a valuable human being.

While observing friends helping others due to illness and other difficult family situations, it became

clearer to me the role of friendships and how we shouldn't take them for granted. We should respect our friends and connect no matter how busy our schedule or hectic our lifestyle. It's a natural form of debriefing and a way of seeing ourselves in a mirror.

An anonymous quote I found says it perfectly, "A friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart."

So stop what you're doing and connect with that friend you've been thinking about, you'll be happy you did.

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Editor:

Russ, Lori and I wanted to write a note to thank the Charlevoix Performing Arts students and their parents that helped us so graciously at the Waterfront Art Fair. They helped carry boxes and set up our booth and helped tear it down after a long day. A special thanks to Celina, Autumn and Alysa. Another special thanks to the art fair committee for all the hard work they have done over the years to create a successful event for the Charlevoix community.

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CHURCH MATTER PRIVATE

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50TH ANNIVERSARY Rainbow Shoppe to host benefit dinner

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On Aug. 25, 1956, Patricia Ann McAlister and Henry (Hank) Marwin were married at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Marine City.

The bride was truly stunning in her rose point lace and tulle gown with full cathedral train, and the groom was equally dapper in his traditional tuxedo. The bride's matron of honor was sister-in-law, Mary Lou Johns. Her sister Elizabeth Hill and friends Patricia Jolin and Lucanna Marquardt served as bridesmaids.

The best man was brother-in-law, Kenneth Johns. Patricia's two brothers, William and Jim McAlister acted as groomsmen, along with Leroy Zweng and Daniel O'Connor.

Nephew of the bride, David McAlister was the ring bearer, and the flower girl was Beverly Jones. Pat and Hank have three children

Beth, Pam and Kris, and are the proud grandparents of Tyler, Alyse, Ryan, Mark and Samantha.

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The Rainbow Shoppe will host a benefit spaghetti dinner and pie sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Community Reformed Church located at the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

Proceeds from the sale will assist in funding the non-profit

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Charlevoix Area Hospital is located at 14700 Lake Shore Drive.

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resale store's September relocation to the Norman Brumm Showroom.

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MASTER'S DEGREE RECIPIENT

William Parton, a 1997 graduate of Charlevoix High School has received his master's degree in education from National University in San Jose, Calif. in addition to a single subject math credential. He and his wife, Holly, are employed by Ascension Solosano Middle School in Gilroy, Calif. as middle school math teachers.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

The following Charlevoix students attending Grand Valley State University in Allendale were named to the winter 2006 dean's list: Molly Arnold, Gina Attee, Lyndsay Blechel, Ashley Fitzgerald, Tess Hoaglund, Jamie Melke, Dillon Olmstead, Marjorie Romig, Abby Schaperkotter, Brittini Simonti and Shawn Trudeau.

To make the dean's list, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

The following Charlevoix students attending Grand Valley State University in Allendale earned degrees in April: Molly Arnold, bachelor of arts; Lyndsay Arnold, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts; Jonathon Boss, bachelor of science; Debra Devitt, master of education; Ashley Fitzgerald, bachelor of arts; Abby Schaperkotter, bachelor of arts; Shawn Trudeau, bachelor of arts graduated cum laude.

NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Christina Sanchez and Nicholas Triplehorn of Charlevoix have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester 2006 at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

The dean's list recognizes students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better and are enrolled full-time.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN ACADEMIC HONORS

Denis Barta, a Charlevoix resident attending the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay earned academic honors for the spring 2006 semester.

Honors are given to students with 3.74 to 3.5 grade point averages.

Garden Club plant sale

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will host its 6th Annual Labor Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

Shoppers will find a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, houseplants, bird feeders, blue bird houses and miscellaneous garden items with many donated by area nurseries and businesses.

Club vice-president, Robin Pearson noted folks should come support their community garden club, mingle with master gardeners and pick up beautiful plants at amazing prices.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc., maintains the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" entrance signs at M-66 and north and south U.S. 31. Members are active in the Junior Master Gardening program and assist the Charlevoix Area Garden Club with the Heritage Depot Garden.

The club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month to share gardening tips, attend informative lectures and tour area nurseries and gardens.

For more information, contact club vice-president and plant sale chair, Robin Pearson at (231) 599-3390.



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Nelson Denemy, Jr.: Sept. 27, 1959 - Aug. 17, 2006

Nelson Denemy, Jr., 46, of East Jordan, died Thursday, Aug. 17, at his home.

A funeral was held on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Joe Mitchell officiated.

Nelson was born Sept. 27,

1959, in South Haven, the son of Nelson and Rose Ann (Cornstalk) Denemy. He graduated from South Haven High School, and was employed by Burnette Foods in East Jordan. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Nelson is survived by his daughter, Asia (Alvino) Noyola; mother, Rose Ann Denemy; sister, Darlene Guthrie all of East Jordan; grandchildren, Austin Denemy and Dawson Noyola; nephew, Larry Denemy; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Janet Weller: June 20, 1920 - Aug. 18, 2006

Janet Lyle Wilson Weller, 86, of Charlevoix died Friday, Aug. 18 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

She was born on June 20, 1920 in Glasgow, Scotland, the daughter of William John and Georgina Lyle (McNally) Cross. Dedicated to God, country and family, she was faithful to God and her church, using these ideals as the basis for her decisions in life. Jane served her country during World War II

as a corporal in Britain's Armed Services — RAF anti aircraft detail, stationed in London, England from 1939-1942, and Glasgow, Scotland from 1942-1945. She worked as bookkeeper and office manager at the Bartley's Ford dealership in Glasgow after the war. In 1950 she came to Canada, where she later met and married K.A. Weller. He preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 1993.

She is survived by one son

and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Linda Weller and two grandsons, Alex and Ian Weller, all of Charlevoix.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility (Horizonvue Wing), East Jordan or Christian Science Church in Charlevoix. Arrangements were handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Community foundation names VanLoo associate program officer

Human services professional and local volunteer Sarah VanLoo has been named to a new position at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

VanLoo, who formerly served as housing crisis case manager for the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, began her assignment as the foundation's first associate program officer in July. In that capacity, she will oversee the community foundation's growing scholarship program, work with this area's nonprofit organizations to facilitate their grant requests, and assist the organization's Youth Advisory Committee.

"Sarah is a wonderful addition to our staff," said Bob Tamhellini, foundation president. "She brings a great combination of communication skills, experience in the public sector, community volunteerism, and enthusiasm to her new position. We're fortunate to have her on our team."

VanLoo earned her bachelor of social work degree, graduating magna cum laude, from



Sarah VanLoo

Western Michigan University. As a case manager for the human services agency, she was responsible for developing and coordinating a homeless-prevention program serving Charlevoix and Emmet counties. In addition, her experience includes freelance writing for local newspapers. She currently serves as a volunteer youth mentor for North Country Community Mental Health, where she works with troubled teens.

Now in its fifteenth year, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's assets have grown to nearly \$18 million and 170 separate funds — 59 of which are designated for scholarships. This year alone, the community foundation awarded 102 scholarships totaling \$129,600 to deserving students in the area. As associate program officer,

VanLoo will work with the county's high school personnel to administer the scholarship program and coordinate the application process.

Founded by a group of local citizens, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization that serves this area. Donors with a variety of interests join forces through the foundation to carry out their philanthropic wishes. Gifts of all sizes, and for many purposes, are combined within the foundation to build a permanent endowment and the endowment's investment income is used to make grants.

Since it started, the community foundation has distributed \$6.8 million to support programs in education, the arts, environmental stewardship, health and human services, community development, and recreation.

More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is available by calling (231) 536-2440, or visiting the foundation's Web site www.c3f.org.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	
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Murder confession prompts media frenzy

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

As Charlevoix's Ramsey family grapples with the confession of John Mark Karr, a 42-year-old schoolteacher who claims to be the man who murdered their daughter in 1996, community members work to protect and support Charlevoix residents Burke and John Ramsey from the media frenzy.

Following Karr's confession on Aug. 17, at which time he claimed to have been with 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey at the time of her death on Dec. 26, 1996, local and national media flocked to Charlevoix.

On Thursday, Aug. 17 and Friday, Aug. 18, many news outlets waited outside the Ramsey home off Elm Street in Charlevoix where they moved in 2003, hoping for a glimpse of John or Burke Ramsey and their chance to snap a shot or speak to either.

"They were thick. Not as thick as I sometimes see on the news channel but there were a lot of them — 50 would be my guess," Eileen Byers, an 85-year-old neighbor of the Ramseys, said.

Byers said Patsy Ramsey's death in June at age 49 from ovarian cancer and John's los-



Photo by Kristina Hughes/Peloskey News-Review

Representatives of state, local and national media organizations camped outside the home of John Ramsey off Elm Street in Charlevoix on Thursday, Aug. 17 and Friday, Aug. 18 following the confession of John Mark Karr, a 42-year-old schoolteacher who claims to be the man who murdered John's daughter, JonBenet, in 1996.

ing bid for a state House seat in 2004 attracted minimal media response — nothing like what she saw last week.

According to Charlevoix City Police chief Gerard Doan, the uncommon congestion and excitement on Elm Street prompted a handful of Ramsey neighbors to call with traffic concerns and to com-

plain about people standing in the right-of-way.

Aside from calls and complaints, Doan said his force took the matter into its own hands, trying to ensure these people weren't staging their stakeout on the Ramsey property.

By late Friday afternoon, most had retreated, taking with

them shots of the home and some pictures of an individual leaving the house on Thursday with a desktop computer.

"Hopefully they're gone now and won't be coming back. Hopefully the news and inter-

est is back in Colorado," Doan said.

JonBenet was strangled at the family's former 15-room home in Boulder, Colo. But for the past three years, Charlevoix has been the place the Ramsey family has called home.

While many residents called the police to complain about the unusual media circus, Byers said she offered these temporary fixtures a few chairs.

"It was no inconvenience. A man from CNN asked to park in my driveway right across from the Ramsey driveway. They were very considerate," Byers said. "I don't think anyone had any cause to complain."

Doan, who was a patrolman for the City of Charlevoix from 1986 to January 2006 when he was promoted to chief, said this is the most media attention Charlevoix has received in his 20 years in local law enforcement.

He said placing second for media attention would have been the death of JonBenet 10 years ago.

"At that time the media was trying to get on John and

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Lake patrol

Ben Speigl, a Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office marine deputy, joined undersheriff Don Schneider at Ferry Beach this summer. The two took the new 24-foot Zodiac on an hour-long trip to Beaver Island where it will be stationed for law enforcement and rescue use.

Law enforcement respond following Karr confession

RAMSEY

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Patsy's boat, staging around the house and sneaking around the property (former home off Belvedere Avenue)," Doan said.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater has also worked since JonBenet's death to keep order for the Ramsey family.

His message to overzealous paparazzi, "This is not acceptable in our county — you can't stalk and harass people."

When the death occurred, the Boulder, Colo. police department contacted Sheriff Lasater and asked that he do a background check on some of the people the Ramseys' hired when they were in Charlevoix.

At that time Lasater said he got to know the background of the family from information the Boulder police department passed on.

When John ran for a state House seat two years ago, Lasater met with he and Patsy



JonBenet Ramsey

worst thing in the world to lose a child. But it's doubly worse when you're accused of causing that child's death."

While many in Charlevoix have voiced a hope that Karr's confession will lift the cloud of suspicion that has hung over JonBenet's parents for nearly a decade, Lasater said John should not bank on Karr being convicted.

His advice — don't jump to any conclusions at this point.

"Let the system work. Don't assume this person is the perpetrator — stay objective," he said.

Lasater added that John and

to discuss his campaign.

"I got a good feeling from both of them," Lasater said.

"He made a statement to me that haunts me to this day."

"It's the

his son Burke should know that Charlevoix has been, is and always will be a supportive safe haven for the Ramsey family.

Karr was taken into custody Wednesday morning, Aug. 16, in Bangkok, Thailand, where he had just started a teaching job.

A U.S. warrant called for his arrest on suspicion of first-degree murder, kidnapping and child sexual assault.

Karr was scheduled to appear in a Los Angeles, Calif. courtroom Tuesday morning, Aug. 21, for an extradition hearing. The results of this hearing were not available by press time.

According to a report by CNN, Karr has been held in an isolation cell in a jail in Los Angeles, Calif. since he was flown to the United States Sunday night, Aug. 20, from Bangkok, Thailand.

Tuesday's hearing will determine how soon Karr will return to Colorado to face murder charges in the 1996 death of JonBenet, Little Miss Charlevoix 1995.

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Calling all eagles to St Marys Cement

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Cortney Schmidt

The American bald eagle may soon be seen soaring over some of Charlevoix's beaches.

St Marys Cement Inc., in cooperation with Wolverine Power and a northern Michigan citizen, erected two 55-foot telephone poles, each equipped with a platform designed to hold the weight of an eagle's nest, which can be up to 10-feet deep and 20-feet wide, on their property last week.

"We're always trying to do something good," said St Marys Cement Inc. environmental manager, Cortney Schmidt. "We're putting up two nests with a spatial separation of about a half mile or more between the nests. One will be overlooking the bay in front of Charlevoix, and the other one will be overlooking Fisherman's Island bay."

He added, "A reminder to the public, during the nesting period, if and when the nests are being occupied by eagles, there's a period from March to June where people should not approach the nest."

Schmidt emphasized that people should really never approach the nests.

"Try to stay 300 to 500-feet from the nest (while viewing)," he said.

East Jordan resident and successful eagle nest platform builder, Joel Evans, was happy to help St Marys help the eagles.

"Everybody loves to see eagles," he said. "They're our national bird — a picture of strength and majesty. It's a beautiful thing to watch them in flight or when feeding their young. It's a great attraction."

Evans first began putting the platforms on poles after seeing osprey nests on them in Houghton Lake nearly 20 years ago.

"When I got home to East Jordan, I said, 'I can do that,' and I built two platforms and with the help of the East Jordan barge, we went out and set up two osprey platforms," he said.

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According to Evans, the urge to help the bald eagle is spreading.

"I have been to Bay Harbor yesterday (Aug. 15) in fact, I talked to one of the men

there and they seemed very positive," he said. "They're going to get back to me. They have a beautiful nature preserve area in Bay Harbor, and I think they are going to be very interested in putting a pole there."

He added, "(Bay Harbor) is a very good spot. This is an exciting time to get the hons-

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Courtesy photo

Last week, representatives of St Marys Cement Inc. and Wolverine Power along with eagle advocate Joel Evans, erected two 55-foot telephone poles, each equipped with a platform designed to hold the weight of an eagle's nest, which can be up to 10-feet deep and 20-feet wide, on the St Marys Cement property.

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After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

Eagle attraction erected at St Marys Cement

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ing up for the birds."

Bald eagles need the man-made platforms because they are losing their habitat — tall trees strong enough to withstand the hundreds of pounds a nest can typically weigh.

"The big trees are on the decrease and eagles are on the increase," Evans said. "Here in East Jordan, I think there were five nests that they (eagles) built in different trees,

and each time when the nest would go down, they would rebuild in a nearby tree."

Evans said he will continue to promote this type of bird-house building because the birds will not flourish without it.

"There are many skeptics in anything you do," he said. "Skeptics said eagles will never nest on manmade platforms, but the eagles proved them wrong."

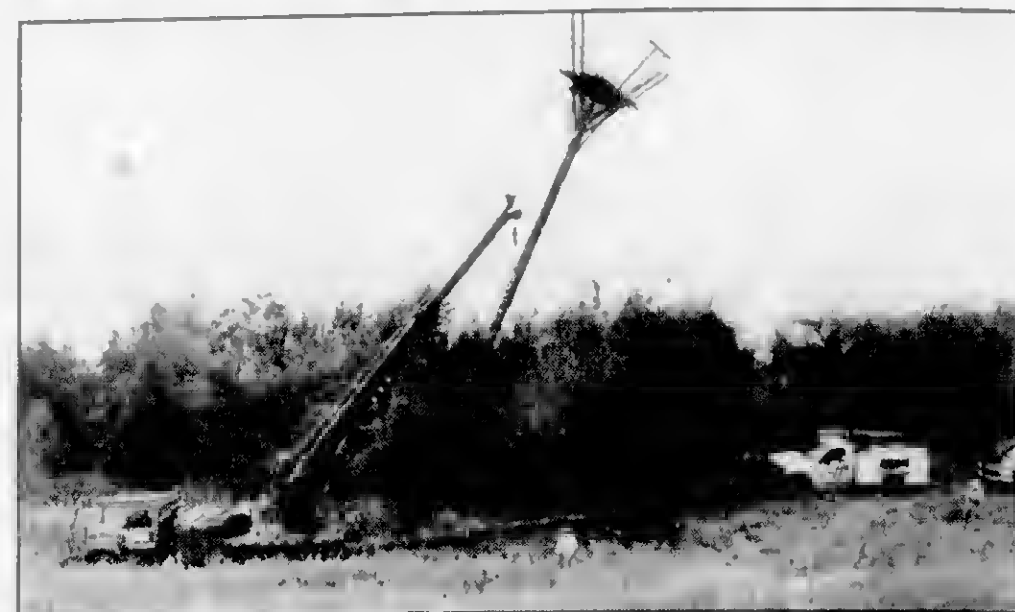
He added, "I believe this is the fourth year they nested on the platforms and raised two

young."

Unlike trees, Evans said, the platforms will stand for many years without weakening.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Web site, bald eagles average 12 pounds, can reach 16 pounds and have lived as long as 50 years in captivity.

In the raptor classification of the bird family, the eagle has a wingspan of approximately six-and-one-half feet and feed on rodents, carrion, other birds and fish.



Courtesy photo

A crane was used last week to hoist two huge eagle nesting sites being placed on the St Marys Cement property.

what's the BUZZ?

Charlevoixans voice their opinions...Knowing that St. Marys Cement Inc. is erecting two nesting platforms for American bald eagles, what are your thoughts on humans giving aid to wildlife?



Matthew Gilmet

"I think more people should be focused on preserving the environment and making sure wildlife is being taken care of."



Danae Drebenstedt

"I think it's great because without nature, what do we have? We get all our resources from nature."



Stephanie Bender

"I think it's the least we can do to be honest."



Corey Loucks

"I guess we should help out with nature anyway we can."

Bill Supernaw named eddi Award recipient

Crooked Tree Arts Center is pleased to announce the recipients of 2006 The eddi Awards.

The annual event honors area residents and organizations for contributions to arts and culture in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

2006 eddi award recipients who will receive the original sculpture by Paul Varga, known as The eddi Award, include visual artist, Ruth Petzold, Harbor Springs, sponsored by Gaslight Gallery; performing artist, Bing Farrar, Harbor Springs, sponsored by CMU Public Broadcasting; arts and cultural organization, Little Traverse Regional Historical Society, Petoskey, sponsored by Bay View Association; arts in education, Paul Varga, Alanson, sponsored by National City Bank; arts and cultural leadership, Joseph Hickey, Harbor Springs, sponsored by Victorias Casino and Hotel; individual patron, The Crouse Family, Petoskey, sponsored by North Central Michigan College; benefactor William Supernaw, Charlevoix, sponsored by Petoskey Cardiology; and lifetime achievement, Marilyn Davies Muzzall, Petoskey, sponsored by Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

Additional sponsors include, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

A selection committee comprised of Cheri Leach, East Jordan; Julie Stoppel, Charlevoix; Robert Pattengale, Gary Albert, Dale Hull and June Zoerhof, Petoskey; Kelli Snively, Levering; Kay Heise, Charlevoix; David Williams, Oden, met recently to determine this year's winners.

The gala event honoring the 2006 recipients will take place at 7 p.m. on

Friday, Sept. 15 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in downtown Petoskey. Tickets are \$40 per person and include the awards presentation, a champagne toast, beverages, hearty hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Chef Bob Vala of the Crows Nest will cater the event.

To reserve a ticket and to learn more about the event, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Planning underway for local Bridge Walk



File photo

Charlevoix residents and visitors will bid an official adieu to summer at the "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk" on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Charlevoix's signature "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk" will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

The walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Town House, located at 231 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. From there, participants will hike to the bridge which they'll cross at 1 p.m.

T-shirts commemorating the 18th anniversary of the event are available in Charlevoix at BASES, located at 208 West

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Minor injuries reported in two-car crash

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a two-vehicle personal injury crash Aug. 16 on U.S. 31 in Charlevoix Township, south of Charlevoix.

A 2004 Mercury Villager, driven by a 37-year-old Rochester Hills resident was traveling south on U.S. 31 when a 2005 Chrysler Town and Country Van, operated by a 62-year-old Florida resident, made a U-turn in front of the Mercury Villager. The impact caused the Mercury Villager to roll over multiple times in the roadway.

The Mercury Villager driver and his 9-year-old son received minor injuries. Their injuries were minimized due to proper

use of seatbelts and proper positioning of the child in the rear seat.

The driver of the Chrysler

and her passenger were uninjured in the crash. The driver

of the Chrysler was issued a citation.

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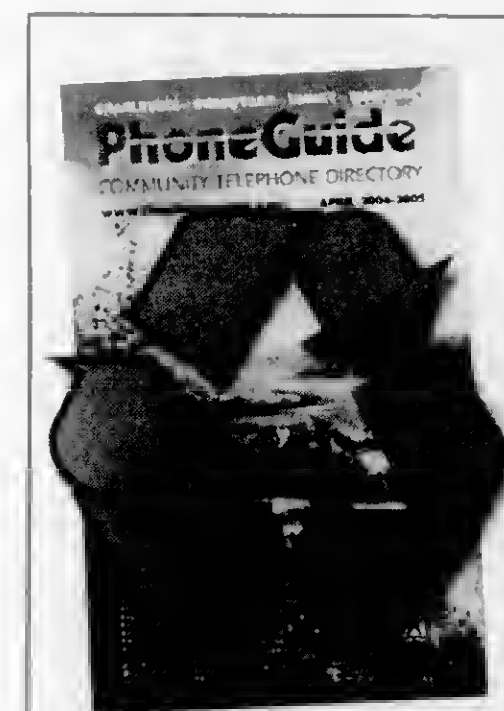
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Trust Fund board debates Big Rock property

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

As Big Rock nuclear power plant officials prepare to celebrate the end of their plant's life cycle, some are fighting to turn an interim nuclear waste dump into a state park.

While Consumers Energy has planned a private party on Aug. 29 for employees, dignitaries and guest speakers to celebrate the safe operation and dismantling of a nuclear power plant, the federal government announced further delays in Nevada's Yucca Mountain atomic waste storage facility.

"We're having a lot of speakers coming in and we're expecting upwards of 600 to 700 people," said 30-year employee and project manager in charge of the decommissioning Bill Trubiloewicz. "There's going to be speeches, a lunch, walking tours and music."

Studies and subsequent searches for a nuclear waste depository began in the mid-1950s. Yucca Mountain, located 100 miles from Nevada, was supposed to be created for the radioactive garbage from the nation's 100-plus plants several times over the last few decades.

The most recent timeline for Yucca to open was 2010. But, President George W. Bush's newest energy plan calls for a



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Consumers Energy will celebrate the completion of its decommissioning project on Aug. 29. While a grant application has been filed with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund for the state to acquire the land for public use, some Trust Fund board members are opposed to the purchase because some of the property houses spent nuclear fuel.

As employees, supporters and even some critics get ready to celebrate the conclusion of Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant's life cycle, some wonder what will become of the more than 500 acres on which it sits.

"I had a vision that some day this 580 acres will be a park for

all children, and the waste will be gone and the people will remember that at one time this site had a nuclear plant that was not efficient and was shutdown,"

said local environmental activist, Joanne Beemon. "When they (Big Rock officials) asked me to be at the party, I really had to think about it because I'm so

adamantly anti-nuclear. But, I also want to be positive. And, we can't undo the past, but we can make the future better."

While attending the Wednesday, Aug. 16 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund board meeting in Lansing, Beemon got the impression money to turn Big Rock Point into a state park would not be forthcoming.

"The issue before the board was the question of whether or not the board would authorize the expenditure of money from the natural resources trust fund to pay for part of the purchase of the 500-plus acres that surround this little island of nuclear waste," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund board member, Lana Pollack. "The trust fund board spends about \$25 million a year on purchasing and developing parkland and open space for Michigan residents throughout the state. Those monies are the monies that come from the royalties of drilling for oil and gas on public land."

Pollack said the Little Traverse Conservancy has applied for \$3

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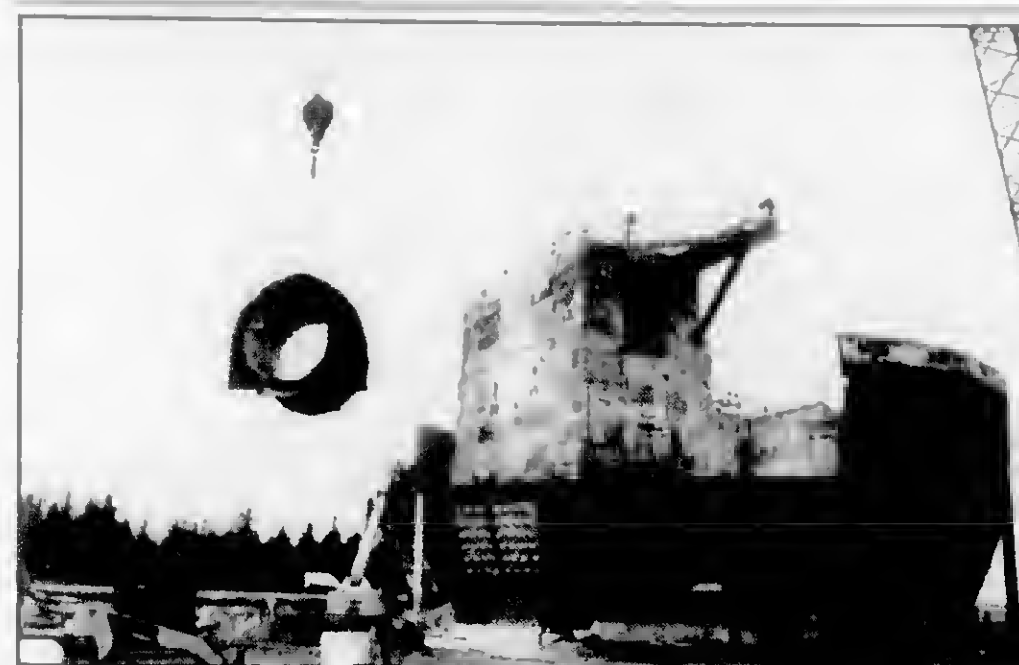


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This shot taken of the giant steel sphere which once housed the nuclear reactor at Big Rock Point was taken during the decommissioning process. Consumers Energy is hosting a celebration on Aug. 29 at the 475-acre site to recognize its return to a green field condition, free for unrestricted use.

Consumers to host green field celebration Aug. 29

Consumers Energy is hosting a celebration on Aug. 29 at the site of the former Big Rock Point nuclear plant to recognize the return of the 475-acre site to a green field condition, free for unrestricted use.

More than 700 former and current plant workers, elected officials, and businesses and nuclear leaders are expected to attend the event and commemorate this significant environmental achievement. Aug. 29 is the 44th anniversary of the plant receiving its operating license from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Big Rock Point was permanently closed on Aug. 29, 1997 after 35 years of generating electricity. Site workers have been decommissioning and restoring

the site for the past nine years. All structures that comprised the former nuclear plant that once sat on the Lake Michigan shoreline have been removed and restored to a natural state.

Big Rock Point was named a Nuclear Historic Landmark for its many contributions to the nuclear and medical communities. It was Michigan's first, and the nation's fifth commercial nuclear plant. The plant achieved a number of operation and decommissioning milestones that have helped set industry standards.

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Stored nuclear waste could compromise Big Rock sale

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million a year for three years. She said their plan would be to put the \$9 million toward the \$20 million or so price tag on Big Rock Point.

"There are probably three times the number of applicants as there are dollars to stretch. Every year people get turned down," she said. "A project which has nuclear waste in the middle of it has a flaw. On behalf of the project, it's beautiful land along Lake Michigan shoreline."

But, she added, "This is the nuclear waste site that they say is too dangerous to be buried in the bottom of a mountain in the middle of the desert. You hope it's safe, but that doesn't mean you pretend it's not there."

Pollack said if the radioactive refuse wasn't in the picture, she would support the project.

"If we make it easy for people to buy this land, then Consumers Power, and others who have influence in pressuring the federal

"I don't personally want to see the Great Lakes become a (permanent) nuclear waste site"

Lana Pollack
Board member

Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund

government to move it (nuclear waste) won't, and it might stay there forever," she said. "I don't personally want to see the Great Lakes become a (permanent) nuclear waste site."

Pollack, who wondered if the land value might be bloated considering its history, said she will consider all the projects before her in the December meeting with an open mind.

Charlevoix is not alone in its yearning for a storage facility. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, nuclear waste is in more than 120 locations in 39 states.

"I think (nuclear energy) ab-

solutely has to be part of our energy source for the future. I was convinced all along that you couldn't run a nuclear plant any safer," Trubilowicz said. "Our standards were higher than in any other industry. So, this is a celebration of the industry. We built a power plant and took it right back to the field where it started. It's impressive. The only thing that's left is the dry fuel storage."

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County tries to avoid court in jail debacle

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix County may be closer to reconciling who will pay for what could amount to several hundred thousand dollars of damage to the jail's heating and cooling system.

"We're having our attorney look into the problems we're having over at the jail," Sixth District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff said at the Wednesday, Aug. 9 board of commissioners meeting.

The commission's civil counsel, Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, has been involved in several meetings with the parties tangled in the air quality issue at the jail.

"There were concerns about the statute of limitations coming (due)," he said. "From what I can tell, we have until December to get something filed, but I've talked with entities and I've talked with their attorneys, and they have agreed to stipulate to pull the statute

of limitations as a defense they can raise."

He added, "If you wait too long to raise that, then that can count (against) us for litigation to be thrown out. But, they said they would sign a document holding that statute of limitations for a period of two months, three months, six months or whatever, with the hopes of getting together and fixing the problem short of litigation."

First District commissioner, Connie Saltonstall said this is exactly what the board hoped to accomplish when they discovered a problem existed.

"I think this is the outcome

we really wanted, which is to fix the problem and not have it go to court," she said.

Issues first arose when the firm Rhodes Engineering of Traverse City studied the jail and found various elements of the heating, air conditioning and ventilation system needed to be fixed, replaced or removed.

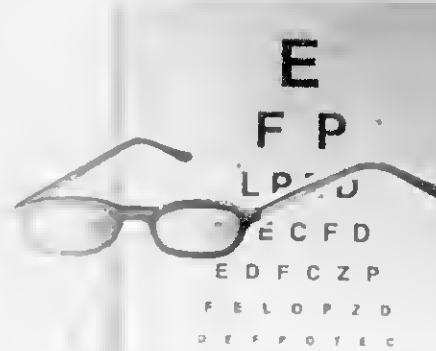
Jarema said he must meet with the parties involved again to, "Hammer out the language."

Following completion of the nearly \$4 million addition in 2000, the Charlevoix County Jail now houses up to 89 inmates.



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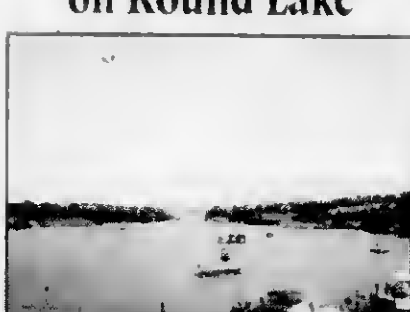
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Local girl stranded at Heathrow Airport

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

parents from the United States, visited amazing destinations. See HEATHROW, page 20



An exploration of wizards and warlocks turned into terror and tears for a Charlevoix girl who on Aug. 11 found herself stranded at London's Heathrow Airport in the aftermath of the discovery of a terror plot.

Annaliese Voci, 10, boarded her first airplane on Aug. 1 bound for London's Heathrow Airport and then traveled to Oxford, England to discover the magic behind the popular Harry Potter book series.

The Potter fanatic was traveling with her grandmother, Fran Voci, of Stanwood, a town just south of Big Rapids, on an Elder Hostel inter-generational adventure called "Magical Worlds, Harry Potter and More."

"Our knee-jerk reaction was to say, 'No' (you can't go on the trip). But you can't pass up a once in a lifetime opportunity," her father, Steve Voci, said.

During the eight-hour flight to England, Annaliese soaked in the movies, snacks and freebies.

While there the group, which included six girls and boys all 10 years old and their grand-

Courtesy photo
Charlevoix resident Annaliese Voci's Harry Potter overseas adventure turned into a scary experience as she attempted to travel home under a high terror alert. She is pictured above peaking out of a phone booth in England.

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Harry Potter adventure tainted by airport chaos

HEATHROW

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like Warwick Castle, Bodleian Library and Divinity School at Oxford.

But the fun of quidditch, punting along the River Cherwell and romping around the wizard world was brought to a screeching halt on Aug. 11 when the Vocis started their journey back to Michigan.

The day before, Scotland Yard had announced the disruption of a plot to blow up planes in flight from the UK to the United States and commit "mass murder on an unimaginable scale."

According to BBC News, the plan was to detonate explosive devices smuggled in hand luggage on to as many as 10 aircraft.

While this was Annaliese's second trip in an airplane, the first brought her to London, she knew the high security, camera crews and delays at Heathrow Airport were anything but run of the mill.

"We were both really tired, I just wanted to go home," she said. "The airline people looked really, really stressed. The lines were huge and there were two guys with big machine guns. They

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Annaliese Voci
CHARLEVOIX RESIDENT

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Both Annaliese and Fran were subjected to full-body pat downs and were still delayed two hours after arriving three hours early for their British Airways flight. They arrived late in Chicago, Ill. and missed their connection to Grand Rapids. With no other flights available, it looked as though the Vocis would be spending one more night away from home.

"I had a breakdown. I didn't want to stay in a hotel. I wanted to go home," Annaliese said. Her parents were waiting in Grand Rapids, trying to avoid news coverage of the chaos in London when they talked to a tearful Annaliese, their only child.

"I was concerned about what she was hearing and what she saw — the guards, the automatic weapons — you don't see that in Charlevoix," her mother, Julie, said.

The group agreed to reunite no matter what it took and Steve and Julie drove from Grand Rapids to Chicago O'Hare in about 3-and-a-half hours.

"Every black car I saw, I was hoping," Annaliese said of waiting for her parents.

The tearful reunion brought the relief the Voci family longed for.

"I think Anna and I held hands for over an hour. I just sat and stared at her," Julie said.

Annaliese said while the terror plot and subsequent travel nightmare scarred her Harry Potter trip to England, she would travel overseas again — but not without mom and dad. Her next destination, Loch Ness in Scotland.

"I want to search for the Loch Ness Monster," she said.

As she prepares to enter the fifth-grade at Charlevoix Middle School, Annaliese has quite a tale to share with classmates.

"Sometimes I'm just sitting in my room and I put my toys down

and say, 'Wow, I was lucky,'" she said.

While monster searching sounds like a unique enterprise, Julie said the more realistic next destination for her family is the quest for the American Girl store in Chicago, Ill.

"I don't know if I'd say 'No' (to another overseas trip). But not for a long time. I have to recover from the last panic. Just her flying made me nervous. I thought I had a handle on it then someone wanted to hurt her who doesn't even know her — how do I explain that to a 10-year-old," she said.

County board requests hard numbers

Request for maintenance commitment met with apprehension

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Grant applications for a non-motorized trail proposed to stretch from Charlevoix to Boyne City cannot be submitted until someone takes responsibility for the pathway's maintenance.

The 3-3 vote died in a tie as county commissioners Ronald Reinhardt, Victor Patrick and Shirley Roloff said no to a plan for the county to takeover upkeep of the trail when and if it is completed.

"We're taking a very positive attitude," said Charlevoix County Planner, Larry Sullivan, the man half the commissioners said, "No" to during the Wednesday, Aug. 9 meeting. "I certainly can understand their concerns in what future costs they might be opening themselves up to."

He added, "We'll provide those (projected costs) and see if they

want to bring it up at a future board meeting to reconsider their action."

As he was still in the process of gathering the figures at press time, Sullivan could not furnish the costs of maintenance on the existing or proposed non-motorized trail systems.

"We're compiling that information right now," he said.

While some have claimed the new trail would cost locals not even a penny, Sullivan said, "Realistically we're looking at about a 25 percent match."

But, he added, "We're going to be knocking on doors for private donations for the bulk of local matching funds."

Sullivan emphasized the funds which would be used to build the trail come from a fund designated for non-motorized trails only.

"I know there are some concerns that some people believe those dollars should be used for rebuilding the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road," he said. "I think all of us that drive that road are aware of the problems with that road, but those dollars are not capable of being used for road purposes—it's federal legislation."

"More and more people are looking for eco-friendly tourism opportunities. The long-term effect, economically, way outweighs the expense that we're talking about putting into this."

Scott MacKenzie
DIRECTOR
BOYNE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In addition to identifying the entity for long-term care of the path, a group or individual must also be named as the grant applicant.

"There's no specific timeline, but we would like to get the request before the funding agency and the sooner the better because it gives a better opportunity to get those funds," Sullivan said. "I would encourage the folks interested and who want to see this happen, give their local officials a call and express their views."

During the Aug. 9 meeting, Sullivan told commissioners and a handful in attendance that volunteers could be sought for much of the maintenance.

And, First District Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, reminded that the funds to be applied for can only be used for non-motorized trails.

"So we are not taking money away from roads," she said. "(And), the maintenance on this trail in terms of upkeep is going to be minimal."

Saltonstall then asked Scott MacKenzie, head of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to explain the economic benefit of another bike trail.

"We've had only two major bike events originating out of Boyne City...and they raised thousands and thousands of dollars," he said.

MacKenzie said people spent, on average, from \$80 to \$190 per night.

"And we had just shy of about 1,000 people in town for those events," he said. You're talking about a huge economic impact that comes into our community."

He added, "More and more people are looking for eco-

friendly tourism opportunities. The long-term effect, economically, way outweighs the expense that we're talking about putting into this. It's a win-win for everyone involved."

Roloff thinks it's wonderful people are riding their bikes, but fears increased taxes to maintain an additional trail.

"We just finally got the folks over at Whiting Park to come over and do some of the (maintenance on the existing trail)," she said. "I just hate to tax the people anymore. I think we're overtaxed. We're killing our people. You go through Charlevoix and see the homes that are for sale and people cannot afford to live here."

Roloff said she understands the bikeway grants cannot be used for roads, but finds it ridiculous that a \$4 million pathway could be built while the road next to it crumbles.

"This is money that's already banked, and not on roads. If we don't take it then we'll lose it," MacKenzie said.

Reinhardt said he could not vote in favor of anything without at least seeing some projected costs.

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Endearing hearts support arts

(Above, from left) Suzanne Acharya co-owner of Esperance, Nancy Fowler, a lifetime member of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and floral designer, and Caroline Smith, art teacher at Charlevoix Middle School, take a break from the 2nd Annual Enduring Arts wine tasting benefit on Friday, Aug. 18 at Esperance in Charlevoix. Proceeds from the event will be directed to the Charlevoix Public Schools visual arts program.

Hospital Guild kicks off gift shop naming contest

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11 in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria.

The rules for the group's upcoming "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" will be finalized.

Following the meeting, a presentation on Kenya will be given by guild president, Cass Williamson, and hospital foundation director, Lyn Jenks.

Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

Masons golf outing to benefit scholarship fund

The Charlevoix Masons are sponsoring a benefit golf outing on Sept. 2 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Proceeds from the event will be directed to the group's scholarship fund to benefit students in the trade programs at Charlevoix High School.

Tee off time is 11 a.m. The fee is \$100 per golfer. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart and dinner.

There will be prizes and a silent sports memorabilia auction.

To sponsor a hole, donate a door prize or register for the outing, call (231) 547-6755.



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Little green thumbs

Five after school sites in Charlevoix County, including Charlevoix Elementary School, recently participated in Junior Master Gardening. Junior Master Gardening is a partnership with Master Gardeners and the Michigan State University Extension Office through 4-H Youth Development. Students are required to do 10 hours of volunteer gardening in their community and/or at their homes. On Tuesday, June 13, 62 Junior Master Gardeners and their families participated in a field trip to Traverse City. Students toured Pine Hill Nursery, Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Station and the Children's Gardens at the Traverse City District Library.

Headed to college? Don't forget meningitis vaccine

Public health officials remind college students who will be living in college dorms this fall to schedule an appointment for a meningitis vaccination before they leave home.

"We recommend anyone who will be living for the first time in a college dormitory or military residence get vaccinated against meningitis," said Patricia Fralick, director of family and community health services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the local health department. "Every fall, as many as 15 young people in the U.S. die unnecessarily because they contract meningococcal disease. Freshmen especially are at risk."

She encourages anyone who is headed for dormitory living this fall contact the local health department or a health care provider to schedule an appointment for the vaccine.

Meningitis is an infection of the tissues and sometimes the fluid that surround the brain and spinal cord. It causes swelling of brain tissue and in some cases spinal tissue. When brain tissue swells, less blood and oxygen reach brain cells. If not treated, this can cause brain damage.

Meningococcal bacteria are trans-

mitted through air droplets and direct contact with persons already infected with the disease. The early symptoms usually associated with meningococcal meningitis include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting and lethargy, and may resemble the flu. Since meningitis usually peaks in late winter and early spring, it can easily be mistaken for the flu. Because the disease progresses rapidly, often in as little as 12 hours, prompt diagnosis

and treatment are important to assuring recovery. Students should seek medical care immediately if two or more of these symptoms occur at one time.

If untreated, meningitis can lead to shock and death within hours of the first symptoms.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment for a meningitis vaccine, call the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at (800) 432-4121.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the library, 109 Clinton St., Charlevoix.

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Fall Down Classic benefit golf outing

The Fall Down Classic, a golf tournament to benefit Charlevoix resident Brandon Kanoff, will take place on Sept. 16 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Four-person teams are invited to participate in the outing. Tee time is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person. A registration party will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 10 at the Flight Deck, located at 06966 U.S. 31 in Charlevoix.

Hole sponsors for the event are currently being sought, the per hole cost is \$100. A sponsor reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 23 at the Flight Deck. Complimentary food and drinks will be offered.

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During the month of August, Ace Hardware has teamed up with "Pitch In For Baseball," an organization that collects new and gently used youth baseball equipment and redistributes it to areas where it's needed most.

Charlevoix Ace Hardware, located at 06675 M-66 North, across from the Post Office, will serve as a drop-off point for equipment. Gloves, helmets, bats and any other items in good working order will be

accepted. Charlevoix Ace Hardware will handle packaging up the items and sending them to Pitch In For Baseball, where the gear will be sent where it's needed most.

"A lack of equipment in no way represents an absence of passion when it comes to America's pastime," Greyerbiehl said. "Pitch In For Baseball gives kids an opportunity to play ball despite their lack of equipment. It's a fantastic organization and our store is proud to 'pitch in' and lend a hand."

In 2005 alone, Pitch In For Baseball collected enough equipment to provide for hurricane affected regions in the Gulf Coast, including New Orleans, La. Biloxi,

Miss. and Mobile, Ala., and have supported communities around the world in Poland, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

Mark Greyerbiehl
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"If everyone in Charlevoix brought in just one piece of equipment they weren't using anymore, imagine the number of underprivileged kids who could experience a pop fly or a base hit," said Greyerbiehl. "We're especially in need of gloves, the most basic piece of baseball equipment."

More information on Pitch In For Baseball is available at www.pitchinforbaseball.org. For drop-off information, contact Charlevoix Ace Hardware representatives at (231) 547-6232.



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Adam Michaud donates gently used baseball gear to Ace Hardware. Ace owners Mark and Vicky Greyerbiehl are heading up the local branch of Pitch in for Baseball, a program that aims to get gear into the hands of needy children.

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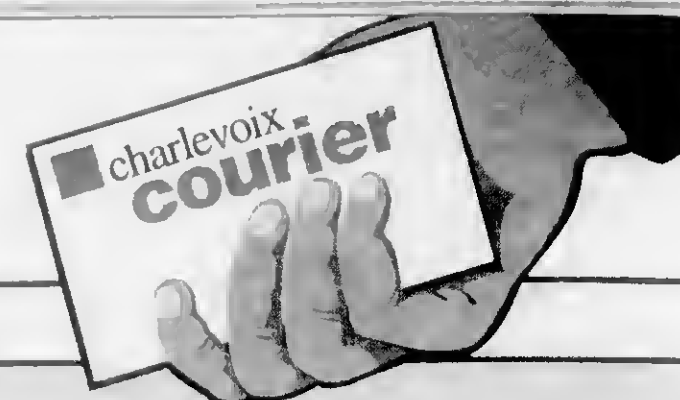
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They had outgrown the space next to Charlevoix Glass and now occupy the suite vacated by Curves for Women in the Charlevoix Secretary of State office complex.

They now have sufficient space for their technicians to have a dedicated work area, a place for staging equipment and eventually a showroom for displaying unique electronic goodies.

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Royal Farms ushers in fall with corn maze race

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Who: Royal Farms
What: Corn maze race
When: 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26
Where: Royal Farms in Atwood, 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31.

Royal Farms in Atwood is kicking off the fall season and the opening of their royalty-themed corn maze on Saturday, Aug. 26, with a ribbon cutting and a corn maze race.

The ribbon cutting will take place at 10 a.m. and will kickoff the race. Tickets for the race are \$5. The race is open to all ages.

The winner will receive a fall-themed gift basket filled with goodies. And the winner's name will be placed on the corn

maze challenge plaque.

To pre-register for the race, stop in at Royal Farms any time between now and Aug. 26, or register the day of the race.

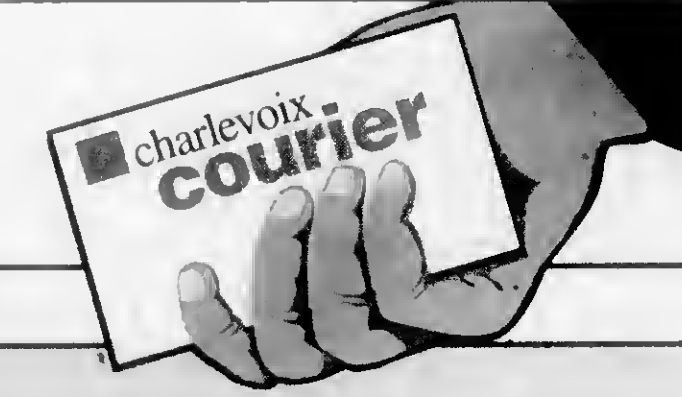
In addition to the opening of the corn maze, Royal Farms will offer wagon rides and "pick your own" peaches.

Royal Farms is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31 in Atwood. For directions, call (231) 599-3222 or visit www.royalfarmsinc.com.

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Winning shot

Pictured above are the 2006 Summer Sporting Clays League Class Champions at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. They are (front, from left) Junior Champion Brad May, Class D Champion Susie Spence, (back, from left) B Class Champion Steve May, Lady Champion and Class A Champion Kim Jones, HOA and AA Champion Carl Harlan and C Class Champion Dave Russell. Missing from the photo is E Class Champion Ron Reinhardt.

Rod and Gun Club offers Hunter Education Clinic

A Hunter Education Clinic will take place on Sept. 23 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, located north of Charlevoix off U.S. 31.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., in the clubhouse. The days activities will conclude at 4 p.m.

There will be a lunch break, and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

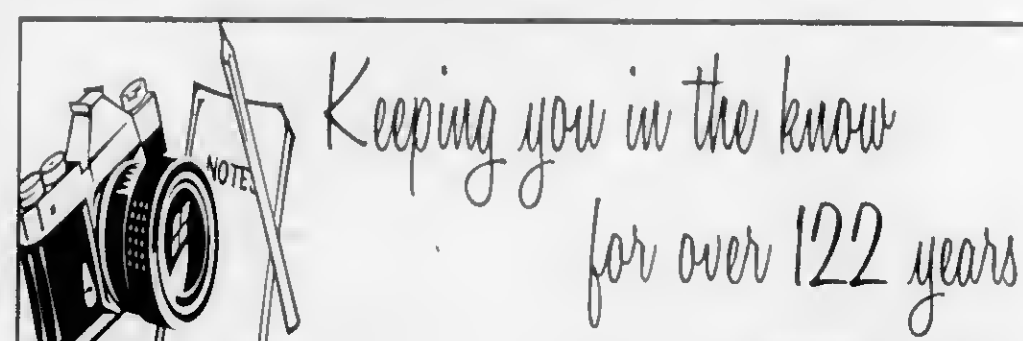
This clinic is open to all area residents regardless of age and is required of all first-time hunting license buyers born since Jan. 1, 1960. Students 10 and 11 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult, designated and provided by the parent or guardian, during the course.

A testing session for those who complete the Sept. 23 clinic will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

Attendance is mandatory at both sessions to receive the Hunter Education Certification.

For more information, call Jim Mansen at (231) 547-6862.

This clinic is free and conducted with the help of the Department of Natural Resources, members of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and volunteer instructors from the area.



Rayder Football Outing 2006

On behalf of the Rayder Football team and the coaching staff we would like to thank the Charlevoix Country Club, registration helpers, hole sponsors, prize donors & golfers for helping to make this year's golf outing such a success. Thanks to everyone involved for your generosity and most of all for your support.

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Thanks to our registration helpers Jen Jess, Barb Yenglin, Connie Doan & Debbie Jess. Thanks to Ron Branietki for serving as our auctioneer/emcee. Thank you to our lucky auction winners. The Charlevoix Country Club staff did a superb job in keeping us organized and well fed. Most of all, thank you to our golfers for their continued support in the Charlevoix High School Football Program.

Go Rayders!!



SPORTS go Rayders!

Rec league softball Rayder golf team takes second scores from Aug. 7

Men's slo-pitch rec league softball teams continued their season on Aug. 7.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch Aug. 7 games, How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating shut out Ace Hardware 7-0.

In game two, How About Bob?/Art Form Fabricating tallied a second win, beating Boss Engineering 14-2. For How About Bob, Dennis Avery had two

doubles and two home runs and Shaun Greiner had two doubles.

In a high scoring game three, Flight Deck bested Boss Engineering 26-22. For Flight Deck, Ethan Towsley had two hits, one of which was a home run and Casey Crain had three hits, one of which was a double. For Boss, Neil Friske had two home runs, one of which was a grand slam.

Tony Casiano shot 77 to earn medalist honors and lead Traverse City St. Francis to victory Monday, Aug. 21 in a Lake Michigan Conference 18-hole golf tournament at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The Gladiators finished with a 327 team score, while host Charlevoix, 341, was second.

St. Francis' Andrew Walukonis shot 78 to place second, while Charlevoix's Kris Bartling carded an 80 to place third.

Harbor Springs shot 345 to place third, while Grayling and Elk Rapids each shot 357 to tie for fourth. Kalkaska, 383, was sixth; followed by Boyne City, 410; and East Jordan, 413.

Other Charlevoix scores: Chase Beatty, 84; Woody Nitchman, 88; Kyle Smith, 89.

Charlevoix's Gunner Whitely shot 39 to earn medalist honors in the 9-hole JV match at Charlevoix Golf Club.

St. Francis shot 177 to win the team event, while Charlevoix

was second with 179.

Other Charlevoix scores: Ty Jones, 43; Nick Brandi, 47; Beau Boss, 50.

The Charlevoix team's next scheduled match is today, Aug. 23 at The Oaks in Kincheloe. Results from this match were not available by press time.

Results from both The Oaks match and from the Aug. 24 Traverse City St. Francis Invitational will appear in the Aug. 30 edition of the Charlevoix Courier.

Yacht Club racers sail final race of season

The Charlevoix Yacht Club sailed its final race of the summer series on Aug. 16 in light winds.

The eighth and final race of the summer series was sailed in light winds. The course, sailed by 25 boats, consisted of a shortened course of three windward-leeward legs. The tie between Paleface Lite and Thunderstruck in the Spinnaker A division was broken by number of third places and extended into dropped races. This was a result of ties in both number of firsts and number of seconds. Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 16 are:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Exitus (Pung); 2 - Sonnett (Lepmann).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Original Sin (Miller); 2 - Cygnus (Stewart); 3 - Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 4 - Tireless (Carland); 5 - Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Paleface Lite (Grove); 2 - Suzie Q (Kelly); 3 - Four at Play (Herald); 4 - Thunderstruck (Pirie); 5 - M3 (Carey); 6 - Fairret (Seymour); 7 - What's Her Name (Robinson).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 - Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 - Sail La Vie (Williamson); 4 - Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 5 - MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 -

Northern Light (Orlow); 2 - Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 - Padawan 2 (Lamb); 4 - Moxie (Jensen); 5 - 616 (Thomas); 6 - Windrunner (Pirie).

Summer series results after eight races with two drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Flash (7); 2 - Exitus (9); 3 - Sonnett (16).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Cygnus (9); 2 - Lost Vermonter (13); 3 - Tireless (14); 4 - Original Sin (16); 5 - Apothecary (29).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Paleface Lite (10); 2 - Thunderstruck (10); 3 - Suzie Q (12); 4 - Four at Play (20); 5 - What's Her Name (26); 6 - M3 (30); 7 - Fairret (40).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Gotcha! (7); 2 - Hoi Polloi (10); 3 - Booma (17.5); 4 - Sail La Vie (20.5); 5 - MJ2 (24).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 - Affinity (9); 2 - Moxie (11); 3 - Northern Light (15); 4 - 616 (24); 5 - Windrunner (27).

Registration underway for Rotary Porker golf tourney

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Billed as "The Affordable Golf Tournament," the entry fee remains only \$40 per person.

"With the amount and value of the prizes awarded to Porker participants, it is almost as if the Rotary Club is paying people to play," said tournament director, Tim Petrosky. "Last year we distributed gifts with a retail value of more than \$3,000 to golfers. Everyone went home with a prize."

The event is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a dinner buffet at Giuseppe's and the chance to win oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to

teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"It is due to the generosity of area businesses and residents, who donate prizes for the event, that makes the tournament so much fun for everyone," said Petrosky.

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop.

The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register. An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

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(08-16-3-086)

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(08-16-3-086)

THE CHARLEVOIX Public Library is seeking an early childhood specialist to expand programs for our birth - 5 patrons and their parents. Part-time, 20+ hours. Application deadline is September 6. Submit a cover letter and resume to the Library at 109 W. Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. For further information check our website: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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(08-09-3-086)

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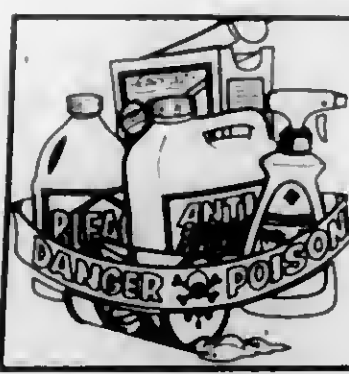
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

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Estate of Edna M. Anderson, Deceased

Date of birth: May 14, 1915

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

ON August 15, 2006, the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Edna M. Andersen, who lived at 1007 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, died July 28, 2006.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gayle C. Anderson, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 15, 2006
Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
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Gayle C. Andersen
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krag Edward Beaton, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 29, 2005 and recorded January 6, 2006 in Liber 725, Page 431, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine and 61/100 Dollars (\$16,849.61) including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power

of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made an provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on SEPTEMBER 1, 2006. Said premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The Easterly 220 feet of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, Township Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: August 2, 2006

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LEGAL NOTICE 210
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end

of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to IndyMac Mortgage Holdings, Inc. (f/k/a INMC Mortgage Holdings, Inc. a/k/a Independent National Mortgage Corporation), dated August 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on September 16, 1998, in Liber 346, Page(s) 410, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated July 22, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on August 30, 1999, in Liber 370, Page(s) 962, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$79,473.56, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 9.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 8, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL C:

BEGINNING AT A T-IRON STAKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 54, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 54 (WEST LINE OF EAST STREET) SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14' 00" WEST 57.77 FEET (RECORDED AS 57.75 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 54 NORTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" WEST 148.50 FEET (RECORDED AS 145.50 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 54 AND 55 OF SAID PLAT, (EAST LINE OF AN ALLEY), NORTH

00 DEGREES 29' 10" EAST 60.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" EAST 147.79 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF EAST STREET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 55, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19' 04" WEST 2.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING ALL OF LOT 54 AND PART OF LOT 55, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)
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Dated: July 28, 2006

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L(08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 08/23, 08/30)

LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Citizens Bank may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and Mary E. Legg, a single woman, to Citizens Bank, dated June 29, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 11, 1999, in Liber 373, Page(s) 957, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$103,558.97, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Joe F. Davidson, a single man, and Mary E. Legg, a single woman, to Citizens Bank, together with interest at 7.0 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 1, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN.

COMMENCING AT A 3/4 INCH PIPE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 1322.30 FEET TO THE SOUTH EIGHTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, AS MONUMENTED; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EIGHTH LINE, AS MONUMENTED, 663.44 FEET (RECORDED AT 663.37 FEET) TO A 1/2 INCH PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE ANDREW KOSC PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN DEED LIBER 258, PAGE 372, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST (RECORDED AS SOUTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST) ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID KOSC PROPERTY, 38.23 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 225.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 354.77 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 33.05 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 53 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 225.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST 387.82 FEET (RECORDED AS NORTH 32 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST) ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF THE KOSC PROPERTY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Citizens Bank

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on September 15, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock (2) in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.5% percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE THEREOF BEING 30 FEET WIDE AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY M-75 AS RECORDED IN DEED, LIBER 274, PAGE 807, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

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Dated: July 24, 2006
L(07/26, 08/02, 08/09, 08/16, 08/23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE**

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Charles E. Willette and Linda A. Willette, Husband/Wife, of 05845 S. Ranney Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 to Alden State Bank, P.O. Box 1169, Bellaire, MI 49612 dated November 21, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on December 23, 2002, in Liber 506, of Mortgages, on page (*) 844, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven and 38/100 (\$21,377.38) dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on September 15, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock (2) in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.5% percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PARCEL C:

Commencing at a railroad spike at the West 1/4 corner of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along West line of said (centerline of Ranney Road) Section South 00°26'23" West 264.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89°44'25" East 330.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence south 00°26'23" West 66.84 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 89°44'38" East 987.42 feet to a T-iron stake on the West eighth line of said line section; thence

along said line South 00°29'20" West 321.47 feet; thence North 89°44'38" West 1317.14 feet to the West line of said section; thence along the West line of said Section North 00°26'23" East 388.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The period of redemption will be One (1) year from date of sale. (*)3



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AUG. 23 UNITED WAY OPEN HOUSE

The Char-Em United Way will host a reception Aug. 23 celebrating its new features including its new executive director Martha Lancaster.

Lancaster came on board in June. She directs United Way's fund-raising activities and support to non-profit agencies in the Charlevoix and Emmet County region.

As of July 5, the United Way has operated out of the American Red Cross Building at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive #8 in Petoskey's Mitchell Park.

The group's new mailing address is: P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770-1701. The new phone number is (231) 487-1006.

The open house celebrating these changes will take place from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at the new office.

Refreshments will be served.

AUG. 24 BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 in the lower level classrooms.

Charlevoix Area Hospital is located at 14700 Lake Shore Drive.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling the community education department at (231) 547-8906.

AUG. 24 SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Rainbow Shoppe will host a benefit spaghetti dinner and pie sale from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Community Reformed Church located at the intersection of Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

Proceeds from the sale will assist in funding the non-profit resale store's September relocation to the Norman Brumm Showroom.

The dinner cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-12 and \$25 per family. Children under 3 eat free.

For more information, call (231) 547-2815.

AUG. 26 GARDENING CLASS

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class, "Ornamental Grasses" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26 at Pine Hill Nursery located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

For more information or to register, call (231) 599-2825.

AUG. 28 PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETING

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's August program, "An Evening at the Museum," will take place at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28 at the East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Museum.

After an introduction to the museum and its collection attendees will tour the museum which features periods of area history including, agriculture, lumbering, homesteading, store keeping and railroading. Student docents, portraying people from different walks of life will give short presentations on the lives of early settlers.

The East Jordan Portside Art and Historical Museum is located at 1787 M-66 at Elm Pointe, between Ironton and East Jordan.

Non-society members are also invited to attend. For more information, call society president, Carol Goodenough at (231) 582-7042.

AUG. 29 FOOD CLASS

Wagbo Peace Center will host a food preservation class.

Participants will learn the newest techniques on how to safely preserve fruits, vegetables and herbs by canning, drying and freezing.

The class will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29 in the community room at the center located at 5745 North M-66 in East Jordan.

The class will be presented by Sue Shenk from the Michigan State University Extension Office.

Refreshments will be served after class.

To make a reservation, call (231) 536-0333.

AUG. 30 CPR, FIRST AID CLASSES

CPR and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area

Hospital:

- Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30 in Classroom B.

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Classroom B.

- Basic First Aid from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in Classroom B.

The Cost is \$30 for each Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information or to register, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

SEPT. 2 GARAGE SALE

Kappa Sigma of Charlevoix presents the first annual Overflow, 2006, a multi-family garage sale. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Northwest Academy located at 115 West Hurlbut St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-1768.

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SEPT. 9 1940S REUNION

Members of the Charlevoix High School class of 1949 invite anyone who graduated in the 1940s to attend their class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Argonne Supper Club to celebrate the "Fabulous Forties."

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China 1 owners forfeit \$100,000 and car

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takes to complete the deportation process. They will be held at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Sault Ste. Marie where orders have been issued to send the two back to China. This is the same jail the two have been housed at since being taken into custody on July 12.

In spite of Dong and Chen skirting prison time, Fanara said justice will be served in this case.

"They're being charged with very serious felonies and are forfeiting all the money we

collected," she said.

The forfeited cash and possessions include \$100,000 and a Toyota Rav4 seized on July 12 during a search by representatives of local and state police agencies of China 1 restaurants in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Gaylord and Traverse City. During the search, \$132,745 total in cash and two vehicles, a 2005 Lexus and the 2003 Toyota Rav4, were seized.

"I think that's a pretty good penalty," Fanara added. "I'm satisfied with the three felonies and being deported. We shouldn't have to house them."

Fanara declined to comment

as to whether Dong's health was connected to the decision to run the two through the system quickly.

On July 26, a sputum sample was collected from Dong for analysis by the Michigan Department of Community Health in Lansing to see if he is infected with tuberculosis. While results were expected to be returned the next week, the status of those tests is a subject evaded by the prosecutor's office and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Inquiries to both agencies produced the same response — Dong's status as a possible carrier of tuberculosis remains

unknown.

No other charges have been authorized against other China 1 owners at this time. Fanara said the plan is to get Dong and Chen through the system first.

However their plea deal includes cooperation from the two.

"They have to cooperate with any information they can give us regarding the other restaurants," Fanara said.

Other people involved in the China 1 operation, many of who are the couple's family members, may face charges. Those listed in the affidavit include Gaylord China 1 president, Zhen X. Chen and

his wife, Ai Hua, their son, Xian Chen and his wife, Min Ru Dong and vice-president, Fa Yang; Cheboygan China 1 owners Chuan Ke Wang and Cui Min Chen, Zhen Chen's daughter and former owner of Charlevoix China 1; and Traverse City China 1 owners Wen Bing Wang and Hui Yun Wang.



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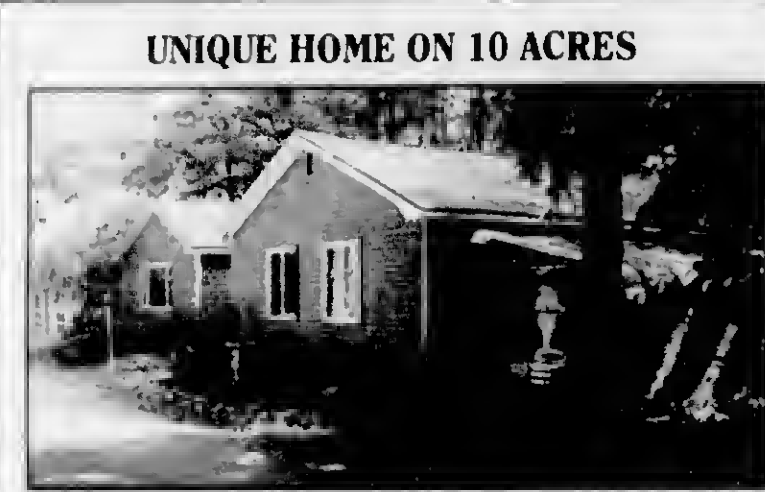


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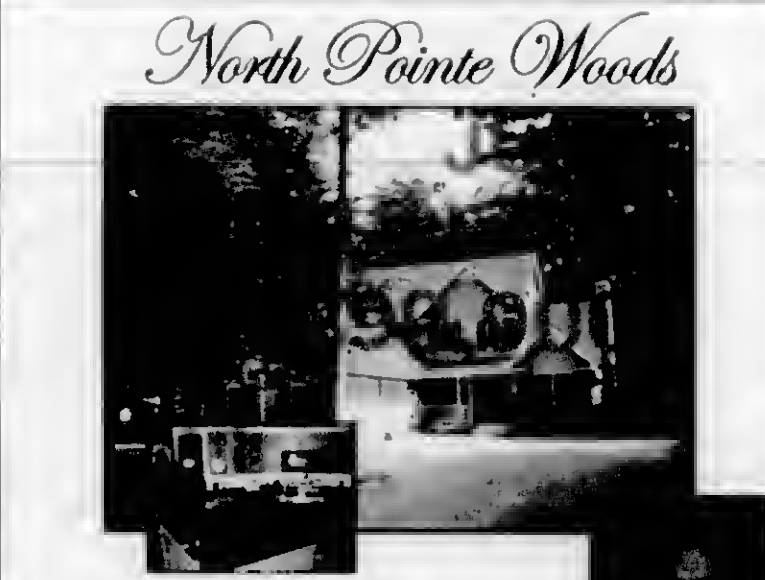
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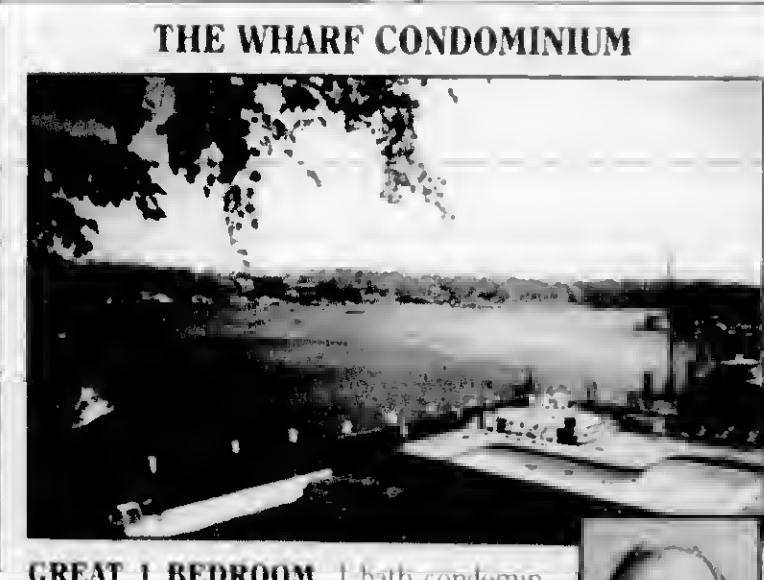


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Price check on M-66 produce

Joe VanLoo a worker with the City of Charlevoix Street Department, works to remove a palette of watermelons that fell off a delivery truck and splattered in the roadway just before noon on Monday, Aug. 28 outside of Glen's Market.

Local Family Video robbed at gunpoint

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The early Sunday armed robbery of a female employee of Family Video in Charlevoix remains under investigation.



Scott Hankins

undisclosed amount of money, from the victim then locked her into the trunk of her car.

"I believe she estimated she was in the trunk for about 10 to 15 minutes," said deputy chief of Charlevoix City Police, Scott Hankins. "There were a few phone calls to 911 reporting some suspicious activity. Our officers and officers from the sheriff's department responded and heard her hanging on the trunk lid."

Hankins said the clerk did, "The wise thing by complying with all of the suspect's demands."

A K-9 tracking unit was brought in from the Indian River area to

search for the suspect, but had no success.

In Michigan, armed robbery carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

"Try to park in well lit areas and be aware of your surroundings and persons that are in those surroundings," Hankins said. "Unfortunately, these types of events occur in northern Michigan, although not as often as they occur in other places."

He added, "Businesses should always consider having video surveillance, both inside and out (and) they should consider lighting for parking areas."

Hankins said he has worked on seven or eight armed robbery cases in his 16 years working with the Charlevoix Police Department.

At this point, Hankins said, there doesn't seem to be any connection between the robbery and two Aug. 21 home invasions and vandalism to automobiles in the area.

"The investigation is continuing," he said.

Anyone with information pertaining to the crime is asked to contact the city police at (231) 547-3258.

The victim's name has not been released by police.

Family Video store manager declined to comment, and the district manager did not return phone calls by press time.

Arrest made in motorcycle accident that led to leg amputation

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix resident Jeffrey "Shag" Russell is living proof that life can take a drastic turn in the blink of an eye.

On Aug. 12, an evening motorcycle ride turned to disaster for Russell who at around 8

p.m. was struck at the intersection of Stover Road and Ferry Avenue by 61-year-old Sharon Lee Snyder, also of Charlevoix, driving a Ford Taurus.

Snyder told police she was moving her car visor before making the turn and never saw Russell.

Russell, 41, was transported

to Charlevoix Area Hospital and then transferred to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City for further treatment. The accident resulted in amputation of his left leg, just below the knee.

Snyder was arrested Aug. 16 and arraigned at 10:30 a.m. yesterday, Aug. 29 in Charlevoix County District Court. She now

faces a felony charge of felonious driving for operating her vehicle "carelessly and heedlessly in willful and wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others...resulting in serious impairment of a body function of Jeffrey Russell, but did not cause death." If convicted of this felony, Snyder faces a possible

two-year prison sentence and/or a \$2,000 fine.

She is also charged with transporting an open intoxicant at the time of the incident. She had an open Natural Light beer in her car. This is a misdemeanor charge punishable by 90 days in jail and/or a \$100 fine and commencing.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Emily Louise Schneider, 22, Charlevoix. License suspended/re-voked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling \$260.

Marten James Brudenell, 23, Troy. Disorderly person/drum. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

James Dean Pop, 25, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Serve five days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Dustin Nathaniel Mervyn, 22, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Serve five days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Eric Scott Seese, 29, Ellsworth. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

Steven Charles Closs, 37, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle passenger. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

Terri Lynn Rose, 36, Boyne Falls. Disturbing the peace. Serve 10 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Amber Marie Lundy, 22, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail; 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Philip Thomas Hinkley, 17, Petoskey. Minor in possession-alcohol, first offense. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$300 in fines and costs.

Jody Charles Clapper, 36, Boyne City. False pretenses. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 169 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; must provide verification a prior marriage was resolved; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Andrew Charles Keller, 45, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve seven days in jail, 69 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$930 in fines and costs.

David Wayne Wilks, 29, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended-first offense. Serve 32 days in jail, serve 15 days in jail, to serve 15 days; \$800 in fines and costs.

costs.

Terry Michael Sierocki, 58, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve four months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$785 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Stanley William Anthony, 40, East Jordan. Police officer-fleeing-third degree, vehicle code; operating while license suspended/re-voked/denied/allowing a suspended person to operate. Sentenced to 10 months in jail with credit for 25 days, to serve 10 months in jail; \$160 in fines and costs.

Clinton Winfred Cowles, 27, East Jordan. Breaking and entering a building with intent-probation violation. Serve 332 days in jail with credit for 272 days, to serve 332 days in jail.

YongSheng Dong, 38, Charlevoix. Attempted criminal enterprises conducting; and two counts of conspiracy to taxes-failure to file/false return. Sentenced to 42 days in jail with credit for 42 days.

Yuzhen Chen, 35, Charlevoix. Attempted criminal enterprises conducting; and two counts of conspiracy to taxes-failure to file/false return. Sentenced to 42 days in jail with credit for 42 days.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently

filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Association Catholic Booksellers, 3265 Monument Lane, Boyne City, by Anne Simons, Margaret DeVito and Julie Cragon

Chateau Ski Shop, 2588 Center St., Boyne Falls, by Leonard J. Ptak

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by

the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Robert Bernard Sommerfeld, 27, Charlevoix and Tammy Joy Dzikowicz, 27, Mayville

Andrew Everett Rowe, 25, and Jennifer Lynn Scharenbroch, 23, Charlevoix

Kenneth Richard Engelsmann, 29, and Allison Ann Flynn, 29, both of St. Louis, Mo.

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Healthy harvest

Elaina Hawthorne, 4, and her sister Nicole, 7, of St. Paul, Minn. peruse veggies at the Kiteley Farms stand during the Aug. 24 Farmers' Market in downtown Charlevoix. The Farmers' Market continues this week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31 in East Park. Participating growers include: Berg's Farm, Cherry View Orchards, Friske Orchards, Harwood Heritage Gold, Kiteley Farms, Siegrist Farms and Providence CSA-Wagbo Peace Center. Look for a special harvest section in next week's Courier.

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Travis Lee Martin, 24, and Bridget Anne Weam, 21, both of Beaver Island

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Laura Jean Fortune vs. Patrick A. Fortune

Bonnie Johnson vs. David Johnson

Melinda J. Gilbert vs. Elbert A. Gilbert

Christopher Earl Peterson vs. Tonya Jean Bartig

Connie L. Weston vs. Bradley J. Weston

William Rock vs. Susan Rock

BIRTHS

Kenley Elizabeth, was born to Major Douglas Emory and Kerry Sloan on July 24 at Martin Army Community Hospital in Fort Benning, Ga. Kenley weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces. Her siblings are Aidan, Dylan and Kellan. Her

grandparents are Wendy and Emory Sloan of Charlevoix, and Linda and Dave Turner of Columbus, Ga. Her great-grandparents are the late Thelma and Douglas Knudson, and Kate and Echol Sloan.

Isaac Matthew Sutton weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Aug. 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Clifford Sutton and Jonie LaVanway of South Boardman. His grandparents are Phillip and Caroline LaVanway of Ellsworth and Frank and Alice Campbell of East Jordan.

Sarah Joyce weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born on Aug. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Melissa Wyglendowski of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Ike and Joyce Boss of Charlevoix, Dak and Claire DeCecco of Erie, Pa. and Frank and Valerie Wyglendowski of Stevensville. Her great-grandparents are Eleanor Holcomb of Harrodsburg, Ky. and Ann Arsenault of Lake Placid, N.Y.

Sienna Lynn Cutler weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Aug. 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeremiah and Jamie Cutler of

Charlevoix. Her sister is Adriana, 7, and her brother is Dakota, 3. Her grandparents are James and Nancy Cook of Boyne City, Susan Loper of East Jordan and the late Mo Cutler of East Jordan. Her great-grandparents are Ray and Gloria Anderson of Boyne City, Frank and Colette Cook of Butte, Mont. and Betty Sobleski of Boyne City.

Felicity Katherine Sape weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces was born on Aug. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mark and Heather Sape. Her siblings are Julia and Alison. Her grandparents are Louis Sape of Sterling Heights and Dale and Darlene Buckner of Charlevoix.

Owen Zachary Waha weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces was born on Aug. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Doug and Angie Waha of Charlevoix. His siblings are Jaimen, Christopher and Alexander. His grandparents are Bruce and Joan Waha of Boyne City and Gale Anderson of Lexington, Neb. His great-grandparents are Nyle and Alberta Anderson of Lexington, Neb. and Virginia Grabau of Rockford.

Woman charged for role in crash

ARREST

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Sharon
Snyder

community service.

According to the police report authored by Charlevoix city patrolman Jim Schlappi, Snyder was given a breath test at the scene and blew a .056 percent, which is below the .08 percent legal

cut-off.

Snyder will now face a preliminary examination at 2:45 p.m. on Sept. 12 in Charlevoix County District Court.

According to Michelle Howard, office manager at Charlevoix Glass, Russell is a glazer at that business.

"It's going to be a long recovery," she said.

While the injury will make returning to work a challenge, Howard said Charlevoix Glass will welcome Russell back with open arms.

"We'll do whatever we can. He's like family to us. It's important to everybody," she said.

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County needs to justify adding administrator

EDITORIAL

Now that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners are looking for someone to fill the newly created county administrator slot, we hope they can justify adding another layer of tax funded bureaucracy to an already convoluted situation.

All summer, the commissioners told us, "Most counties have some sort of administrator," and, "Most counties with an administrator are doing well."

Some implied a county administrator may have prevented some high-dollar human resource bungle.

We say, put the speculation and anecdotal evidence aside. Show us how employing a county administrator will save the county more money than it will cost — and no confusing reports. We want to see those full-color pie charts and bar graphs.

At a recent board meeting, a citizen was told the people would not vote on this issue. A short time later, the most adamant supporter of the county administrator position Randolph Frykberg was ousted at the primary election. Four candidates who have voiced opinions ranging from hesitation to opposition on the matter were chosen.

Perhaps the people don't want an executive toady. Perhaps they want better reasons for spending their

money than, "Everybody else is doing it" and "Because we say so."

Show us how taking the Freedom of Information Act request coordination and fiscal officer duties away from the clerk will save us money. Show us why hiring a human resource manager for \$30,000 a year won't work. But don't, in your urgency to get your own way, remove duties from competent individuals to justify your decision.

The county administrator's job description, which would make even the most caffeinated overachiever cringe, was once speculated to pay \$55,000 to \$60,000 to start.

We're not sure how many unemployed corporate supermen there are out there, but we don't see the county finding anyone qualified to do a job of this magnitude and scope for much less than \$100,000 after benefits and office supplies.

We're not saying Charlevoix doesn't need an administrator, but when the sheriff has to offer his 2 percent increase so someone can get a raise, when the roads are crumbling, and when the jail is in need of \$200,000 in repairs, our representatives need to be careful with every cent of their \$11.6 million budget.

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Ahhhhh..the smell of fall



EAR TO THE
GROUND

Roger Knutson

One morning last week there was the definite scent of fall in the air.

It was not just cold air. Fall does not smell like spring or summer. While we people have collectively added a large number of more or less

chemical odors to our atmosphere, here in the mostly clear air of the north, the scents of the natural world are likely to prevail. The organisms that give character to our near environment also provide a lot of aromatic materials if we bother to sniff them out. Our woods acquire dozens of new odors from the organisms that are most active now or that were

not present in spring or summer.

By this time of year there is hardly a plant with green leaves that does not have some sort of fungus nourishing itself from the already dying leaves. The summer squash and tomatoes in my vegetable garden which have been beautifully green all summer are finally developing the gray or brown patches that tell me powdery mildews and other fungal hights have arrived. At this point it is hard to consider these new residents of the garden as a problem. We have all the summer squash we will want until next July.

Plants in the wild have many more of those fungal and insect residents than do my garden plants. I like to consider them a perfectly normal part of the seasonal cycle of life. Both my garden and the woods or dunes around us no longer have that smell of greenness. If you sniff carefully you can detect a hint of something musky and dark. That is not death you smell — it's the

odor of abundant life. More kinds of things are actively living in our biological world than lived in it at the beginning of summer. Abundance and variety is the hallmark of a healthy environment. Welcome the delicate odors associated with that abundance.

I end with a seasonal reminder. If your maple tree has dozens of dime-sized black spots on its leaves and the leaves are falling early, don't be alarmed. Your tree is a Norway maple and those spots are caused by a fungus that does no permanent harm to the tree except for its appearance this time of year. It is a further sign of the abundant life of autumn. The leaves no longer smell like they did last spring, they now smell like Norway maple leaves and fungus.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

LETTERS to the editor

SENIOR CENTER AND ST. MARY COMMENTS

Editor:

I read with interest, Margo Johnson's letter to the editor entitled "Senior center response" (page 5 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Charlevoix Courier). Having been the treasurer of the Charlevoix Senior Center and a retired accounting manager, I know what accountability means. Ms. Johnson says that Mr. Tunison's Aug. 2 letter (entitled "Center seeks COA support") was disingenuous. Actually, her letter was most disingenuous. It's not about accountability, it's about control. The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging wants to control the Charlevoix Senior Center and wants to use your tax dollars to do it. Call your county

commissioner and tell them to put your tax dollars to work at the Charlevoix Senior Center. Your money will be spent wisely.

On another subject, before moving recently, I had the privilege of being a member of St. Mary Parish in Charlevoix. When Fr. Jerry Hunko arrived, it was like a fresh spring breeze blowing into the church. His sermons, on Sunday morning, gave me inspiration for the entire week. The friendly smile and the warm, "Good morning," made me feel good about getting up at 6:45 a.m. to get to Mass. The crowds who flock to the exit, where Fr. Jerry stands after Mass, to get a hug, a handshake, or a word of encouragement, attest to the fact that this was a welcome change. Having worked for many people, I would say to you dis-

gruntled few, that everyone has a different management style. We went from a hands off style to a hands on involved style. You have a treasure in Fr. Jerry.

Buzz Jelinek
Harbor Springs

ST. MARY ARTICLE UNBALANCED

Editor:

I felt the article on St. Mary's (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil") was not balanced in any way. It was clearly written to support the paper's premise that the year at St. Mary's has been tumultuous. It was very one-sided and written more as an editorial than a news story. Most of the sources were from the dis-

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Wednesday, August 30, 2006

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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gruntled minority.

Fr. Hunko has addressed the congregation at several masses indicating that he has spoken to the bishop and will fulfill his next five years of duty at St. Mary's. He prayed for unity within our parish and the country. In other words, he has been forthcoming in acknowledging discontent and is working toward an exciting future. Change can be disturbing to people. I only hope they give this good man the chance and support he deserves.

Teri LeBeau
Charlevoix

GREAT WORK JOHN

Editor:

I want to bring attention to the work Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema did on the embezzlement case involving Karla Lockman and Northern Preferred Title Company. This was a very complex case involving the theft of over \$859,000. The case was tried in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court from Aug. 15 through Aug. 22. The defense raised by counsel was "legal insanity" at the time the crimes were committed. Our county prosecutor shined in this trial and was able to obtain a guilty verdict in this case.

John Jarema went up against several forensic psychologists and psychiatrists that were brought in by the defense from all across the country who were giving their expert opinions on the defendant's mental state at the time of the crimes. Our prosecutor spent many

days and long nights preparing for the trial and was very impressive during his cross examination of these expert witnesses, and was able to fend off the defense's claim that the defendant was "legally insane" or "mentally ill" at the time she committed the crimes. The experts hired by the defense are considered the best in their fields, but with the preparation Jarema did, he was able to show the jury that the insanity issue was not believable. In fact, Jarema told me that he had to spend more time on this case preparing for trial than the last murder case that he tried.

I have been a police officer for 26 years and have never seen such a thorough, professional and tenacious prosecutor. I have never written a letter about any other prosecutor, but felt the effort by John Jarema needed to be recognized. This embezzlement case adversely affected the lives of dozens of people and their families. We are very fortunate to have a person such as Mr. Jarema as our prosecutor.

Jeff Gittel
Assistant chief
Boyer City Police Department

TRAIN VOLUNTEERS

Editor:

I would like to share my experience with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. I went to the chamber to secure information on wedding planning in the community. Because I have a friend who may be considering

Charlevoix to host her daughter's wedding, I wanted to gather materials from various facilities, hotels and restaurants, as well as identify services offered by the chamber. I informed the chamber representative that I had information packets from the Weathervane as well as Castle Farms. She indicated the chamber didn't have anything to help with wedding planning. She suggested I consider the Knights of Columbus. That's it.

This is the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. Sad. This chamber representative took no interest in helping me. I shared with her my disappointment in the lack of information. Upon doing so, I came across various pieces of information that I had requested, right in front of the counter. When I brought this to her attention and indicated she should become familiar with her materials, she said she was "Only a volunteer." I would suggest such volunteers do not work in the city chamber. This person is losing potential business for the city. Here I was, talking about possibly bringing in 150 people for a wedding, and she didn't have any interest in providing information of any kind.

I would suggest the chamber interview volunteers that are outgoing, anxious to share information about Charlevoix and ensure that each person is trained in marketing prior to putting them with the public. If the current volunteers are anything like the one individual I encountered, I would sug-

gest new ones get recruited that are energetic and know what the city can offer.

My last comment is do the math, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce — with 150 out-of-towners staying in Charlevoix, a lot of restaurants and businesses could be pretty happy about their presence. What accountability do the chamber people have to the restaurants and businesses? Maybe something should be put in place.

Barb Mansfield
Northville and Charlevoix

CHAMBER PRESIDENT RESPONSE

Editor:

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce apologizes to Barb Mansfield for her experience while requesting information. We appreciate her comments regarding suggestions for improvement. At the chamber office and at events sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the staff and volunteers take pride in providing outstanding service to our members, the public and our com-

munity. Despite our best efforts, sometimes there is a miscommunication or we make a mistake, for which we are sorry.

Jacqueline Merta
President
Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

WHERE ARE THE BASKETS?

Editor:

Our hanging baskets in town were so beautiful this year, as always. One question though — one day they were beautifully in bloom and a couple of days later they were brown and crispy, what happened?

Nancy Fowler, Nomic Mol and Judy Willey
Charlevoix

Editor's note: According to City of Charlevoix street superintendent, Pat Elliott, the flowers in the baskets were starting to decline then the pump used to water them went bad. Three days later, the pump was operational again but it was too late. Elliott directed his staff to remove the baskets for the season.

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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Daniel A. Jadwin, a student from Charlevoix attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. The Western Michigan University dean's list honors all full-time undergraduates who earn a 3.5 or better grade point average.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Tiffany Lynn Weber, a student from Charlevoix in the Communication Arts and Sciences college at Michigan State University was named to the dean's list for the summer semester. The Michigan State University dean's list honors all full-time undergraduates who earn a 3.5 or better grade point average.

BAKER COLLEGE GRADUATE

Jesse Silva of Charlevoix received a paramedic certificate from Baker College in the spring quarter.

COLORADO COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Michelle Fritsch, daughter of John and Nora Fritsch of Charlevoix, was named to the Colorado College dean's list for the winter and spring 2006 semesters. Fritsch maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during that time. Colorado College is located in Colorado Springs, Colo.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Courtney Moore of Beaver Island and Nathaniel Holmes of Charlevoix were among 3,500 students that graduated in May from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Moore earned a bachelor of science degree and Holmes earned a bachelor of science in business administration degree.

CALVIN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Amanda Leese, the daughter of Alan and Meri Leese of Charlevoix received the Calvin Honors Scholarship and the Carol Smith Memorial Scholarship through Calvin College in Grand Rapids for the 2006-2007 school year.

SEE-North offers new September fungi course

Fall fungi are the subject of an upcoming annual community education course offered by SEE-North, northern Michigan's regional center for science and environmental education.

Marilynn Smith, expert mycologist and talented teacher, will conduct three field trips and three evening classes for those interested in learning how to identify mushrooms.

"This is a good opportunity for people to learn about fungi that grow in northern Michigan's habitats," Smith said. "Although morels make

the headlines in spring, it's in fall that we find most species of edible fungi. We want people to collect edibles safely, and this class will help in that regard."

Classes are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13 and 20. Field trips will take place at 1 p.m. on Sundays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24 at locations that will be announced in class.

The cost for the course is \$20 per person for SEE-North members, and \$30 per person for non-members. Proceeds from the class will support SEE-North's work in northern

Historical Society plans Sept. 5 ice cream social

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual free ice cream social to honor this year's volunteers at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Depot Museum.

Music will be provided by Bill Stevens and the Tagalongs. The public is invited to attend and new members are welcome.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS Monday, August 21, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI
The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

A Public Hearing was held on an Ordinance to Amend Section 5.7(7) and Section 5.200 of Chapter 51 of Title V of the Charlevoix City Code.

A Public Hearing was held on an Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.188(2), 5.188(3), and 5.188(6) of Chapter 51 of Title V of the Charlevoix City Code.

Motion passed authorizing suspending the Council's Rules and Procedures to change the order of business.

Resolution 2006-08-03 adopted, setting a hearing on the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Lexall International Corporation on Monday, September 18, 2006.

Motion passed for an interpretation by the Zoning Board of Appeals on setback definitions, if it is applicable by law for Council to refer such a matter to the ZBA.

Motion passed tabling the development plan review for Charlevoix Pointe, 115 Pine River Lane to the Tuesday, September 5, 2006 meeting.

Motion passed authorizing the City Manager to execute the amendment to the agreement for professional engineering services at the airport in the amount of \$4,900 (Phase II environmental assessment).

Motion passed authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts for phases of the cemetery chapel project so long as no phase exceeds \$50,000, pending the approval of the contracts by the City Attorney.

Motion passed authorizing destruction of the personal property statements for 1996-2002, retaining years 2003-2006.

Motion passed approving corrections to Dec. 13, 2005 and July 7, 2006 minutes.

Motion failed to adopt an Ordinance to Amend Section 5.7(7) and Section 5.200 of Chapter 51 of Title V of the Charlevoix City Code.

Ordinance 713 of 2006 adopted, an Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.188(2), 5.188(3), and 5.188(6) of Chapter 51 of Title V of the Charlevoix City Code.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for a tribal grant request for Colorado Challenge.

Council adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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File photo

Charlevoix residents and visitors will bid an official adieu to summer at the "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk" on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Little But Mighty Labor Day Bridge Walk returns

Charlevoix's signature "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk" will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 4.

The walk will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Town House, located at 231 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. From there, participants will hike to the bridge which they'll cross at 1 p.m.

T-shirts commemorating the 18th anniversary of the event are

available in Charlevoix at BASES, located at 208 West Lincoln St. or at the Town House. They are \$13 for small, medium, large and extra-large and \$16 for larger sizes.

Donations and T-shirt sales will benefit BASES, the local substance abuse education organization.

For more information, call Patty at (231) 547-5190.

Registration open for hospital's Freedom From Smoking clinic

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association will host a Freedom From Smoking clinic.

This eight-session, seven-week program will provide support, guidance and advice to help smokers quit.

The free clinic starts Sept. 11 and ends Oct. 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For more information or to register, call (231) 547-8672 or send an e-mail to potterm@cah.org.

Send your events to the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com

Garden Club plant sale opens Sept. 2 at Ferry Beach

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will host its 6th Annual Labor Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

Shoppers will find a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, houseplants, bird feeders, blue bird houses and miscellaneous

garden items.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc., maintains the gardens at the

"Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" entrance signs at M-66 and north and south U.S. 31. The club meets from 7 to 9

p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month to share gardening tips, attend informative lectures and tour area nurseries and gardens.

For more information, contact club vice-president and plant sale chair, Robin Pearson at (231) 599-3390.

Reformed Church to host blood drive on Sept. 14

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or just drop in.

Donors are asked to bring an American Red Cross Donor card or government photo identification.

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OBITUARIES

Donald Simonsen: May 4, 1927 - Aug. 21, 2006

Donald Simonsen, 79, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Aug. 21 in Newberry.

The funeral service was held on Friday, Aug. 25, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Burial followed at the Undine Cemetery in Hayes Township. The Rev. Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix officiated.

Don was born May 4, 1927, in Detroit, the son of Otto W. and Hedevig Simonsen.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

On Jan. 22, 1947, Don married D. Elaine Adair in Angola, Ind.

Betty Klooster: March 16, 1957 - Aug. 22, 2006

Betty J. Klooster, 49, of Norwood, died Tuesday, Aug. 22 at her home.

She was born to Robert W. and Dorothy M. (Wichlacz) Trost on March 16, 1957 in Two Rivers, Wis.

On Nov. 26, 1977, she married James A. Klooster in Charlevoix, and he survives.

Betty worked for many years as an assembler at Harbor Industries. She enjoyed spending time with her family, her dogs Duke and Hank (German short hair pointers), gardening, being outdoors and telling everyone to behave. She always had a smile, hugs and kind words.

Surviving are her children Eric



Donald Simonsen

Don moved to Charlevoix, where he owned and operated the Charlevoix Motel for the next 19 years and worked at Bellinger Marina as a woodworker.

Klooster and fiancée Monica Fiel of Charlevoix and Mark Klooster; her granddaughter, Caideanne May Klooster of Charlevoix; her parents, Robert and Dorothy Trost of Charlevoix; brother and sisters, Donald (Tracy) Trost of Northport, Fla., Lynne (Martin) VandenAkker of Williamsburg, and Lori (Patrick) Mitchell of Charlevoix; sisters-in-law, Nancy (Robert) Atkinson of The Villages, Fla., Mary Anne (Ronald) Vandenberg of Swartz Creek, Carol (Rick) Young of Austin, Minn., Betty (Donald) Tyler of Mt. Pleasant, and Kathleen (Laurence) Hallock of Palm Springs, Calif.; her Godparents Angeline Lodi and James

He attended the Henry Ford Trade School and went on to work for the Ford Motor Company as a pattern maker.

In 1967, Don loved spending time with his family, being outdoors, fishing and raising black Angus cattle.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine; sons, James L. of Charlevoix and Daniel G. of Petoskey; daughter, Nancy (Duane) Chambers of Greenville; grandchildren, Alanna (Anthony) Schnell, Crystal Simonsen, Jeremy Simonsen and Lara Simonsen; and great-granddaughter, Ashlin Schnell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Wichlacz; nieces and nephews Caitlin, Clayton, Andrew and Jacob Mitchell, Chelsie, Amanda and Bethany Trost, Stephen McAskill, Wendy and Holly Vandenberg, Paul, Janelle, and Amanda Young, Henry and Tegan Tyler, Kristin and Jason Hallock.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William P. Trost in 1988.

A funeral service took place on Friday, Aug. 25 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and burial was in Barnard Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:10 a.m.
Evening Service (except 1st & 3rd Sun. of the Month)	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Moorster Road	
Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161
BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8033 Church Road, Ellsworth	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH 11906 US-31 North	
Divine Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 05855 M-66	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street	
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton	
Sunday Holy Communion	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322
Rev. John S. David	
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY 205 Clinton Street	
Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room	2-10 p.m. Wednesdays
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 6429 N. M-66	
Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Preschool & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Yeomen	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)	
Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD 202 W. Hurhut	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix Hay, 31 & Merch • Charlevoix	
Sunday Services	8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Church Office	547-9482
ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH 9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth	
Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Aliman	588-7805
ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH M-66 (across from Post Office)	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	547-4121
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE US 31 North	
Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (At Park Ave.)	
Early Worship, Lake MI Beach	8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122
FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31	
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800
GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old U.S. 31 North	
Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	547-3899
GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Old U.S. 31 North	
Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:10 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262
IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Ironton	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321
NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Norwood	
Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161
PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 1404 Howard Street	
Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor Greg Timmins	231-238-0052
SALT HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH US-31 & Old US-31	
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
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OBITUARIES

Charles Moses: Aug. 19, 1920 - Aug. 26, 2006

Charles Lavern Moses, 86, of Charlevoix, entered into eternal life on Saturday, Aug. 26 at his home in Charlevoix.

He was born Aug. 19, 1920, in Royal Oak, the son of Leon and Nora (DeTemple) Moses. Charles served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, as a mechanic and equipment operator, where he met his wife to be, Elizabeth Payne, who was serving in the British military. They were married on Feb. 29, 1944, in Shrewsbury, England, and traveled to Scotland and England on their honeymoon. After the war, they returned to the U.S. and settled in Rochester where they made their home until 1967.

Charles was an electrician and worked for Detroit Edison as an

appliance repairman. Charles and Elizabeth retired to Charlevoix in 1967. During the summer, they took their family camping all over the Lower and Upper Peninsulas of Michigan. Charles enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. He was also a woodworker, and had a metal forge where he made his own tools and metalwork. In the fall, he enjoyed making cider with his sons on their small farm. A devout Catholic, Charles was a member of St. Mary Church in Charlevoix.

Elizabeth passed away on May 25, 1994.

He is survived by his children, Roger Charles (Laurie L.) Moses of Ellsworth, John M. (Cindy) Moses of San Diego, Calif., Rita E. (Gary L.) Brodin, Nora C. (John) Fritsch,

Anthony L. (Genia) Moses, all of Charlevoix; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Wayne Peebles; brothers, Richard and Robert Moses; and sister, Marion McKay.

A memorial mass was held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at St. Mary Church in Charlevoix. Cremation has taken place, and interment will take place in St. Mary Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, P.O. Box 301, Maryknoll, N.Y. 10545.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Phyllis Klimas: July 17, 1930 - Aug. 28, 2006

Phyllis Ann Klimas (Trimhle), 76, of Wyoming, passed away on Monday, Aug. 28 after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Phyllis was born July 17, 1930 in Charlevoix, daughter of Elizabeth (Kranz) and Harrison Trimble.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, William G. Klimas; children Pat Klimas-Reinhardt (Paul) of East Grand Rapids; Jackie Schmidt (Tom) of Wyoming; William Klimas (Denise) of Lawrence, Kan.; Jewel Damien of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; Robert H. Klimas of Belmont; and Kathleen Wells (Scott) of Charlevoix. She also leaves behind sister Audie Bartels of West Palm Beach Fla.; niece, Pat Russell of Arfington Va.; grandchildren, Cody Dalenburg (Joleigh), Molly Metzger, Bo Metzger, Kelli Jost and Ivy Wells; and great-grandchildren Emilee, Candon and Jarod

Dalenburg.

Phyllis enjoyed a long career as a pharmacist in Grand Rapids at Blodgett, Ferguson and Butterworth hospitals. She was an avid knitter of clothing, and also enjoyed boating and camping. She was a 40-year member of Burlingame Congregational UCC. The family thanks the staff of Lacks Cancer Center for their care, kindness and compassion.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Visitation for those wishing to greet the family will be at Lacks Cancer Center, 5th Floor Conservatory, 250 Cherry St. SE, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31. Memorial contributions may be made in Phyllis' name to the American Red Cross, Kent County Humane Society or Lacks Cancer Center.

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The Charlevoix Public Schools' bus garage staff was busy servicing its 15 buses on Monday, Aug. 28. The buses will be dispatched for regularly scheduled routes and times. The first day will be a full day of classes. School starts on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The elementary school begins at 8:40 a.m., the middle school will start at 7:39 a.m., and the high school will start at 7:40 a.m.

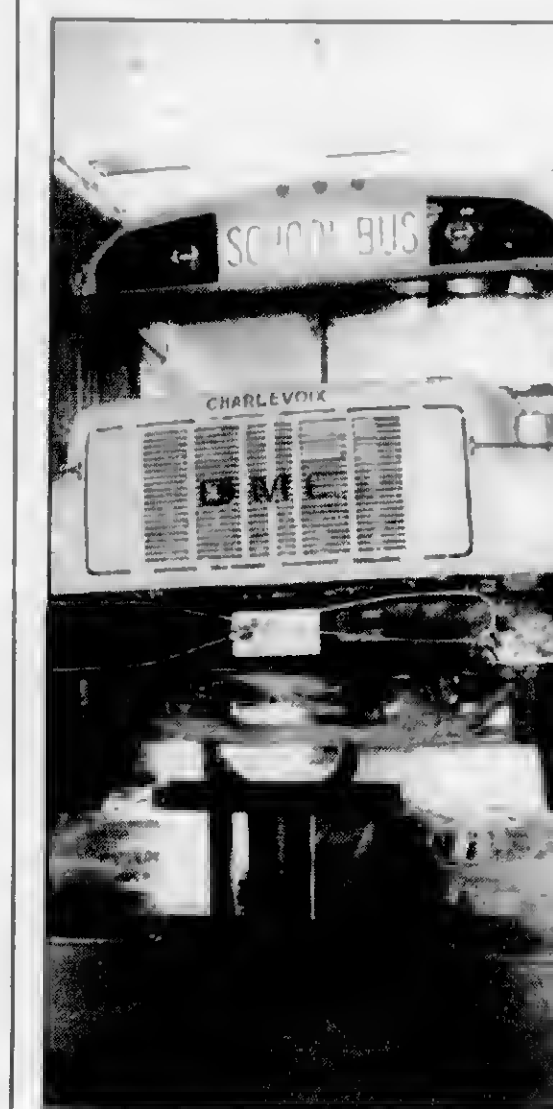


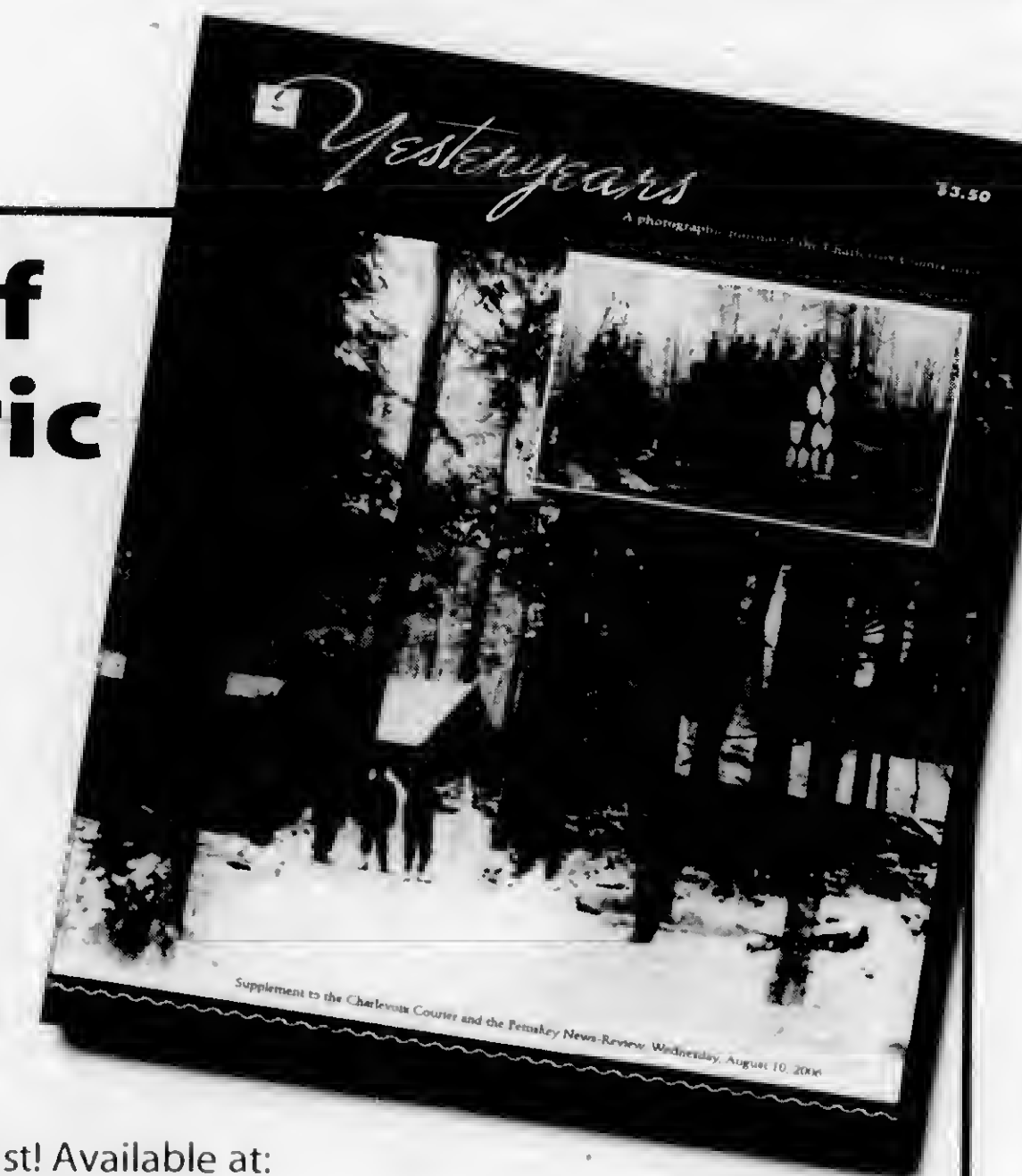
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City patrolman parts ways with police department

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR



Adam
Dzwik

After less than a year with the Charlevoix City Police Department, chief of police Gerard Doan said patrolman Adam Dzwik has left the force.

Doan would not comment on the conditions of the Aug. 18 break between 27-year-old Dzwik and the local department citing it as a personnel issue.

Dzwik, a Traverse City native, started Sept. 2 and filled the vacancy left in the July 2005 retirement of Dale Meredith. He was selected out of a pool of 105 applicants by a committee which included former city police chief Dennis Halverson, deputy police chief Scott Hankins and fire chief Paul Ivan.

Prior to accepting the local position, Dzwik worked for four years for the City of Cadillac Police Department and the Lansing Township Police Department.

The Charlevoix City Police Department is currently accepting applications to fill the vacancy. Doan said he hopes to have the position filled by the end of October.

He said they are looking for someone with the same qualifications used in hiring Sarah Cooper, the first full-time, female patrol officer for the City of Charlevoix, who started in late May. These include a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards certification or the ability to become certified.

While education and certification will get a candidate in the door, Doan said their interest in Charlevoix will seal the deal.

"(I'm looking for) Someone who enjoys community policing — getting involved with the community," he said.

In the meantime, Doan said he'll "pull some (patrol) shifts" himself and juggle the schedule to cover the city's 24-hour patrol and emergency service schedule.

"We'll manage to get through it until the position is filled," he said.

When staffing levels are at capacity, the local department includes five full-time patrolmen, a deputy chief and

Doan.

When patrolmen are hired on they are subject to a one-year probationary period at which

time they are evaluated and either hired or released.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 2. For more information about

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Beemon rejects county's settlement offer

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Former Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, Joanne Beemon, rejected an offer of \$9,600 from the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

In mid-June, a circuit court judge ordered the board of commissioners to compensate Beemon for her term of service, from Jan. 1, 2001 to Dec. 31, 2004, after deciding \$1 per year was inadequate.

"It was ridiculous. It doesn't cover a fraction of the work I was mandated to do," Beemon said. "It was so ridiculously low ball, and every single elected official got insurance — I never got anything."

She added, "I wasn't surprised, because (the commissioners) have never been fair and they've never taken the time

to research what their obligation is. It's just another example of how incompetent they are."

Though the board's legal counsel, Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, couldn't get into specifics, he did say. "The offer was consistent with the salary of the commissioners."

Chairman of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, and District Four County Commissioner, Vic Patrick, said the budget hasn't been finalized for next year and he isn't sure what future drain commissioners will be paid or

"It was ridiculous. It doesn't cover a fraction of the work I was mandated to do."

whether current drain commissioner, Marc Seelye, will be offered more money.

"I think she (Beemon) wants \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year, and it sure as hell ain't going to that," Patrick said.

A letter from Jarema to Beemon's attorney, Jeffrey R. Wingfield of Traverse City states, "On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners went

Joanne Beemon
FORMER CHARLEVOIX COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

into closed session to discuss (Beemon vs. Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners). The purpose of the discussion was to evaluate the documentation provided by Ms. Beemon and to review the transcript of the hearing on Friday, June 16, 2006."

The letter further stated, "The board discussed the office hours of Ms. Beemon and her job duties. The board felt that a salary

of \$2,400 per year for holding office hours one day a week is appropriate. This salary is the same as the board makes. For the four (4) years in which Ms. Beemon was the elected drain commissioner, the board is of

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Judge may have to decide Beemon's past pay

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fering \$9,600."

Beemon said the offer doesn't come close to compensating her.

"I was putting in between 20 and 40 hours a week — it's a full-time job," she said.

Beemon contended county commissioners are not the same as the elected officers outlined by state law, and therefore the salary requirements are different.

"Each (drain) commissioner shall receive an annual salary to be paid as other county officers are paid," states the Michigan Drain Code of 1956. "The salary may be increased but shall not be decreased during his or her term of office, and in addition, each commissioner shall be allowed his or her actual necessary expenses."

The code further states, "The amounts paid to the commissioner for salary and expenses shall be in full for all services rendered by the commissioner and all expense incurred in the performance of the duties of the office."

In a previous interview, Beemon speculated a fair salary for a drain commissioner might be close to \$30,000 a year.

During Beemon's term, she was required to hold office hours for eight hours per week.

"People don't understand how important a drain commissioner is in water quality and development," she said. "A drain commissioner has a hand in protecting creeks, streams and wetlands."

She added, "This is not about what Joanne Beemon is paid, it's about respecting an office that oversees flooding, pollution, drains."

Jarema said the two parties involved will meet again on Sept. 8 to discuss the matter further.

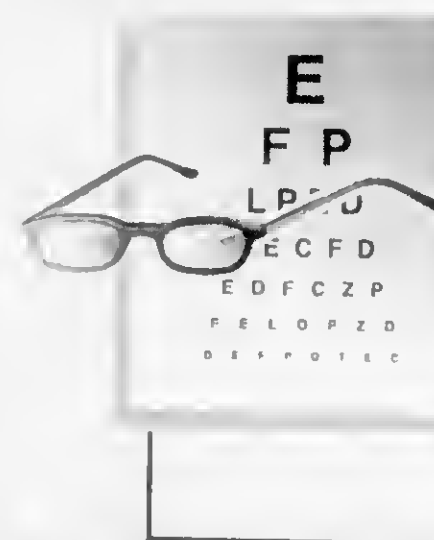
"We're going to go to mediation and see if we can come up with some sort of solution," he said. "If we can't, then we're going to proceed with trial."

Afternoon in Norwood to benefit school



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The Norwood Area Historical Society will host An Afternoon in Norwood on Sept. 3, a fundraiser to benefit the group's historic Norwood Schoolhouse, pictured above.



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BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

Ice cream and auction items are tied to the future of the historic Norwood Schoolhouse.

The Norwood Area Historical Society board has decided to combine its event fundraising into a one-day event, "An Afternoon in Norwood" which will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 3 at the schoolhouse to raise money for the building's renovation. The schoolhouse is located at 00748 Fourth St. in the Village of Norwood.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

September 1, 2006 is the last day to pay 2006 summer taxes without penalty. After Friday, September 1st, 1% interest will be added to the tax portion of the bill. An additional 1% will be added for each month the tax is delinquent. Taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March, 1, 2007 when they will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

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Norwood event to fund \$100,000 schoolhouse restoration

NORWOOD

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The Norwood School was built in 1890 and closed in 1957 at which time ownership of the building was passed to the Norwood Methodist Church for \$1. The school served first through eighth grade students.

The event to preserve this piece of living history will include an ice cream social, live music by Acoustic Stew and "Dwain Marinta," live and silent auctions, a self-guided historic home tour in the Village of Norwood and a quilt raffle featuring the hand-sewn art of Norwood Needles members.

The quilt is currently on display at The Clothing Company at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets in downtown Charlevoix where some of the 2,000 tickets being sold are available.

Auction items include donations from local artisans; restaurant gift certificates; a cruise for two aboard the St. Mary Challenger cement carrier; trips to Beaver Island; and a lower tour climb of the Mackinac Bridge.

According to society president, Jack Costolo, the decision to create this one-day mega event stemmed from the time-consuming school-

house renovation project which is currently underway.

The society purchased the schoolhouse from the Norwood Methodist Church in November 2004 for \$15,000 and moved its headquarters from the Norwood Township Hall to the schoolhouse.

"We're ambitious but we've got a big job. There was little maintenance done to the building over the past 50 years," Gnodtke said.

Since purchasing the building two years ago, the group has embarked on extensive renovations including re-roofing, chimney repairs and repairs to the exterior foundation. The group is currently working to add a \$4,000 barrier-free entrance ramp.

These improvements are the first in a five-year, \$100,000 renovation schedule which also includes new windows, an overhaul of the kitchen and bathroom areas as well as construction of a small office area for record storage and society administrative work.

Thus far, renovations and the building purchase have cost \$35,000.

Costolo said the group's funding sources include royalties from a book outlining Norwood history, entitled, "Norwood: A Legacy of North Woods Living," by Nancy

Ritsem, a former society president. Since it was published in February 2001, 900 copies of the book have been sold.

Another revenue source he pointed to is membership dues collected from the society's 84 members and Norwood gear the group sells from a small store inside the

school.

Its third source — event revenue from ice cream socials, potlucks and other gatherings is where the group is now making a change with the upcoming combined event.

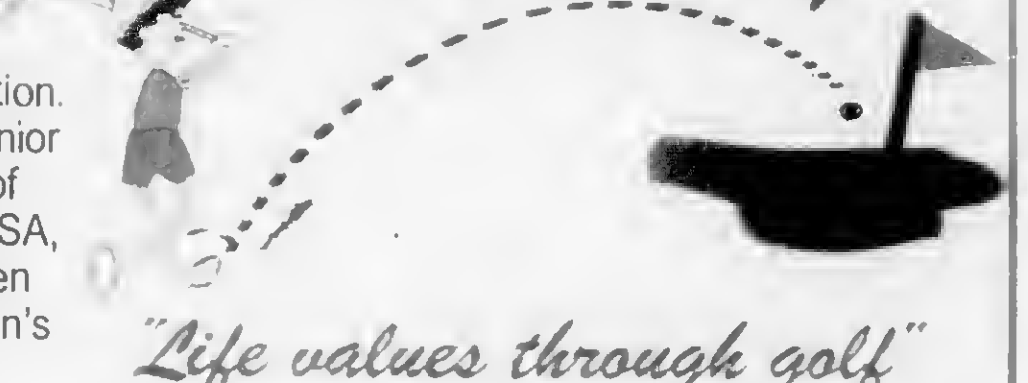
Some benefits of the renovation according to Costolo are hinging together Norwood artifacts under

one roof and creating a safe place for document storage.

The Norwood Area Historical Society was formed in 1995. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the schoolhouse. For more information, call Jack Costolo at (231) 599-3892.

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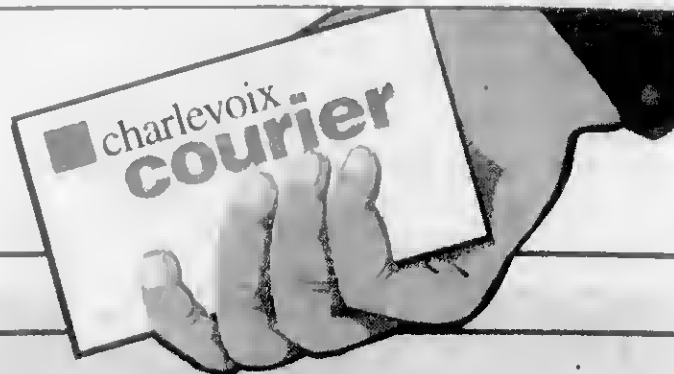
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Charlevoix Area Hospital debuts new scan technology

New diagnostic technology that promises to produce faster, clearer, more precise patient images was recently unveiled at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Called the G.E. LightSpeed VCT Select, the system uses computers and low-dose tomography to scan and capture multiple views of a patient's organs, cardiovascular system, skeleton or entire body. The resulting realistic, high-resolution, three-dimensional images enable physicians to quickly and accurately diagnose a problem and begin appropriate treatment.

Commenting on the new equipment, Charlevoix Area Hospital chief executive officer Bill Jackson said, "This LightSpeed ushers in the next generation of CT imaging, giving our physicians the information they need to identify life-threatening illnesses such as stroke or heart attack. We feel very privileged to offer such advanced medical technology."

Charlevoix Area Hospital is the first in this region of Michigan to install the new kind of system. Proceeds from the hospital foundation's fundraising events and generous gifts from local donors helped make the acquisition possible.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Christine Unbehaun, president of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, gave hospital president, Bill Jackson, a \$5,600 donation for a virtual skylight which patients will be able to look at while lying in the new computerized tomography scanner at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Jackson said almost \$500,000 of the project's nearly \$1.7 million cost

came from charitable donations. The VCT Select uses a rotation speed of 0.4 seconds to create cross-sectional anatomical images as thin as a credit card. These im-

ages combine to form a 3-D view of the organ under study. According to hospital radiologist Carl Harlan, doctor of osteopathic medicine, the new scanner's speed and precision spell benefits for patients and physicians alike.

"The scanner captures images quickly, so patients don't have to hold their breath long," he explained. "And that's especially

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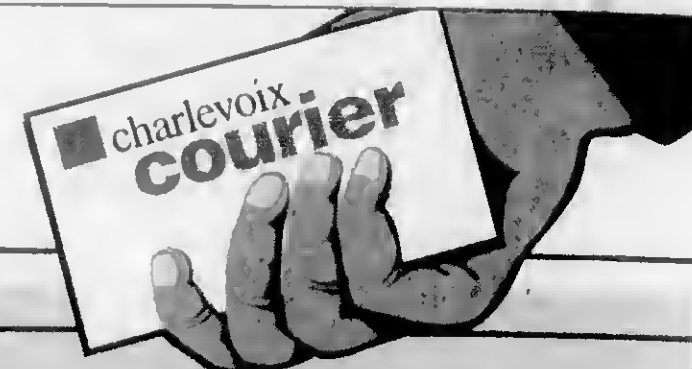
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Lead CT technician, Jennifer Cunningham, of Charlevoix Area Hospital demonstrates how a scan of a calcified artery can now be done in minutes with the hospital's new scanner.

New scan capabilities at Charlevoix hospital

SCAN

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helpful for geriatric patients, those who are ventilators, or very young children. Fast scans also mean less patient stress and anxiety. And at the same time, this scanner delivers outstanding, highly detailed images that greatly aid physicians.

The LightSpeed VCT Select has many diagnostic applications in

cardiology, neurology and trauma. Typical uses include non-invasive angiography, pulmonary studies, oncology care, cardiac and coronary vessel analysis, stroke work-up, kidney and liver exams, abdominal organ injury and spinal injury.

"The new scanner's enhanced capabilities open the door to so many new procedures," Dr. Harlan said. "This is an amazing medical tool and an important addition to our hospital and our community."

Businesses, schools join forces in 3rd Annual Day of Caring

For several months, the Char-Em United Way, has been working hand in hand with several businesses and local organizations, as well as Charlevoix High School, to plan the 3rd Annual Community Day of Caring.

This Sept. 14 event, aimed at promoting community involvement, will involve several projects. Volunteers will be sent to Camp Daggett, Raven Hill, The Women's Resource Center, Challenge Mountain, and many more locations assisting those groups in a variety of ways. Students from Charlevoix High School will clean roadsides and heaches and help out in other ways.

A new twist this year will be a celebration wrap-up of the Day of Caring and Kick-off to the Char-Em United Way campaign. This new addition will begin at 5 p.m. on Sept. 14 in Charlevoix's East Park. Festivities will include live entertainment by Mojo and the Boogieman, refreshments and an opportunity to meet the United

Way Board, and campaign committee members.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE is to be held before the Charlevoix City Council at 210 State Street, (Council Chambers, City Hall), Charlevoix, Michigan, on Monday, September 18, 1005, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The hearing is on a request from Lexalite International Corporation to approve an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in accordance with P.A. 198 of 1974 on property located at 12555 Taylor Road in the City of Charlevoix.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing before the City Council on September 18, 2006. All persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders take St. Ignace in season opener

The Charlevoix Rayders answered some questions in their high school football season opener on Friday, Aug. 25.

For the second straight season, the Rayders opened the season with a victory over St. Ignace, this one 40-13 at Kipke Field.

The Rayders, who broke a 10-year losing streak to the Saints in winning last year's opener, made seven interceptions on Friday and cashed in on a pair of big plays en route to the convincing win.

"The kids played really hard, our defense hit pretty hard, and we got things going in the right direction," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said. "We enjoyed the victory, but we know we have a lot of work to do and with our schedule coming up, there's really no time to celebrate."

The Rayders play at Benzie Central in another non-leaguer on Friday, Sept. 1, then face Traverse

"The kids played really hard, our defense hit pretty hard, and we got things going in the right direction."

Don Jess
VARSITY RAYDER FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

City St. Francis, East Jordan and Boyne City in the ensuing weeks.

Charlevoix senior Chris Waha was stellar in his quarterback debut, completing 14-of-20 passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored a touchdown, kicked an extra point, threw for a two-point conversion, and made two interceptions on defense.

"He played really well, as did a lot of people," Jess said.

Dan Swenor scored two TDs for the Rayders, one on a 41-yard pass play, the other on an 80-yard run. Brad Cyr scored on a 5-yard run, Kyle Jones scored on a 2-yard run,

and Cliff Jones caught a two-point conversion pass.

Matt Kanine led Charlevoix's runners with 60 yards on five carries. Swenor finished with three catches for 66 yards, and Darron Munson had four receptions for 26 yards.

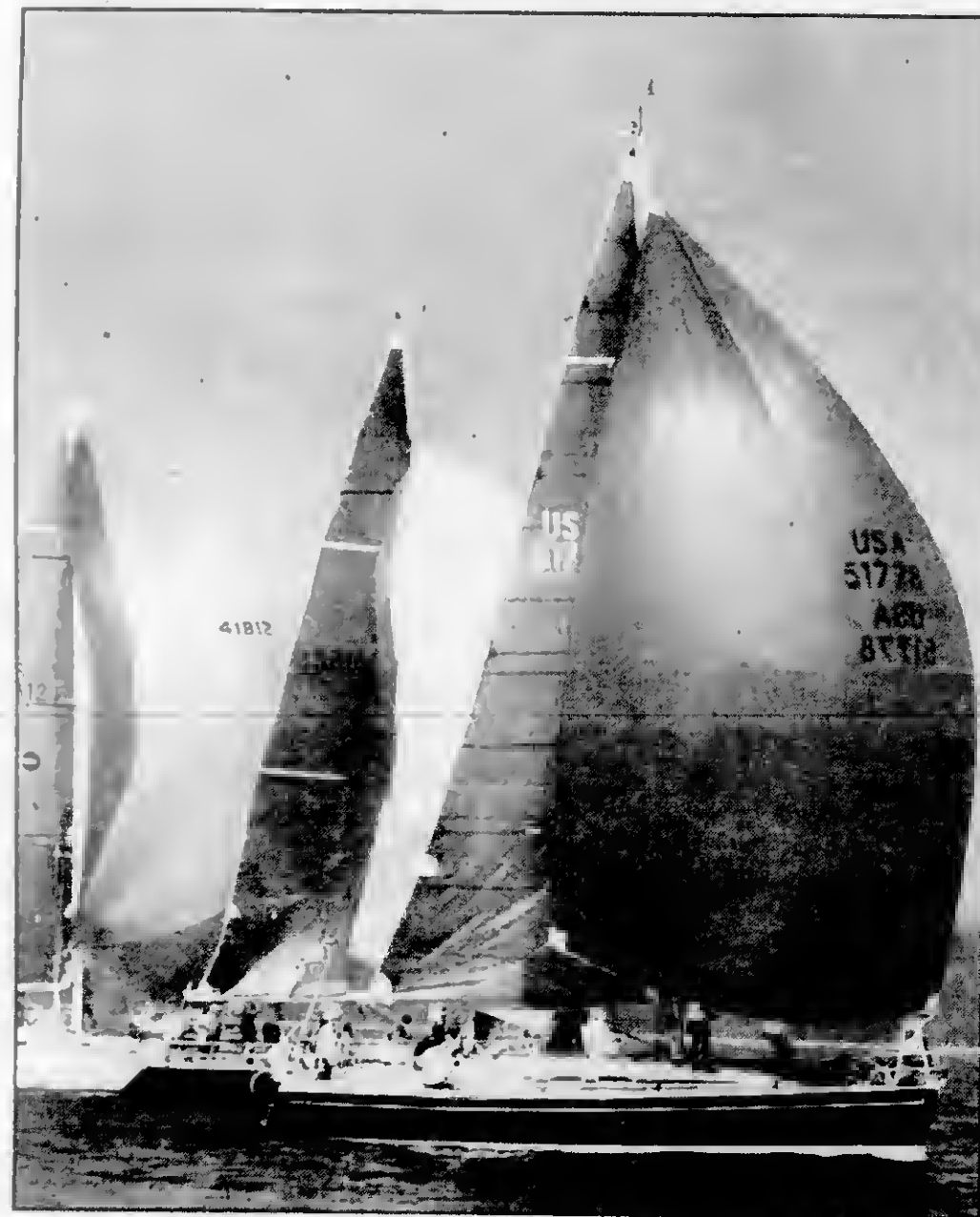
Kyle Jones led Charlevoix's defense with eight tackles, while Cliff Jones added seven. Munson had three interceptions and forced a fumble, and Drew Klooster and Swenor had one interception apiece.

"Defensively, we put a lot of pressure on their quarterback and that's what led to a lot of our offense," Jess said.



Photo by Scott Richards
Chris Waha, Charlevoix's quarterback, scores a touchdown on a 3-yard run in the first half of the Charlevoix, St. Ignace season opener Aug. 25 at Kipke Field. Charlevoix won 40-13.

Red Fox Regatta boats sail this weekend



Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix Yacht Club will host the Red Fox Regatta this weekend. Pictured above are boats sailing neck-in-neck during the 2005 event.

This Labor Day weekend the tradition continues.

For more than 30 years the Charlevoix Yacht Club has hosted the Red Fox Regatta on Lake Charlevoix. Once again this year the club is expected to be organizing the largest fleet of sailboats to cross the waters of Lake Charlevoix.

With an anticipated 90 boats to be registered, the scene on the lake will be spectacular. The festivities begin Friday, Sept. 1 with the Nucore triangle with boats racing on the north end of Lake Charlevoix.

Then, Saturday, Sept. 2, the fleet will sail to Boyne City with marks near Hemmingway Point, Horton Bay and Young State Park.

The traditional corn roast and barbecue party will be held on Saturday night at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. The boats will sail back to Charlevoix on Sunday.

An awards party will take place directly following the race at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. For more information visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Steve Braun plays 100 holes to benefit Junior Golf program

On Aug. 21 Belvedere Golf Club professional, Steve Braun, played 100 holes in a single day to benefit the Charlevoix Area Junior Golf program.

Like clock work, he teed off at 6:30 a.m., shot a 77 on the Belvedere course and then proceeded to card a 74, 78, 77, and 76 and a 47 for his final 10 holes.

Barry Pierce, speaking for fellow volunteer cart drivers Rosemary Corradi, Mary Bradley, Jim Shanahan and Stuart Goldblatt, said, "It always is an amazing feat, watching Steve play such high level golf during the entire day. It's a special treat to be a part of it."

Dean Davenport, who directs the Charlevoix Area Junior Golf program, expressed his gratitude for Braun's efforts.

"His love for golf and for getting youngsters involved in the sport runs deep. He has been an inspiration to our program, and besides volunteering his teaching expertise, raises the extra money that enables our program to be unique and among the top such programs in the nation. Funds raised by Steve go directly into our scholarship program. Each summer we are able to send between



Courtesy photo

Steve Braun is pictured above with a handful of score cards from his day-long 100-hole golf marathon at the Belvedere Golf Club to benefit the Charlevoix Junior Golf program.

six and eight juniors to the week-long golf camp at Ferris State University. And for the second year we send a freshman player to the Boyne Golf Academy in preparation for the high school season. We also recognize a graduating senior who has been an outstanding role model and award them a cash stipend for his freshman year book costs."

"Steve is greatly appreciated

by all of us connected with the program," added Dennis LaCroix, Charlevoix Area Junior Golf board president. "His dedication and interest in young golfers is typical of the excellent cooperation we get from everyone, including the five local courses, Antrim Dells, Belvedere, Dunnaglas, Charlevoix Country Club and the municipal course that each provided the opportunity and facilities for our program to flourish."

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REAL ESTATE

Kappa Sigma to host Overflow sale

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"I think it (the sorority's contribution) revived it — it certainly helped. Without their participation it would have been quite less of an event," said Terry Edger, husband of the late Judy Edger who died of breast cancer in 1999 and who is now memorialized by the walk.

Since the walk's inception, it has taken place on the Saturday before Mother's Day. It has been directed by community members in the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund committee.

Funds raised by the event go to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and are distributed locally for support, screening and early detection services and health education and outreach. The event will continue in this fashion under Kappa Sigma's umbrella.

Edger said he sees potential with new leadership.

"I'm getting old," he said. "Our group has gotten older. A lot of people are still in the south during planning. We need younger blood."

A second, long-range Kappa Sigma goal is construction of

a community playground near downtown Charlevoix.

"I'm excited with the direction we are taking. There is good support for moving forward on these two things," Hoyt said.

To assist in planning and steering these objectives, the 22-member group has organized its first annual Overflow 2006, a multi-family garage sale.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Northwest Academy, located at 115 West Hurlbut St. in downtown Charlevoix.

While the future of Home Tour is no longer locked with Kappa Sigma, Hoyt said the group will work with any other non-profit on the ins and outs of running it.

"As the Charlevoix Home Tour has become an anticipated event for both locals and visitors each summer, we would love to see another organization carry on this tradition," she said. "Kappa Sigma would be more than happy to share our information and experience on how we have planned and operated the tour."

For more information about the tour, call Lisa Hoyt at (231) 547-6110.

For more information about Overflow 2006, call Beth Martin at (231) 547-1768.

Official Notice

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING

The City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to discuss a request for an ordinance interpretation of the designation of a lot line as defined in Section 5.8 (11) (a), (b) and (c) of Chapter 51, Zoning and Planning of the City Code. The purpose of the interpretation is to establish the required setbacks for a proposed development at 115 Pine River Lane.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planning Department Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix Michigan.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDINANCE NO. 713 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 5.188(2), 5.188(3) AND 5.188(6) OF CHAPTER 51 OF TITLE V OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 5.188(2) of Chapter 51.
Section 5.188(2) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(2) Approval shall be based upon:

(a) Compliance with the site related requirements of the zoning district in which the land use is located as well as all other site related requirements of this zoning ordinance which apply to the land use.

(b) Compliance with requirements of the City of Charlevoix for fire and police protection, water supply, sewage disposal or treatment, storm drainage, and other public facilities and services.

(c) Compliance with the standards of other governmental agencies where applicable, and that the approval of these agencies has been obtained or is assured.

(d) The creation of no unsafe condition including, but not limited to pedestrian, vehicle, and emergency access.

(e) Compatibility of proposed landscaping, grading, and filling with adjoining property and land uses.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 5.188(3) of Chapter 51.

Section 5.188(3) (a-e) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) Three (3) copies of the development plan shall be submitted to the zoning administrator and shall contain the following information. The zoning administrator may waive the requirements in select cases.

General requirement of overall development plan submission shall consist of a set of drawings shown at a scale of not less than one (1) inch equals fifty (50) feet on a standard sheet size of twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches. A scale of one (1) inch equals one hundred (100) feet when conditions warrant or do not allow the use of the standard sheet size at a scale of one (1) inch equals fifty (50) feet may be permitted. Architectural elevations and floor plan details shall be drawn to a minimum scale of one-eighth (1/8) inch equals one (1) foot.

Included in the development plan submission shall be the following information:

- (a) Title Block Information
 1. Proprietor's name and address
 2. Scale of drawing
 3. Revision block (month, day and year)
 4. Name and address of party preparing plan
 5. Legal description of the parcel

(b) Legend Information

1. Area of the parcel proposed for development
2. Zoning classification of the proprietor's site
3. If residential, shown density calculations, i.e., dwelling units per acre or bedrooms per acre
4. If commercial or industrial, show gross and usable floor area
5. Existing and proposed land uses
6. Number of parking spaces provided and number required by the Zoning Ordinance
7. Number of loading and unloading spaces if required and number required by the Zoning Ordinance
8. Percent of parcel covered by main and accessory building

(c) Area Plan/Community Location

1. Zoning classification of all contiguous properties
2. Location of all contiguous buildings
3. Location of driveways opposite development and nearest driveways on contiguous street fronting property
4. Location and size of all off-site utilities and utility easements
5. North arrow

(d) Site Plan Development

1. Location and uses of all proposed and existing buildings
2. Dimensions from all exterior property lines to proposed and existing buildings
3. Existing and proposed grades shall be shown throughout the site. On sites having any appreciable elevation changes in grades shall be indicated by means of a topographic map having a contour interval of no less than two (2) feet, with the exception of areas having topography which because of steepness of slopes or density of tree cover cannot be mapped at a two (2) foot interval.
4. If development is in phases, total over all conceptual development shall be shown together with details of Phase I
5. On-site utilities, their location and connection to off-site utilities
6. Internal pedestrian and vehicular circulation pattern and points of ingress and egress to the site and relationship to external points of vehicular ingress and egress near or opposite the site including location of emergency access
7. Location and design of all parking facilities and loading and unloading areas
8. Location of trash receptacles, transformer pads or other utility surface structure
9. Applicable barrier free design rules
10. Setbacks required by the applicable zoning district(s)
11. Storm, surface and subsurface drainage control plan

(e) Architectural Plan Details

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 - b. Usable floor space (for other)
 - c. Proposed use (for other)

SECTION 3. Amendment of Section 5.188(6) of Chapter 51.
Section 5.188(6) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(6) Development Plan Amendment.

(a) Minor amendments. Minor amendments are those where the resultant development plan will continue to meet the specific standards of the Zoning Ordinance, such as setback requirements, do not increase the building ground coverage or building height and are not contrary to any specific conditions imposed as a part of any original approval or its subsequent amendment. The City Council may make such amendments as a part of its routine business at any regular or special meeting.

(b) Major amendments. Major amendments are those not qualifying as a minor amendment. The City Council may approve such amendments following the same procedures followed for the original approval action.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

Ordinance No. 713 of 2006 was adopted by the Charlevoix City Council at a regular meeting held on August 21, 2006 with the following yeas and nays vote:

YEAS: Council members Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms, Beer, and Campbell

NAYS: None

Absent: None

State of Michigan)

County of Charlevoix) ss

City of Charlevoix)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson Jr., Mayor

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Real Estate One of Charlevoix
1200 Bridge St. - Charlevoix
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Mystic Village Condo



Nice end unit at Mystic Village. 2 bedroom, 2 bath with private patio looking out into the woods. Just one block from public park with a sandy beach and boat launch. Affordable with great location. \$129,900

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Grand Traverse Bay



Charming vintage 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage totally restored & updated in 2002 w/ sandy beach. Includes 2 bedroom, 1 bath guest quarters. 4 car garage. (1664993) \$711,000

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Fabulous new home for sale - located between Lake Michigan and the Harbor. Two bedrooms plus huge loft, one full bath, living room, w/2 story ceiling, kitchen, utility room, large front & side decks, truly "Turn Key" with appliances, furniture, bedding, down to dishes and silverware! Easy walking distance to everything in town. Offered at \$235,000

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Well maintained raised 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with 100' of beautiful sandy beach on Lake Michigan in Eden Shores subdivision. (1665047) \$675,000

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Wooded 10 acre lot parcels in Orchard Hills subdivision off an easement road. Shared Torch Lake Park available. Great hunting! (1665734/1665755) \$55,000

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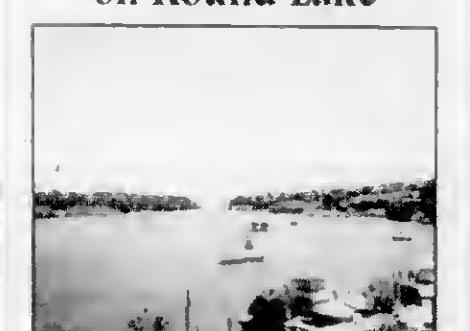
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(08-30-3-084)

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(8-19-tf-084)

EMPLOYMENT 086

POLICE OFFICER - The City of Charlevoix is accepting applications for a full-time police officer. Candidates must possess a valid Michigan Drivers license, a valid MCOLES certification or be certifiable, and possess a Bachelors in Law Enforcement. Candidates must possess excellent interpersonal-public relation skills and be able to withstand a thorough background investigation.

Contact the City Manager's Office at 231-547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, the City employment application, background waiver form and resume to City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 by September 2, 2006 deadline. Items postmarked September 2, 2006 will be accepted. Applications and background waiver forms are available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE

(08-30-1-086)

DENTAL ASSISTANT: Certified or Registered Dental Assistant or Hygienist needed to join our high-tech specialty practice in East Jordan. Full or part-time position. This mature professional should be a team player, computer literate, and experienced in four-handed clinical assisting techniques. We are offering an excellent wage (based upon competence, credentials, and experience), paid vacations, gas allowance, medical benefits, and profit sharing opportunities. If you have the personality, skills, and desire to work with a small staff providing excellent patient care, please call Dr. Johnson at 231-330-5862, between 7 & 8 pm.

(08-30-3-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

CHARLEVOIX LIBRARY looking for a part-time Technology Assistant to help create the smooth transition between all the electronic resources provided by the library for the public and staff, including website, electronic subscriptions and catalog. Position includes providing equipment troubleshooting and staff training. Basic networking experience and Windows and Microsoft knowledge required. See the library website for further information. Please send letter and resume to the library, 109 Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Application deadline: September 9th, 2006.

(08-30-1-086)

THE CHARLEVOIX LIBRARY is accepting bids on four different services: Cleaning, window washing, carpet cleaning, and lawn maintenance/snow removal. Services to be performed at the new library location at 220 W Clinton St. Please visit our website for bid specifications or stop by the library for a packet. Bids will be accepted through September 13th, 2006.

(08-30-1-086)

THE CHARLEVOIX Public Library is seeking an early childhood specialist to expand programs for our birth - 5 patrons and their parents. Part-time, 20+ hours. Application deadline is Sept. 6. Submit cover letter and resume to the Library at 109 W. Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. For further information check our website: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

(08-23-3-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

CHARLEVOIX AREA Community Pool is now hiring adult lifeguards. Mostly day-time hours with some nights and weekends. Red Cross certification is preferred but will train the right person. Please call 231-547-0982 for more information.

(08-30-1-086)

JOIN AMERICORPS AmeriCorps is commonly referred to as the "domestic Peace Corps". Char-Em ISD is entering its 9th year of a program focusing on mentoring at-risk youth. We are seeking members to be placed in a school building in one of the schools within Charlevoix-Emmet ISD. This 10 month commitment is full-time and requires completion of 1700 hours of service during the school year for which a member receives a stipend of \$10,900, an education award of \$4,725, single subscriber health insurance if qualified. Members must be at least 17 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, and be free of any criminal convictions. Call 231-547-9947 for more information or an application. Interviews will begin immediately. Char-Em ISD is located at 88568 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Char-Em is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

(08-30-2-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

**NOTICE
FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF
BEAVER ISLAND**

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office currently has an opening for a full-time Deputy Sheriff on Beaver Island. Persons interested in the position may submit an application and resume to Sheriff Lasater. Any inquiries regarding the position may be directed to Sheriff George T. Lasater at 231-547-4461.

(08-16-3-086)

**PART-TIME BOOKEEPER/OFFICE
MANAGER**, with computer and QuickBooks skills. Call 248-722-1711 or fax resume to 231-547-9580.

(08-16-3-086)

SALES HELP WANTED 088

SALES - I am a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be a good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to \$50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. Please call 231-347-6958 and ask for Human Resources.

(08-23-2-088)

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS

Sales professionals needed for our Charlevoix and other dealerships. Salary plus commission - earning potential \$60,000+. Health care and retirement available. If you are an individual with integrity, good organizational skills, and a successful sales background, then we want to see your resume. Send to: ICC, P.O. Box 146, Acme, MI 49610.

Happy 60th Swannie



from your fans!!

ANTIQUE SALE 099

ANTIQUE SALE, Saturday, September 2nd, 9am-4pm. Lots of good stuff! 9838 US 31 Hwy. in Atwood.

(08-30-1-099)

GARAGE & RUMMAGE SALES 100

BIG BARN SALE: Atwood, US-31 at Elzinga Centennial Farm (2 driveways north of Friske Farm Market), Friday, Sept. 1st and Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Many antiques, assorted vintage items, dishes, glassware, books, bedding, childrens items and much more.

(08-30-1-100)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

ANDERSON STORM Door. Less than two years old, full screen and glass, gold accent. All hardware included. \$100.00. 231-237-7837 or 248-515-6944 cell.

(08-16-3-134)

CONDOS FOR SALE OR/RENT 158

EDGEWATER INN, 1 bd, 2 ba. Month to Month lease. No pets, No smoking. All utilities, plus cable included. Lease plus deposit, \$900.00 per month. 517-719-8637.

(06-14-tf-158)

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. 231-881-3528.

(3-9-tf-158)

HOUSES FOR SALE 160

SUSAN LAKE, Charlevoix. Open kitchen, fireplace, attached garage. Reduced at \$241,900. Call 231-675-0820 or dankoffman@charter.net.

(08-30-1-160)

CHARLEVOIX, REDUCED price. 3 BR, 2 BA. 1,500 square feet. Finished basement. Recently decorated. Fireplace. Many updates. Must see! \$148,900. Call 231-675-8633.

(08-16-3-160)

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE 162

2 BEDROOM mobile home in mobile home park in Charlevoix. Lived in 2 months per year. Large deck, outside shed, air conditioning, sofa sleeper, new carpeting and new hardwood floors. Move in today. Totally furnished including towels, bedding and so on. Call 517-402-0982 or 231-547-6013.

(08-16-3-162)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX nice 2nd floor office room, \$300 + util. Call Aila 231-547-7916.

(08-23-3-168)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169

CHARLEVOIX, 1/2 OFF Security Deposit till September 30th at Lake Harbor Apartments. Clean, friendly community. Call before gone. EHO/Barrier Free. 231-547-6870.

(08-16-7-169)

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX large one bedroom, remodeled, new appliances. \$550 plus utilities, no pets. Call 231-547-6715, evenings.

(05-31-tf-169)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX, NORTH side, 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA, apx. 1,000 sq. ft. No smoking or pets. Now through May. \$525/month. Gas and electric included. Call 248-628-9322.

(08-30-4-170)

CHARLEVOIX, CHARMING, 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA. No Smokers/No Pets. October to June. \$825 per month plus utilities. Call 734-459-4294.

(08-23-3-170)

IN TOWN Charlevoix, 3 BD, 2 BA, family room, 2+ garage. \$850/month plus utilities. Security deposit and references. Call Charlevoix Rental Company at 231-547-0025.

(08-23-3-170)

CHARLEVOIX, 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 1 block from downtown. First floor master suite. Remodeled throughout. Central Air. Call Judy Winter at 231-547-0025.

(08-16-3-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-tf-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

BELLS BAY, Charlevoix, 20 x 45 x 20 high with 20 x 20 loft, 20 x 20 door. Inside separate boat storage available. Call 231-547-5671.

(08-02-6-174)

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE 162

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PETS AND PET SUPPLIES 183

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(9-15-tf-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(3-31-tf-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-tf-174)

COMMERCIAL 176

NEW 1800 SQ FT. light industrial units, US 31 North, opposite the Pellston Airport. \$716 per month. All utilities. 231-529-6384 or 734-995-2575, Bob.

(08-23-3-176)

BUILD TO SUIT, .5, 1, 2 or 6 acre light industrial parcels, opposite Pellston Airport. 231-529-6384 or 734-995-2575, Bob.

(08-23-3-176)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-tf-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed, Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-tf-181)

PETS AND PET SUPPLIES 183

ADORABLE FAMILY raised AKC Toy Poodle Puppies. 6 wks to 9 mo old. Also beautiful 3 yr old Silkie Terrier and 6 wk old female Yorkie. Call 989-732-1137.

(08-30-1-183)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIP. 203

BOATS WANTED. A pre-1990 Boston Whaler, Outrage, 22 ft., also an 8-10 ft. Zodiac or Achilles. Call 989-560-2619.

(08-23-3-203)

1979, 30' SEA RAY Weekender. T440 Chrysler engines. Heat, AC, electric down riggers, cover and much, much more. Stored in Charlevoix. \$8,900. Call 670-759-3991.

(08-16-3-203)

BIDS WANTED 209

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX**

EAST PARK MARINA MOORING FACILITY
PROPOSED PHASE I - MARINE WORK CONSTRUCTION
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PROFESSIONAL: UNITED DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268.

DUE DATE: Until 1:00 pm Local Time on October 19, 2006, the City of Charlevoix will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the offices of:

BID LOCATION: City of Charlevoix City Council Chambers at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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P.O. Box 528, Petoskey, MI 49770

or email: cbur@petoskeynews.com

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Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING: "City of Charlevoix East Park Marina Mooring Facility - Proposed Phase I - Marine Work Construction, Charlevoix County, Michigan." All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope, clearly labeled with the Bidder's name and address, and title of proposal enclosed.

BIDDER QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL: A Bidder Qualification Submittal and Sworn Statement is required for this project and shall be submitted TO THE PROFESSIONAL on or before the MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the PROJECT SITE AT THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, EAST PARK MARINA MOORING FACILITY, CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on September 28, 2006, at 1:00 pm Local Time prior to the due date for bids. The purpose of this mandatory meeting and on-site inspection is to answer questions and provide a one time only inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company authorized representative must be present at this mandatory pre-bid meeting and register on the Meeting Attendance Record in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

BID GUARANTEE - The Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check on an open, solvent bank or a bid bond with an authorized surety company, executed by the bidder and the surety company (the surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570) in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid payable to the City of Charlevoix and Michigan Department of Natural Resources co-owners as a guarantee of good faith.

CONTRACT SECURITY - The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond, and labor and material payment bond in an amount each of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid in accordance with P.A. 213 of 1963 as amended by P.A. 351 of 1972.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES - State of Michigan funds are being used for this project. State of Michigan Prevailing Wages Rates will apply.

BIDDER AGREES TO - Each Bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the City of Charlevoix, the Profes-

sional, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

BID REJECTION - City of Charlevoix reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and also reserves the right to award a Contract to a Bidder who the City of Charlevoix believes will perform in their best interests, and is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other Bid.

COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the Office of United Design Associates, Inc., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268 upon payment of a NON-REFUNDABLE COST of \$200.00 for each set of documents requested. Persons desiring copies to be sent by mail shall include an additional Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per contract to cover the cost of mailing.

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - The City of Charlevoix hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or because of a handicap that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position in consideration for an award.

Mr. Mike Wiesner
City Manager
City of Charlevoix
210 State Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
B(08/30)

BIDS WANTED 209
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

EAST PARK MARINA MOORING FACILITY
PROPOSED PHASE 2 - FLOATING PIER SYSTEM
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PROFESSIONAL: UNITED DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268.

DUE DATE: Until 1:00 PM Local Time on OCTOBER 19, 2006, the City of Charlevoix will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the offices of:

BID LOCATION: City of Charlevoix City Council Chambers at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, Bids will be publicly opened and

read aloud at that time.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING: "City of Charlevoix East Park Marina Mooring Facility - Proposed Phase 2 - Floating Pier System, Charlevoix County, Michigan" All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope, clearly labeled with the Bidder's name and address, and title of proposal enclosed.

BIDDER QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL: A Bidder Qualification Submittal and Sworn Statement is required for this project and shall be submitted TO THE PROFESSIONAL on or before the MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

FLOATING PIER SYSTEM CONTRACTOR BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: A mandatory pre-bid qualification of the Floating Pier Contractors and the Ice Suppression System Contractors (sub-contractors to the Floating Pier Contractors) is required for this project. Pre-bid qualification material shall be submitted TO THE PROFESSIONAL on or before the MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the PROJECT SITE AT THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, EAST PARK MARINA MOORING FACILITY, CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on SEPTEMBER 28, 2006 at 1:00 PM Local Time prior to the due date for bids. The purpose of this mandatory meeting and on-site inspection is to answer questions and provide a one time only inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company authorized representative must be present at this mandatory pre-bid meeting and register on the Meeting Attendance Record in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

BID GUARANTEE - The Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check on an open, solvent bank or a bid bond with an authorized surety company, executed by the bidder and the surety company (the surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570) in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid payable to the City of Charlevoix and Michigan Department of Natural Resources co-owners as a guarantee of good faith.

CONTRACT SECURITY - The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond, and labor and material payment bond in an amount each of one hundred percent

(100%) of the accepted bid in accordance with P.A. 213 of 1963 as amended by P.A. 351 of 1972.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES - State of Michigan funds are being used for this project. State of Michigan Prevailing Wage Rates will apply. BIDDER AGREES TO - Each Bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the City of Charlevoix, the Professional, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

BID REJECTION - City of Charlevoix reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and also reserves the right to award a Contract to a Bidder who the City of Charlevoix believes will perform in their best interests, and is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other Bid.

COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the Office of United Design Associates, Inc., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268 upon payment of a NON-REFUNDABLE COST of \$200.00 for each set of documents requested. Persons desiring copies to be sent by mail shall include an additional Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per set of contract documents to cover the cost of mailing.

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - The City of Charlevoix hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or because of a handicap that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position in consideration for an award.

Mr. Mike Wiesner
City Manager
City of Charlevoix
210 State Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
B(08/30)

LEGAL NOTICE 210
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND INTERESTED PERSONS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-010948-DE

Estate of Phyllis N. Roberts, Deceased
Date of birth: December 16, 1922

TO ALL CREDITORS*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Phyllis N. Roberts, who lived at 15002 Gregory Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died January 2, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert L. Hoffman, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 07, 2006

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9941

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Charlevoix, MI 49720
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to IndyMac Mortgage Holding, Inc. (f/k/a INMC Mortgage Holdings, Inc. a/k/a Independent National Mortgage Corporation), dated August 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on September 16, 1998, in Liber 346, Page(s) 410, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated July 22, 1999, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on August 30, 1999, in Liber 370, Page(s) 962, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$79,473.56, which amount may or may not be the entire indebted-

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

edness owed by Lisa Cameron, a single woman, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 9.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on September 8, 2006 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL C:

BEGINNING AT A T-IRON STAKE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 54, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 54 (WEST LINE OF EAST STREET) SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14' 00" WEST 57.77 FEET (RECORDED AS 57.75 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 54 NORTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" WEST 148.50 FEET (RECORDED AS 145.50 FEET) TO A T-IRON STAKE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 54; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 54 AND 55 OF SAID PLAT, (EAST LINE OF AN ALLEY), NORTH 00 DEGREES 29' 10" EAST 60.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35' 32" EAST 147.79 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF EAST STREET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 55, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 19' 04" WEST 2.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING ALL OF LOT 54 AND PART OF LOT 55, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)

By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: July 28, 2006

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Charles E. Willette and Linda A. Willette, Husband/Wife, of 05845 S. Ranney Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 to Alden State Bank, P.O. Box 1169, Bellaire, MI 49612 dated November 21, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, on December 23, 2002, in Liber 506, of Mortgages, on page ("1") 844, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven and 38/100 (\$21,377.38) dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, where-by the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on September 15, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock ("2") in the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 8.5% percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PARCEL C:
Commencing at a railroad spike

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

89°44'38" West 1317.14 feet to the West line of said section; thence along the West line of said Section North 00°26'23" East 388.33 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The period of redemption will be One (1) year from date of sale. (*3)

Dated: August 2, 2006

Leon W. Sluyter, Vice President
Attorney for Alden State Bank
P.O. Box 717
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AUG. 30 CPR CLASS

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30 in Classroom B.

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Classroom B.

- Basic First Aid from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in Classroom B.

The cost is \$30 for each Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information or to register, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

AUG. 31 CONCERT IN THE PARK

Northwind Brass will play the final concert in the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce 2006 Concerts in the Park series.

The show will take place at 8 p.m. on Aug. 31 in East Park.

Concerts will be moved to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue should it rain.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

SEPT. 2 GARAGE SALE

Kappa Sigma of Charlevoix presents the first annual Overflow 2006, a multi-family garage sale. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Northwest Academy located at 115 West Hurlbut St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-1768.

SEPT. 4 GASKIN SENDOFF

A sendoff party for Pat Gaskin will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix. Attendees are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre to pass and their beverage of choice.

Gaskin plans to leave Sept. 16 embarking on a 1,200 mile road trip that will bring her to the doorstep of Elder Spirit, a senior co-housing neighborhood in Virginia. A complete story will follow in next week's Courier.

SEPT. 6 RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL BREAKFAST

All retired school personnel are invited to a breakfast at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Flap Jack Family Restaurant in Charlevoix. For more information, call Eleanor at (231) 547-4995.

SEPT. 7 DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings, beginning Sept. 7 in the "Servants Quarters" to the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

SEPT. 7 PORKER GOLF TOURNEY

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Billed as "The Affordable Golf Tournament," the entry fee remains only \$40 per person.

"With the amount and value of the prizes awarded to Porker participants, it is almost as if the Rotary Club is paying people to play," said tournament director, Tim Petrosky. "Last year we distributed gifts with a retail value of more than \$3,000 to golfers. Everyone went home with a prize."

The event is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a dinner buffet at Giuseppe's and the chance to win oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random

draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"It is due to the generosity of area businesses and residents, who donate prizes for the event, that makes the tournament so much fun for everyone," said Petrosky.

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop.

The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register. An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

Rotary uses proceeds from the event to benefit the community with an emphasis on area youth.

SEPT. 9 1940S REUNION

Members of the Charlevoix High School class of 1949 invite anyone who graduated in the 1940s to join attend their class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Argonne Supper Club to celebrate the "Fabulous Forties."

A reception begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$21 per person.

Those who wish to attend are asked to send a check made out to "Helen Emmons-Class of 1949" to Helen Emmons, 102 Alice St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, along with your choice of whitefish, shrimp or chicken.

For more information, call Helen at (231) 547-2955.

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SEPT. 11 LIBRARY CLOSED

The Charlevoix Public Library will be closed beginning Monday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 24.

The library will re-open for service in its new home at 220 West Clinton St., on Monday, Sept. 25.

The library's hours in the new facility will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Patrons are asked to hold all book and item returns and questions until the week of Sept. 25.

For more information, call the library at (231) 547-2651.

SEPT. 11 HOSPITAL GUILD MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11 in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria.

The rules for the group's upcoming "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" will be finalized.

Following the meeting, a presentation on Kenya will be given by guild president, Cass

Williamson, and hospital foundation director, Lyn Jenks.

Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

SEPT. 19 FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Sue Shenk, Michigan State University Extension Educator will present a food preservation workshop at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the Lighthouse Mission Church, located at 07824 Rodgers Road in East Jordan.

For more information or to register, call (231) 536-2255.

SEPT. 19 ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's and dementia support group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-0103.

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AUCTION

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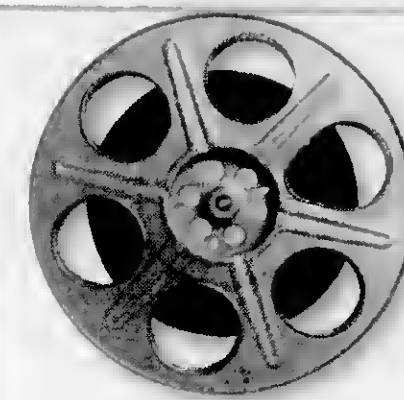
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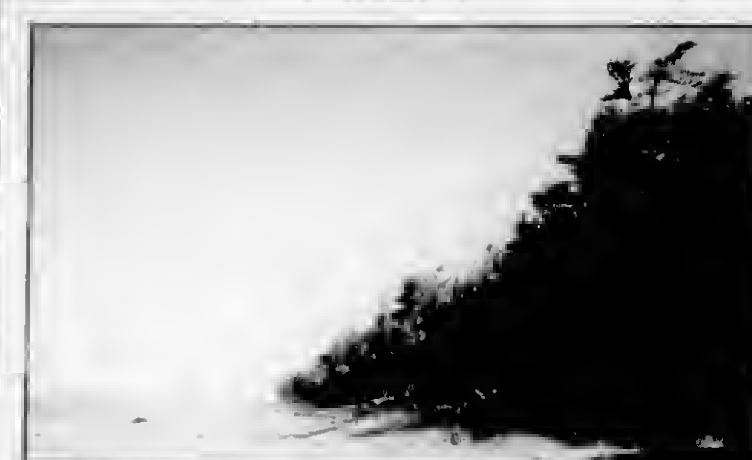


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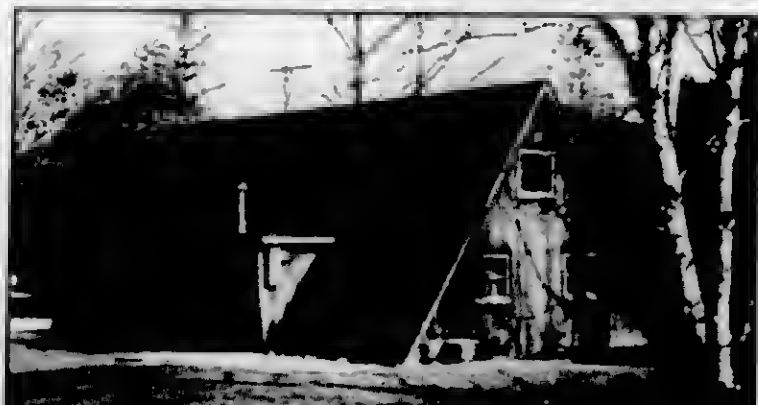
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9/11: Locals look back and ahead

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001?

Time changes many things, but for many, national tragedies are difficult to forget.

"I was in the Remax office with Steve Andrae when the phone rang. One of the members of the firm was in the Villager Puh and saw the plane crash into the first tower and called up at the office there," said local resident, Charlie Butcher. "We hustled down the street... and got there just in time to see the second plane crash into the second tower — the sight was almost unbelievable."

Butcher, who was visiting New York City hack when the crews were digging the foundations for the twin towers, said the nation's mentality after 9/11 was similar to the emotional climate following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"The nation said, 'We're going to go after the bastards, whoever they were,'" he said.

Lessons to be learned from that day, Butcher said, "The United States was caught with

its pants down — again. We seldom do learn anything after a generation or two has forgotten."

"There are people out there who aren't wearing uniforms that want to kill us. Those people are destroyers. They are not builders, and they never will be builders. They are the dregs of society."

Local shop owner, Jim Berlage, was watching the Today Show when a special news report interrupted the program.

"Horror," was Berlage's initial reaction.

So what's changed?

"We now have defenses surrounding the Beaver Island, and the Mackinac Bridge makes the news because of cell phones in Caro, Michigan," he said. "I think, in general, people are more reluctant to fly — if I can drive it in two days, I'll drive, it's not worth the hassle."

A lesson Berlage has learned is, "Always be ready, because today could be your last."

Ellis Boal was surprised by the television news media's

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix: Little but mighty

An enthusiastic crowd showed up on Labor Day afternoon for this year's Little But Mighty Bridge Walk. Donations and proceeds from T-shirt sales will benefit BASES Teen Center this year.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Outside at the Sept. 2 funeral for Oscar Stroud, sat the mascot of the Charlevoix County Republican Party, a life-size elephant and Charlevoix Township Fire Department trucks.

Final farewell to 'Big O'

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

People packed the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Outside sat the mascot of the Charlevoix County Republican Party, a life-size elephant and Charlevoix Township Fire Department trucks — all sym-

hols of strong, established organizations Oscar Stroud had a key role in building.

Inside the church was a memorial service dedicated to Stroud who died Tuesday, Aug. 29 of congestive heart disease at the age of 94. Lining the pews were his friends and family many of who shared stories of Stroud. "The Big 'O'" during a eulogy

time.

Leading the discussion was Bob Drebenstedt, a fellow Republican and close friend of Stroud.

"This man impressed me. The man was bigger than life — a legend," he said. "Oscar showed me how to overcome obstacles. He was a mountain climber."

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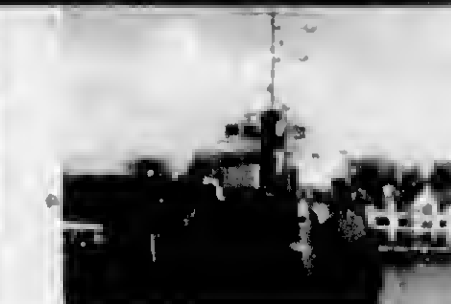
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on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Hope Marie Valentine, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession-alcohol. Attend Bases intervention; \$200 in fines and costs.

Christina Renee Archer, 21, East Jordan. Disorderly person/drunken. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Ann Moses, 26, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, to serve 18 months on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, obtain employment, reside with parents; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Brian Patrick Dickson, 24, Alto. Operator without license on person. Serve 10 days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Ryan James Simmons, 21, Boyne City. Creating a disturbance. Serve 12 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Joshua Andrew Jarema, 22, Boyne City. Minor transporting/possession of alcohol of motor vehicle passenger. Serve 60 hours of community service work, attend H.H. critical choices; \$300 in fines and costs.

Michael Christopher Dixon, 33, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended-first offense. Serve 15 days in jail; \$850 in fines and costs.

Nicole Marie Enig, 27, Boyne City. False report of a misdemeanor. Serve 46 days in jail with credit for 46 days; \$370 in fines and costs.

Carol Jeanne Snively, 52, Boyne Falls. Disturbing the peace. Serve 28 days in jail, serve eight days in

jail with credit for eight days; \$700 in fines and costs.

David Allan Molitor, 54, Morley. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, to serve four months on probation, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, submit to PBT/Urine test; \$880 in fines and costs.

Lisa Marie Whitaker, 39, Boyne City. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve 10 days in jail, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, not to enter Glen's Markets or Up North Party Store; \$445 in fines and costs.

Thomas Steven Gillespie, 23, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property-less than \$200. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve four months probation, no contact with the victim, to write a letter of apology; \$926.98 in fines and costs.

John Curtis Clifford, 47, Warren. Controlled substance-use of marijuana. Serve 180 days in jail, to serve 40 days in jail, 140 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Ann Swain, 43, Canton. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve seven days in jail, serve 40 days on an electronic monitoring device, 75 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/Urine

test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,085 in fines and costs.

Jared Matthew Martin, 21, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstructing; Impaired driving; Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for eight days, to serve seven days in jail, 335 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, to attend Impact Weekend, to write a letter of apology; \$1,735 in fines and costs.

William Lewis Engel, 54, Gaylord. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, to serve six months on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$830 in fines and costs.

Shawn Devore Colbeck, 32, Boyne City. License suspended/revoled/denied/allow-second or subsequent offense. Serve 20 days in jail, serve 10 days in jail to serve 10 days in jail; \$600 in fines and costs.

Robert Devere Hall, 25, Petoskey. Possession of marijuana. Serve 60 days in jail, serve 120 days in jail with credit for 95 days, to serve 25 days in jail; \$850 in fines and costs.

Christopher Millen Grice, 21, Boyne City. Assault-aggravated. Serve 180 days in jail, to serve seven days in jail, 158 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community

service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, to serve nine months on probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to write a letter of apology, no contact with the victim; \$1,370.30 in fines and costs.

BIRTHS

Ole Boyer Hubbard weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Aug. 16 to Fritz and Alison (Boyer) Hubbard in Vail, Colo. His grandparents are Kathy and Doug Boyer of Atwood and Bonnie and Bill Hubbard of Avon, Colo.

Addison Grace Peebles weighing 8 pounds was born on Aug. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Lucinda Peebles of Charlevoix. Her sisters are Cassidy, 10 and Kaitlyn, 2. Her grandparents are Roger Peebles and Marcia Standish of Grand Rapids, Peg Swanson of Goshen, Ind. and David Swanson of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Dick and Joyce Tessmer of Edwardsburg.

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All affected parties are invited to attend this public hearing and will be afforded an opportunity to speak.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Residents recall their reaction to 9/11 and events that followed 9/11

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apparent paralysis during the event.

"The commentators weren't jumping down and doing in-depth, close-up reporting that I would expect during any national tragedy," he said. "That's just how I remember that. They (newscasters) were so astonished at what they were watching and then reporting how astonished they were, so there were no estimates of the number of lives lost, for instance."

He added, "I've never seen the media react in such a way to such an event."

Lessons Boal learned from the event?

"It had to be expected that America would be attacked sooner or later because of its policies around the world," he said. "There's been so many events of this kind in different countries that, sooner or later, it would happen here."

He added, "We live, have lived, a charmed life on this side of the ocean, so it (9/11 attacks) woke everyone up."

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater's initial reactions were, "Saddened, shocked, angry."

The biggest changes Lasater has noticed?

"We live, have lived, a charmed life on this side of the ocean, so it (9/11 attacks) woke everyone up."

Ellis Boal
CHARLEVOIX RESIDENT

"I think the lines of communication have opened up. Before, the feds were maybe a little guarded to share (information) with local authority," he said. "But now, not a week goes by that I don't get something from the feds in regards to possible terrorist activity."

He added, "Hardly a week goes by that I don't wonder, 'When is the next shoe going to fall?'"

Joannie Carlson was home suffering with pneumonia when the first plane hit.

"It was just a horror. You just don't expect that kind of thing to happen," she said.

Carlson isn't afraid to fly, but has she noticed any changes in American living?

"Just at the airports. They're more careful," she said. "I've

been searched a couple of times, but I don't mind because it means they're doing their job."

Jack Messer, the director of the Office of Emergency Management for Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan Counties, said, "It's a frightening world and my current job is to help people be prepared for something that we hope never happens and that was a day that proved that we are all vulnerable."

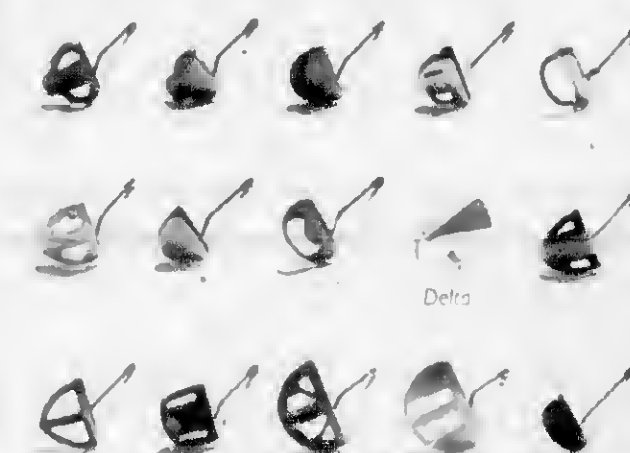
Messer said he was never prouder to be an American than watching the nation come together after the tragedy.

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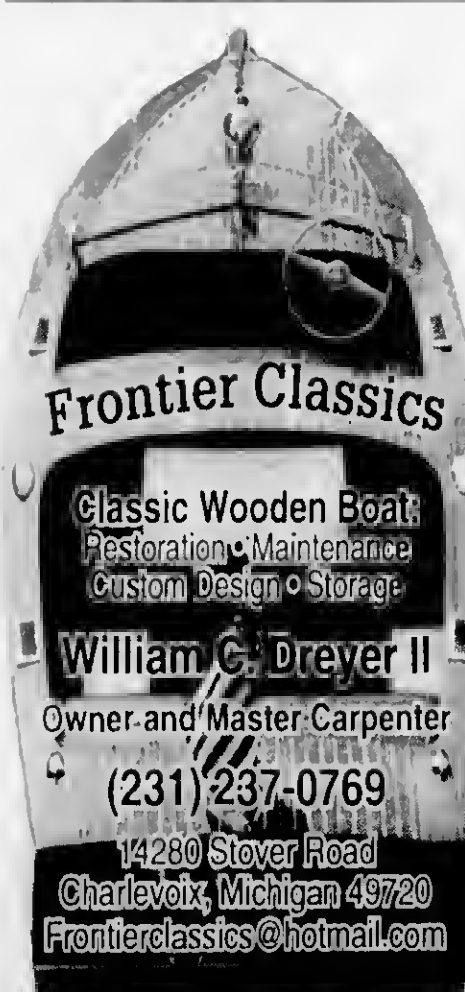
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Writer ponders columns barely fit to print

I always vowed I would never stoop to writing the, "I couldn't think of anything to write about in my column," column, but here we are.

Before you blame me, know our office is a veritable third world operation. My hands cramp due to the Arctic air-conditioning. I get drowsy due to my overstuffed reclining chair, and with view of Round Lake, concentration is out of the question — for just .60 cents a day, you can make sure little Benjamin has that new espresso machine he's always wanted. Won't you please give generously?

I spent this week in the white-collar sweatshop planning to write about Pluto being stripped of its status as a planet. In case you've been hiding in a spider hole in Tikrit, Pluto was quietly designated as a dwarf planet by a group of astronomers in Prague. Then there were eight.

It seems people aren't too interested in the fate of the former planet. And even if they were, what



THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

would I write? Yeah, I could always regurgitate some information from a text book. I could tell you Pluto is blah blah feet across, X light years from the sun on the right-hand side and ■ that it was discovered in 19-who-gives-a-

rat's-fanny, but I think I will leave the stars to the astrologers, thank-you very much.

The real problem was I had already submitted the idea to my editor. I was stuck with it. After a few days of nail biting (by which I mean eating doughnuts and crying), I realized I had zilch, or as the Japanese say, "Zirch."

I was in too deep. The Great Pluto Farce, as it would come to be known

in my head, would join the list of failures like my, "Misunderstood Dictator," series.

While I was saddened, "Reflections on Saddam: Gentler than Genocide" and "Osama: Joker of Jalalabad," would never see the light of day, they certainly weren't the worst two ideas I'd considered pitching to my editor.

Then again, if I couldn't make a go of a story on an ex-planet, how would I ever get that, "Mating Rituals of the Junco Shrimp," off the ground?

What hope was there for my exposé on corduroy if I couldn't sell, "Sins of the Rutabaga," and "26 Ways to Prepare Tenderloin of Skunk?"

Then there was the tips and tricks set I wanted to roll out. The list included old favorites such as, "10 Things You Should Never Do With Mustard," "25 Smells You'll Never Admit to Liking," and a piece entitled, "It's Not Your Fault: 20 compliments for Parents of Ugly Children."

Although I didn't think, "The Dead Art of the Courtesy Flush," would go over much better than, "The Thinking Man's Guide to Parcheesi," I was hoping my thoughts on cheating at solitaire would be found useful.

Some columnists write about nature, but I didn't think too many people would relish reading, "The Lemming: Nature's Little Moron," much more than, "Hog Calling for Fun and Profit."

"Matriculation and Other Words That Don't Mean What You Think They Mean," may sound dirty, but it had to be more interesting than the four-part investigation into the mechanics of chalk, I was mulling over.

I gave up on "Spelling Four Dummies," because it was far too maudlin, even for me.

I killed, "A Left-wing Guide to Values: The Best Nine Words on Paper," after my membership in the Liberal Media was threatened, and "Mythological Creatures?: Bigfoot and the Compassionate

Conservative," would have been an insult to anyone who has ever spotted the hairy, sweaty dillard.

Maybe someday, after I've won that Pulitzer Prize for enraging the general public, I can go to work on some racier topics, but for now, columns like, "The Protestant's Guide to Judaism," and "In Case Of Emergency, Freak Out!: Disaster Protocols for Cowards," will remain shelved.

Then again, maybe I'm being too wimpy. If someone had the courage to create a bumper sticker which reads: "Even Jesus Thinks You're a Jerk," then I could probably get away with my piece, "How To Swear In 14 Different Languages."

After all, I'd rather be labeled offensive than boring. Oh, and you can send your .60 cent checks to 112 Mason St., Charlevoix, Mich. 49720 C/O me.

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LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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cial to evade responsibility for lax security and it helps justify prosecutorial enthusiasm.

Eighteen-year-olds are capable of great things, and they are capable of very stupid things. We restrict certain legal rights until they are 21, precisely because we know they aren't mature enough to make consistently good decisions at 18. And yes, they can be great soldiers, but they can also go terribly wrong as soldiers. The difference is often the quality of leadership.

Leaders teach, by example and by instruction. Before we advocate throwing the book at these kids, perhaps we should take a step back and ask what it is we're hoping to accomplish. We want to undo the \$700 in harm done to the school and the taxpayers. We want the students to show better judgment in the future. We want them to understand the harm they caused to the community. We want them to become more re-

sponsible adults. And we want other students to learn from their example. It's called restorative justice, and it involves community service, restitution and the sincere expression of remorse. It requires those who do harm to be accountable for setting things right.

Most of the students took responsibility for their actions. They have apologized, to school officials, the police and to their families. They've paid restitution (including the cost of re-keying) and they continue to perform community service. Most of the students had never been in trouble before, and were therefore eligible for deferred sentencing, which means that if they stay out of trouble, nothing further will happen. The editor characterizes this as being let off "without serious consequences" (in editorial entitled, "Punishment of vandals doesn't fit the crime," page 4 of the Aug. 16 edition of the Charlevoix Courier). I wonder what she was hoping for.

When community leaders overreact, misrepresent facts, fail to take responsibility for

their own mistakes and seem more interested in fixing the blame than in fixing the problem, we have a failure of leadership.

This situation has spun out of control and I hope that our community leaders will step up and set things right.

Raechel Wright
Charlevoix

ST. MARY STORY NOT NEWSWORTHY

Editor:
I am saddened and disap-

pointed that someone thought the article about St. Mary's was newsworthy (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil"). It is not news, it is what goes on in a family — differences of opinion, disagreements and gossip.

The church is packed for every service. That speaks for itself. The new pastor is young, intelligent, hardworking, full of ideas and inspired by the Holy Spirit. Just plain wonderful.

LETTERS POLICY

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

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LETTERS to the editor

ELSENHEIMER VOTE IRRESPONSIBLE

Editor:

Irresponsible. That describes (Republican) Kevin Elsenheimer's (State Representative 105th District) vote to eliminate the single business tax in Michigan without provision to replace those revenues. Ten percent of Michigan's state revenues are provided through the single business tax. We are gambling with the future of our children's education. It seems that the Republican mantra, "Leave no child behind," will become "Leave no child a dime." Vote for (Democratic candidate for the State Representative 105th

District seat) Tom Hay Bauer, he has an interest in promoting better choices.

Lou Ann McKinim
Rapid City

CONGRATS PEACE BUILDER

Editor:

Good for JoAnne Beemon for earning the Peacebuilder's award from the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom. Happy news.

Susan Boal
Charlevoix

CHURCH MATTERS ARE PRIVATE

Editor:

I grew up reading the

Charlevoix Courier and was always as proud of it as my parents were and their parents. The highlight of my Wednesdays has always been the Courier. As with any newspaper, I would hear comments in all areas of the Courier that weren't the best but I stuck by you and defended you all the way. That record is now broken.

Even though I am not a Catholic, my initial reaction after reading the article (page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil") was that of embarrassment. The tourists, the out-of-towners and the fudgies are go-

ing to be laughing at us behind our backs were my thoughts. So, this is what Charlevoix the Beautiful's interests are degrading churches and their ministers of God.

What the church family is going through at this time should be kept inside their "home." All families have problems — this is a minor one.

A public apology is in order, I do believe — not just for the St. Mary's parishioners, but to all who read the Courier.

Nancy Grunch
Charlevoix

PRANK EXAGGERATED

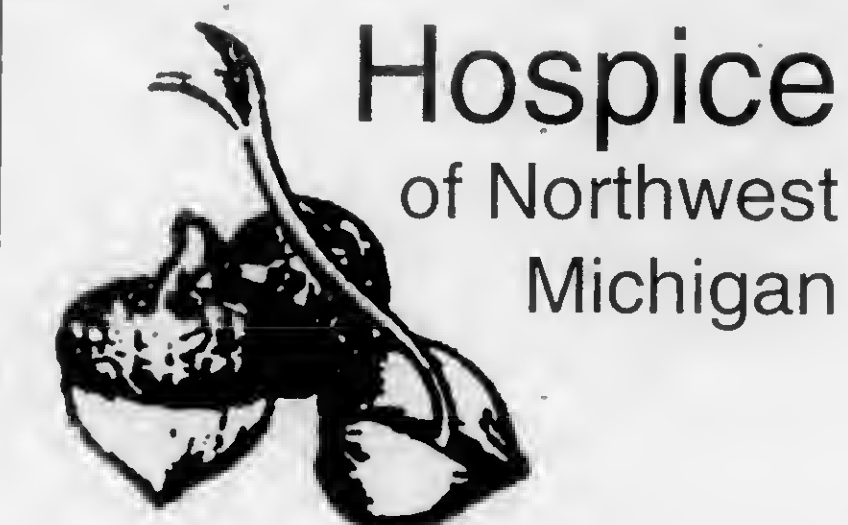
Editor:

A few months ago, a group

of local high school students engaged in a prank that resulted in damage to the school. Estimates of the damage were exaggerated in the press. Approximately \$700 in damage was done, most of it unintentionally, by this group of students in this incident.

What about the key problem? A number of students have had keys to the school for some time. The public found out about it because of this incident. The bottom line is that the key problem pre-existed the incident. Holding these students responsible for the cost of re-keying serves only two purposes: It allows school offi-

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Political powerhouse leaves local legacy

STROUD.

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Oscar Stroud

Stroud climbed mountains in multiple arenas including politics, business and family.

He is a former chairman of the Republican Party and founder of the annual Republican picnic, which he established 67 years ago. While he promoted the party across the county, his allegiance was focused on "the township" — Charlevoix Township.

Stroud started his stint in Charlevoix Township government in 1966 as a trustee. He stayed in the trustee's position for three years before being elected supervisor in 1969. He resigned from the supervisor's seat in December of 2003 due to his declining health.

In an interview following his resignation, Stroud jokingly commented that he stuck with the job for the money. And when asked what really kept him coming to meetings and planning major projects, he got serious and said he cares about Charlevoix, his hometown.

"He had a deep sense of commitment," Charlevoix Township treasurer, Theda Williams, said.

Stroud's roots were set here as a member of one of Charlevoix County's pioneer families. He was born March 21, 1912 in Hayes Township to Eugene and Anna (Loder) Stroud. He and his wife Margaret then raised their girls, Linda Berglund and Beverly Bryan, here.

His allegiance to the area made Stroud strive to make big things happen here. He was the driving force behind several major projects including the township owned water and sewer systems, the township fire department, the Shanahan Field recreation area, the construction of the township hall called Stroud Hall and the township's

paved road system.

"He was a great guy. Charlevoix Township really benefited from him," former township trustee, Don Smith, said.

Friends spoke of his infamous daily cruise around Charlevoix Township.

"He put thousands of miles on his vehicle and never left town," Drebenstedt said.

One of the stops on his daily route was Judy's Restaurant.

Patty Sitzema, sister of former Judy's Restaurant owner, said, "If everyone can do one-hundredth of what Oscar did, we can make a big difference."

While many look at Stroud's life as a political whirlwind, his family members remember him as a patriarch.

His granddaughter-in-law Brenda Bryan, who with her husband Greg, Stroud's grandson, operated Stroud's Wayside Cabins and Motel, said his tough political shell hid a soft heart that he shared with his grandchildren.

"He always made me and my family feel very close," she said. "That was the part you never saw of Oscar. He had a really soft side."

Now, the Stroud family looks to a future the patriarch paved without him.

"We all knew this would happen. But Oscar has always been there — how do you say he's not here anymore?" Bryan said.

"It will be rough not seeing Oscar around. But he will be in our hearts for many, many years," Sitzema added.

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(Above, from left) Marlia Burke of Naples, Fla. is pictured with her grandmother, Minni Burke of Naples, Fla. and her mother, Joyce (Kruik) Burke of Naples, Fla. and her identical twin children, Samantha Gillen-Burke and Amanda Gillen-Burke. The Burkes are former Charlevoix residents. Joyce and Marlia's cousin, Audrey Black of Charlevoix, submitted the picture.

Library to close during move to new location

The Charlevoix Public Library will be closed beginning Monday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 24.

The library will re-open for service in its new home at 220 West Clinton St., on Monday, Sept. 25.

The library's hours in the new facility will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Patrons are asked to hold all book and item returns and questions until the week of Sept. 25.

For more information, call the library at (231) 547-2651.

Crooked Tree Arts Center to host Annual Meeting

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9 in the Ross Stoakes Theater of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Light refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra and Crooked Tree Dancers will provide short performances.

"Our annual meeting is an opportunity for Crooked Tree Arts Center members to review the past year and preview plans for the future," said Jane Millar, president of the board of directors.

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Gaskin embarks on senior co-housing adventure

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix resident Pat Gaskin's life has come full circle.

Gaskin, 69, will leave this month to rejoin a group of mission sisters at Elder Spirit, the first senior co-housing neighborhood to be built in the United States.

"It just seems like it's time for a new adventure," she said.

While this is a new adventure, it will include eight important faces from her past.

In 1955, when she was 18, Gaskin left her hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio and joined a group of 100 catholic missionaries in an outreach effort in the Appalachian Mountains. In 1968, divisions within the catholic church resulted in the group's fragmentation with about one-third staying with the mission, another third leaving and another branching off to form the Federation of Communities in Service (FOCIS).

Gaskin who left the group at age 30 to attend college said, "It was such a rich life experience for me."

Now, decades later, this same community is calling her back.

The core membership of FOCIS, including Gaskin's former mother general, Catherine Rumschlag, is steering the Elder Spirit project which was built in the historic town of Abingdon, Va.

The co-housing concept comes from Denmark and is based on enhancing community living.

Gaskin said the ecumenical community is based in part on



Photo by Julie Witthoft

Charlevoix resident Pat Gaskin sits at her home in Charlevoix Estates. She is packing up for a new adventure that will take her far from home but closer to her roots.

the research of Drew Leder who writes about the opportunities elders have to cultivate their spiritual life.

Gaskin and her late husband, John Gaskin had originally explored the co-housing neighborhood. In May, the two traveled to Virginia to give the project a final look. At that time no units were available.

Three weeks ago, just over a month after 91-year-old John passed away following injuries he sustained in a car accident, Gaskin received a phone call informing her that a unit was

ready. And she accepted.

The neighborhood she will now call home is oval shaped and includes 29 small units, the largest of which is a 960-square-foot two-bedroom unit. Of those units, 12 homes are for sale and the balance are rentals. The community is situated on a 3.7 acre parcel which butts up to the 34-mile Virginia Creeper Recreation Trail. Gaskin said the thrust is to provide its 40 residents ages 55 and over with low-income housing opportunities. Her two-bedroom unit will cost \$485 per month.

Unique elements of the design include a large communal house where residents can participate in shared meals, community gardens, a chapel building and parking on the periphery to encourage walking, intermingling and connectivity.

Gaskin, who moved to Charlevoix in 1981, said leaving friends behind will be the most difficult part of the move.

"There have been wonderful, responsive, supportive people wherever I've turned," she said. "It isn't easy to leave because of all the support here — I know I can't recreate that support system. But it's almost the feeling of a calling. I feel like I have something to give to it (Elder Spirit) so more people can come to know the value of community living and how helpful it is to share your life with others."

A sendoff party for Pat Gaskin took place on Sept. 4 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

Gaskin plans to leave Sept. 16 embarking on a 1,200 mile road trip that will bring her to the doorstep of Elder Spirit. The route will include a stop in Holly to spread John's ashes at the cabin he built there in 1937 which is now part of the Holly Recreation Area.

Volunteers needed for Sept. 16 National Beach Cleanup Day

National Beach Cleanup Day is Sept. 16. The worldwide event is organized by the Alliance for the Great Lakes and is locally orchestrated by Daniel Mann.

Volunteers for the Charlevoix cleanup project will meet at 9 a.m. on Sept. 16 at Lake Michigan Beach. From there, beach assignments and collection bags will be given.

After the cleanup, snacks, drinks and lunch food donated by area business will be provided.

Data from the cleanup is used in the Alliance's continuing pollution prevention education programs.

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Walter Washington: April 8, 1919 - Aug. 28, 2006

Walter Washington passed away on Aug. 28 in Charlevoix.

He was born on April 8, 1919, in Tutwiley, Miss. to Grant and Frances Washington. Walter worked as a chauffeur for the Rothschild family for over 40 years, and was the last of the dedicated chauffeurs who served Charlevoix's summer residents in a bygone era. Walter could be seen walking his dogs on

Michigan Avenue. He loved to visit with anyone who would stop, and you were his friend after just one meeting. Walter was a member of the Mahomet Temple #134, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., P.H.A. and the St. Peter Lodge #31, F.&A.M.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Mary Taylor of South Bend, Ind.; nephew, Grant Allen; niece Michelle both of Memphis, Tenn.; the Rothschild family,

and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Frank and sister, Sarah. A funeral service took place on Aug. 31 at the Clark-O'Neal Funeral Home. Burial took place at Cloverdale Cemetery in Milan, Tenn.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix was in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Wynkoop: Sept. 21, 1938 - Aug. 28, 2006



Cecil Wynkoop

Cecil L. Wynkoop, of Ossineke, and formerly of Charlevoix, died Monday, Aug. 28, at his home.

A funeral took place on Friday, Sept. 1, at the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Pastor Tim Balogh and Pastor Pete Aronson co-officiated. Burial followed at Norwood Cemetery.

Cecil was born Sept. 21, 1938, in

Shevlin, Minn., the son of Chellas L. and Helen (Baumann) Wynkoop. He graduated from Port Huron High School in 1956. On Feb. 14, 1969, he married Jeanne Marie Herbert in Port Huron. Cecil worked as an auto body repairman and was employed by Cawood Motors and Stollard Auto Body in Port Huron before moving to Charlevoix in 1974, where he owned and operated Wynkoop's Auto Body. He and Jeanne retired to Ossineke in 2003. Cecil was a member of the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne M. of Ossineke; daughters, Valerie

Joy (Donald) Frosty of Ellsworth, Marci Lynn (Timothy) Balogh of St. Johns; sons, LeRoy (Cindce) Wynkoop of Ellsworth, Lawrence A. Wynkoop of St. Louis; 25 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; father, Chellas L. Wynkoop of Ossineke; brothers, Richard (Sally) Wynkoop of Charlevoix, Victor (Karen) Wynkoop of West Branch; and a sister, Rosalie Graham of Port Huron.

Cecil was preceded in death by his daughter, DeAnne Jeanne Morgan and his mother, Helen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

Oscar Stroud: March 21, 1912 - Aug. 29, 2006



Oscar Stroud

Oscar P. Stroud, 94, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, at his home.

He was born in Hayes Township on March 21, 1912, the son of Eugene and Anna (Loder) Stroud. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1930, and attended Davenport Business College in Grand Rapids.

On Feb. 1, 1933, he married Margaret Kruis and they made their home in Charlevoix in 1934. Oscar was employed by Foster Boat Works, and he and Margaret

owned and operated Stroud's Wayside Cabins and Motel in Charlevoix for 50 years. Oscar was the Charlevoix Township supervisor for 35 years. He was the Republican Party chairman in Charlevoix County and founded the annual Republican picnic, which has been held the past 67 years, and in that time, Oscar never missed attending one.

Oscar was a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows Lodge #293, Charlevoix.

Margaret preceded Oscar in death on June 7, 2001.

Oscar is survived by his daughters, Linda (Richard) Berglund, and Beverly (Gregory) Bryan all of Wyoming; grandchildren, Richard T. (Rachel) Berglund of Pittsburgh, Penn., Jennifer

Berglund of Wyoming, Greg (Brenda) Bryan of Charlevoix, Geoffrey Bryan, Gordon (Linda) Bryan all of Grand Rapids; great-grandchildren, Spencer, Weston, Curt, and Katie Bryan; and Todd and Troy Berglund. Two sisters, Margaret Stroud Haggerty and Ruth Stroud Bietz, also preceded Oscar in death.

A funeral took place on Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Pastor Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene officiated and burial followed in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 618 Beardsley, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Lottie Bennett: Oct. 8, 1925 - Sept. 3, 2006

Lottie L. Bennett, 80, of East Jordan, died Sunday, Sept. 3 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 8 at Penzian Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. James Jordan of the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan will officiate. Interment will take place

in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 8, 1925 in East Jordan, the daughter of Isaac Stanley and Lottie (White) Hitchcock. She was a lifelong resident of East Jordan. On Oct. 10, 1942, in Charlevoix, she married Daniel I. Bennett. He preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 2003.

She is survived by three

sons, Stanley I. Bennett of East Jordan, Michael A. Bennett of East Jordan and Steven C. (Sandra) Bennett of Charlevoix; seven grandchildren, Michael L. Bennett of Interlochen, Ronnette (John) Harlan of San Antonio, Texas, Eric (Debbie) Bennett of East Jordan, Martin (Marilyn) Bennett of Whitehall,

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great-great grandchild; one sister, Neva Dunson of East Jordan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one grandson, James L. Bennett; two sisters, Beatrice and Gladys; and six broth-

ers, Thomas, Edward, Cecil, Michael, Warren and Guy.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorial contributions may be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Clyde Cunningham: Aug. 10, 1920 - Sept. 3, 2006

Clyde E. Cunningham, 86, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Sept. 3, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral will take place at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Chip Sauer will officiate. Burial will follow at Barnard Cemetery.

Clyde was born Aug. 10, 1920, to Henry E. and Edith (Mitchell) Cunningham, in Marion Township, where he lived on Ferry Road his entire life. On Jan. 8, 1944, he married Jeanette Pyter. Clyde was active in township and county politics from the 1950s into the early 1980s. He was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix and served on various committees

and the church Consistory. Clyde retired from dairy farming in May 1987. He also owned and operated Cunningham Equipment in Ironton in the mid 1970s.

Jeannette preceded him in death on April 16, 1994.

Clyde is survived by his children, Cindy (Jini) Mansen, Connie Cunningham, Mitch (Connie) Cunningham, Marlene (Ed) Evans, all of Charlevoix; Ellen (Terry) Ormsby of Shelby Township, Darlene (Dave) Heine of Charlevoix and San Diego, Calif.; grandchildren, Jana (Mark) Mueller of Charlevoix, Steve (Kathy) Mansen of Petoskey, Derek Ormsby of Shelby Township, Sara (Rich) Strowzewski of Richmond

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Charlevoix Public Schools welcome new teachers

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Summer is over, and that means Rayders big and small will soon be polishing apples and hopping on busses.

And with a new year at Charlevoix Public Schools, comes new teachers.

"We're looking forward to it. It's exciting and there are a lot of things happening," said interim superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper. "I'm anxious to get kids and staff back in and get going."

He added, "I would just encourage (parents) to get involved with their children's education and activities and certainly welcome their comments and thoughts on how we can improve."

High school science teacher, Kristine Knoke, got her start teaching in two environmental learning centers in Minnesota and Holmes Middle School in Livonia.

"I'm from the Upper Peninsula originally, and always wanted to move back north," she said.



Kristine Knoke

"I was lucky enough to get the opportunity."

Knoke will teach physical science and integrated math II.

"I am super excited. I get to

meet all sorts of new kids and a whole new community that I'm anxious to be a part of," Knoke said.

Knoke, who will be married at the end of the year, received her teaching degree from Eastern Michigan University.

The five-year veteran of the education field hopes to get kids excited about learning science and math.

Seventh grade reading teacher, Gwen Catt, has been in the field for 15 years, working for schools in East Jordan and Gaylord.

"I've always worked in elementary somewhere," she said. "The challenge of older kids is kind of scary to me."



Gwen Catt

She added, "I love to be with kids and I love to teach. I'm just really passionate about reading, and sharing that passion is always something I've wanted

to do."

Catt, who received her bachelor's degree from Aquinas College and master's degree from Spring Arbor University,

spent every summer for the past seven years in Charlevoix.

"We never wanted to leave when the end of summer would roll around," she said. "So, our family relocated here."

Eighth grade social studies teacher, Doug Drenth, will remain at his post in Charlevoix

Middle School while replacing Jim Kanine as the high school athletic director.

"This is my fourth year in Charlevoix, and my seventeenth year in education," Drenth said. "I taught and coached in

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TEACHERS

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Indiana for 13 years, but this is my first job in the field of administration."



Doug Drenth

Drenth, who recently finished his degree in educational leadership, will work with coaches, budgets, scheduling and the hiring of officials, among

other duties.

"Mr. Kanine is a great man, and he has been very helpful to me," Drenth said. "I hope I can do as good a job as he did. I'm looking forward to this new role."

Drenth finished his undergraduate work at Central Michigan University and his post graduate work at Grand Valley State University from where he will soon earn a mas-

ter's degree.

"I look forward to working with coaches and athletes and trying to continue the traditions Charlevoix has in athletics," he said. "And, I look forward to supporting them in any means that I can."

Drenth has also coached track and basketball for Charlevoix Public Schools.

Former performing arts instructor, Connie Ford, will return this school year as the performing arts coach. Ford did not return phone calls by press time.

Suzanne Klinger, who has two bachelor's degrees from Central Michigan University (CMU), one in education, one in business, is the new Charlevoix

Suzanne Klinger

High School assistant principal and curriculum director. Klinger, who also has master's

degrees in educational administration and educational technology from CMU, has been in the field of education since 1992.

"I have been a high (school) business teacher at Houghton Lake and Charlevoix High School as well as a career tech ed and technology coordinator at Char-Em ISD," Klinger wrote in an e-mailed response to questions from the *Courier*. "I have spent the last seven years as Charlevoix Middle School Media Specialist and have chaired the District Steering Committee, which oversees curriculum and school improvement."

Klinger was inspired to go into the field by her math teacher.

"As a person and educator, he made a huge impact on my life. As I got older, I realized that I, too, wanted to have a chance to impact a child's life for the better. Being a teacher was one way to do that," she stated.

Klinger, who is married and has three children, is originally from Ohio.

"I hope to create a positive working relationship with the

high school students and staff and improve communication with parents," she stated. "Since my main role with the students will be discipline and attendance, I will work with the students to reduce their discipline and attendance problems by treating them fairly and instilling the importance of education for lifelong success."

She further stated, "I also look forward to continuing the work we have done in our district with curriculum, instruction and assessment. We have an incredible, dedicated staff that always works toward offering an aligned curriculum with strong instructional strategies. I hope to continue to offer guidance and leadership in curriculum for our staff."

The first day of school is today, Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Red Cross Blood Drive Sept. 14 at Community Reformed Church

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of U.S. 31 and Megeh Street.

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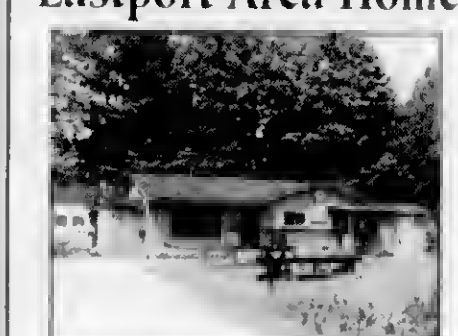
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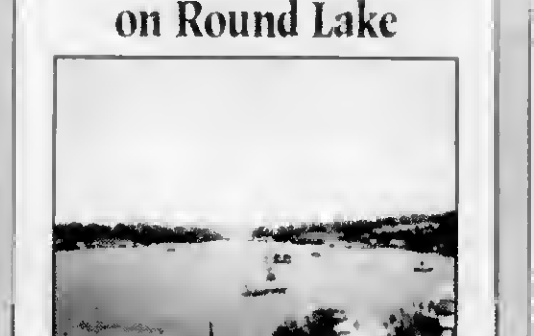
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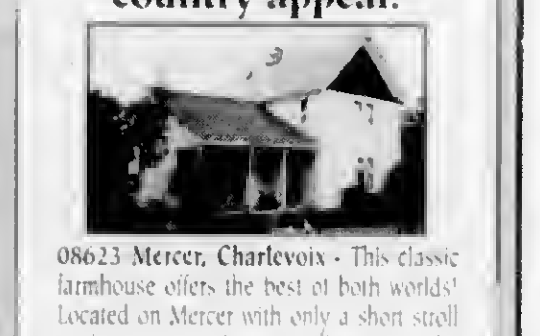
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New administrator, teachers join St. Mary staff

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Today, students at St. Mary School were welcomed to the 2006-2007 school year by new teachers and a new principal.

Keisha Versey was selected to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of former principal Janet Troppman, who accepted the principal's seat at Traverse City St. Francis.

Versey, 30, moved here in May from Onekama where she was a preschool, kindergarten and elementary Spanish teacher for nine years with the Onekama Consolidated School.

She said the transition was based in part on her husband, Jeff, accepting a new job with Industrial Magnetism Inc. in Boyne City.

"But I was ready for a change in grade or move to the administrative level. That is ultimately what I wanted to do," she said. "When this opportunity came up, it seemed like the right fit for the whole family."

The Versey family includes Keisha, her husband, Jeff, and their daughters, Kamryn, 7, who will be in second-grade at St. Mary, and Sydney, 2.

Versey received her bache-

lor's degree in elementary education from Alma College and went on to earn a master's degree in education from Grand Valley State University and a second master's in educational administration from Central Michigan University.

She said her plans don't include any major changes — with the exception of marketing what she referred to as a wonderful school.

"I'm learning more and more every day how wonderful this school is. The academics are in place. The religious studies are in place. We just need to let the community know how great we are. I want to help the school thrive and be the best it can be," Versey said.

Other new faces include pre-kindergarten teacher, Leslie Hoffman, second-grade teacher, Mary Plude, and third-grade teacher, Jenny Diebold.

For Hoffman, 23, her position at St. Mary is her first teaching job.

She is a 2001 graduate of Charlevoix High School who went on to earn a bachelor's degree in language arts and early childhood development from Aquinas College.

"This is a great place for me



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

New teachers at St. Mary School (from left) Leslie Hoffman, Jenny Diebold and Mary Plude stand outside the school with new principal, Keisha Versey.

to be. I'm excited for preschool — watching their small success and development," she said.

While Hoffman is a newcomer to the education scene, Diebold is a veteran. The 47-

year-old Ellsworth resident has been teaching for 26 years, some of which was spent at St. Mary. Her most recent teaching job was also a third-grade position with Ellsworth Community Schools.

"I'm thrilled to be back," she

said.

Diebold is a 1976 graduate of Gaylord High School and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Northern Michigan University. She is married to Rick and has two children, a son, Rick, and a daughter, Karin.

Plude, 39, of Charlevoix, has been out of the classroom since the 1990s and is excited to return.

"My kids are grown and it's the right time to come back. It (teaching) was the one thing I did not complete. I love teaching in the lower elementary classroom," Plude, a mother of four, said.

St. Mary School currently has about 75 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through sixth grades. Enrollment is still open for this school year.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

The HARVEST



(Above) Berg's Farm broccoli and tomatoes.

There is no better place to be during harvest season than northern Michigan.

This section of the Charlevoix Courier pays tribute to the local, flourishing farm community. It includes snapshots from the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce's successful Aug. 24 kickoff of the Downtown Farmers' Market and recipes for bringing the local harvest from the garden to your dinner table.

The Farmers' Market continues this week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7 in East Park.

On sale will be fresh grown vegetables, maple syrup, honey, flowers and more.

For more information about the market, call the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

From the garden to the table

TOMATO, EGGPLANT AND GARLIC RIGATONI

The list:

- Salt
- 2.5 pounds eggplant, unpeeled, cut crosswise into quarter-inch thick slices
- 5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- .5 cup chopped fresh basil
- one-eighth teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 to 3 pounds fresh tomatoes coarsely chopped
- 1 pound of dried rigatoni
- one-quarter cup of freshly grated parmesan cheese
- Fresh ground pepper to taste

The mix:

Lightly salt both sides of eggplant slices and set aside in a colander for 30 minutes. In deep skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic, basil and red pepper flakes and sauté two to three minutes. Add tomatoes, stir and simmer until thickened (about



(Above) Kiteley Farms eggplant.

15 minutes). Remove from heat, cover.

Rinse eggplant slices and pat dry with paper towel. In second large skillet, heat remaining olive oil over high heat, sauté eggplant about two to three minutes each side. Cut slices into quarters and mix with tomato sauce.

Cook pasta as directed. Mix with sauce. Add parmesan cheese, salt and pepper to taste and toss.

CAULIFLOWER AND BROCCOLI SALAD

The list:

- 1 large head cauliflower, chopped
- 1 large broccoli bunch, chopped
- 1 green onion bunch
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 cup fresh peas, shelled
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1.4 ounce package buttermilk salad dressing mix
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons vinegar

The mix:

Combine and toss vegetables. Mix mayonnaise, salad dressing mix, sugar and vinegar. Pour over vegetables. Cover and chill overnight.

PEACH SMOOTHIE

The list:

- 1 banana, peeled and cut into thirds
- .5 cup raspberries
- 2 peaches, skin on, pitted and cut into chunks
- 1 cup vanilla yogurt

- 1 cup whole milk
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The mix:

Combine all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth, but thick.



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Northwest Academy enrollment skyrockets

New NWA programs, teachers

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Northwest Academy begins their eleventh year as a public school academy with new teachers and a new offering.

Co-administrator of the academy, Gary Stutzman, said open enrollment in their new kindergarten through third-grade and existing fourth through twelfth-grade programs continues.

"We are definitely excited about the addition of the (kindergarten), first, second and third grades," Stutzman said. "The math and science department is also going through an exciting change with the addition of Shelly Brya and Susan Metzger."



Susan Metzger

she has dealing with the math curriculum and actually being one of the people who helped write the questions for the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program test). It's really exciting having someone with that kind of background on our staff working at this level. It can't do anything but be good for our school, for our student body and our staff."

Stutzman said Northwest Academy's ability to offer an elementary program is indicative of a bright future.

"To have a mix of new teachers and the returning veteran teachers gives us a really great mix," he said. "The future of Northwest Academy is at the elementary level. This is significant, I think, because parents now have the ability to have a choice of where they might want to send their child for their education."

Stutzman said, while enrollment this year has doubled, the

academy still boasts a goal of no more than 15 students per class.

"Why I believe there is this explosion in growth is because our team is so dedicated to individualizing education to each child," he said. "We want to work with these children so there is measurable progress every day."



Shelly Brya

Brya, the academy's new science teacher, previously worked in public health for 10 years. "I decided I needed a change, a new outlet for my science, so I got my teacher's certificate," she said. "This is actually my first teaching experience."

Brya completed her student teaching in East Jordan.

"I look forward to some one-on-one mentoring with the students," she said. "I look forward to helping restructure the science department here and getting kids excited about science again."

Brya received her bachelor's degree in environmental health and science and her teaching certificate from Ferris State University.

"My true love was really science. I wanted to get back to the hands-on role in science," she said. "I was working in a regulatory role in science for a public health agency and found that I had a connection with kids and put two and two together and here I am."

Brya, who is married and has

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDINANCE NO. 713 OF 2006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 5.188(2), 5.188(3) AND 5.188(6) OF CHAPTER 51 OF TITLE V OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS

SECTION 1 Amendment of Section 5.188(2) of Chapter 51

Section 5.188(2) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(2) Approval shall be based upon

(a) Compliance with the site related requirements of the zoning district in which the land use is located as well as all other site related requirements of this zoning ordinance which apply to the land use

(b) Compliance with requirements of the City of Charlevoix for fire and police protection, water supply, sewage disposal or treatment, storm drainage, and other public facilities and services.

(c) Compliance with the standards of other governmental agencies where applicable, and that the approval of these agencies has been obtained or is assured

(d) The creation of no unsafe condition including, but not limited to pedestrian, vehicle, and emergency access

(e) Compatibility of proposed landscaping, grading, and filling with adjoining property and land uses

SECTION 2 Amendment of Section 5.188(3) of Chapter 51.

Section 5.188(3) (a-e) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) Three (3) copies of the development plan shall be submitted to the zoning administrator and shall contain the following information. The zoning administrator may waive the requirements in select cases:

General requirement of overall development plan submission shall consist of a set of drawings shown at a scale of not less than one (1) inch equals fifty (50) feet on a standard sheet size of twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches. A scale of one (1) inch equals one hundred (100) feet when conditions warrant or do not allow the use of the standard sheet size at a scale of one (1) inch equals fifty (50) feet may be permitted. Architectural elevations and floor plan details shall be drawn to a minimum scale of one-eighth (1/8) inch equals one (1) foot.

Included in the development plan submission shall be the following information:

- (a) Title Block Information
 1. Proprietor's name and address
 2. Scale of drawing
 3. Revision block (month, day and year)
 4. Name and address of party preparing plan
 5. Legal description of the parcel

(b) Legend Information

1. Area of the parcel proposed for development
2. Zoning classification of the proprietor's site
3. If residential, shown density calculations, i.e., dwelling units per acre or bedrooms per acre
4. If commercial or industrial, show gross and usable floor area
5. Existing and proposed land uses
6. Number of parking spaces provided and number required by the Zoning Ordinance
7. Number of loading and unloading spaces if required and number required by the Zoning Ordinance
8. Percent of parcel covered by main and accessory building

(c) Area Plan/Community Location

1. Zoning classification of all contiguous properties
2. Location of all contiguous buildings
3. Location of driveways opposite development and nearest driveways on contiguous street fronting property
4. Location and size of all off-site utilities and utility easements
5. North arrow

(d) Site Plan Development

1. Location and uses of all proposed and existing buildings
2. Dimensions from all exterior property lines to proposed and existing buildings
3. Existing and proposed grades shall be shown throughout the site. On sites having any appreciable elevation changes in grades shall be indicated by means of a topographic map having a contour interval of no less than two (2) feet, with the exception of areas having topography which because of steepness of slopes or density of tree cover cannot be mapped at a two (2) foot interval.
4. If development is in phases, total over all conceptual development shall be shown together with details of Phase I.
5. On-site utilities, their location and connection to off-site utilities
6. Internal pedestrian and vehicular circulation pattern and points of ingress and egress to the site and relationship to external points of vehicular ingress and egress near or opposite the site including location of emergency access.
7. Location and design of all parking facilities and loading and unloading areas
8. Location of trash receptacles, transformer pads or other utility surface structure
9. Applicable barrier free design rules
10. Setbacks required by the applicable zoning district(s)
11. Storm, surface and subsurface drainage control plan

(e) Architectural Plan Details

1. Proposed architectural elevations
2. Floor plan layout to show:
 - a. Dwelling unit type (for multiples)
 - b. Usable floor space (for other)
 - c. Proposed use (for other)

SECTION 3 Amendment of Section 5.188(6) of Chapter 51.

Section 5.188(6) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(6) Development Plan Amendment.

- (a) Minor amendments. Minor amendments are those where the resultant development plan will continue to meet the specific standards of the Zoning Ordinance, such as setback requirements, do not increase the building ground coverage or building height and are not contrary to any specific conditions imposed as a part of any original approval or its subsequent amendment. The City Council may make such amendments as a part of its routine business at any regular or special meeting.
- (b) Major amendments. Major amendments are those not qualifying as a minor amendment. The City Council may approve such amendments following the same procedures followed for the original approval action.

SECTION 4 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

Motion by Councilmember Sherrin Chamberlain, seconded by Councilmember Bill Haggard, to approve Ordinance 713 of 2006. Ordinance No. 713 of 2006 was adopted by the Charlevoix City Council at a regular meeting held on August 21, 2006 with the following yea and nay vote:

YEAS: Council members Chamberlain, Haggard & Timms
NAYS: Council members Campbell and Gibson
Absent: None

State of Michigan)

) ss

City of Charlevoix)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson Jr., Mayor

NWA adds elementary classes and four instructors

NWA

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a 2-year-old daughter, has lived in northern Michigan for 12 years.

Originally from Grand Haven, Metzger and her husband moved to the area after remodeling a home in Horton Bay.

"I enjoy working with children and I also have a passion for mathematics," she said. "My joy in life is getting kids to see everything in the world involves mathematics — even the tiling of a kitchen floor."

Math isn't something you just learn about in the classroom, Metzger said. "It's something you utilize everyday."

Metzger will work jointly with the science department to create projects which help the students see how different subjects intermix.

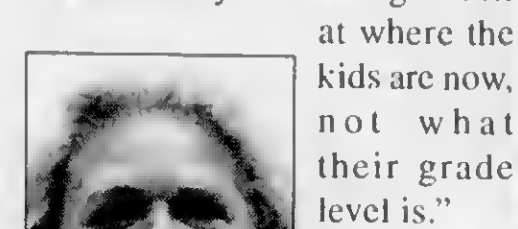
Metzger has a master's degree in education from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University.

"It's exciting to be up here permanently," said the one-time seasonal guest to Charlevoix. "I consider it an honor and a privilege to work with them (students) this year and I thank them for the opportunity to do so."

Gerry Sciacca, a seven-year veteran of Concord Academy of Petoskey, will be teaching sixth and seventh grades at Northwest Academy.

"I'm very happy to be here because they (NWA) have the same philosophy of individual-

izing each child's educational plan, teaching each child at their level and taking them as far as they can go and not focusing on age and grade," Sciacca said. "Chronological age does not determine where a child is academically. It's taking a look



Gerry Sciacca

at where the kids are now, not what their grade level is."

Sciacca, who has taught all grades from kindergarten through eighth, received her bachelor's

degree from Western Michigan University, and her continuing education from Michigan State University.

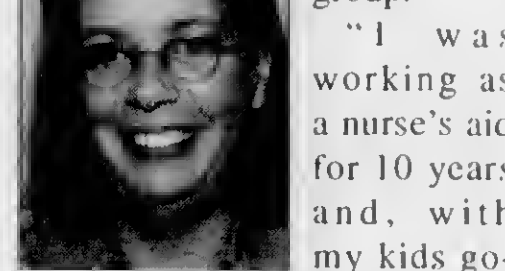
"I bring a fine arts background, so I'm going to be bringing fine arts to my classroom," said the mother of three.

Northwest Academy's new kindergarten and first-grade teacher, Phoebe Gohs, has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Spring Arbor University.

"I'm excited to be able to differentiate instruction because we have small class sizes and I will be able to teach the kids at

the level they are at," she said.

Before coming to work with the youngest section of the population, Gohs



Phoebe Gohs

worked with the oldest group. "I was working as a nurse's aid for 10 years and, with my kids going through school, I was spending a lot of time at

the school," she said. "I decided that was where I'd rather be."

While this is Gohs' first full-time teaching assignment, she spent the last two school years substitute teaching in school districts in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

"People should feel something special when they walk through the building and see the high level of interaction between the staff and their students," Stutzman said. "I think we have the kind of people in place to make that happen."

The first day of school began at 8:15 a.m., today, Wednesday, Sept. 6. Parent orientation is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7.

For more information, call Northwest Academy at (231) 547-9000.



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Charlevoix Dems to host Sept. 7 campaign meeting

Revving up for the fall campaign, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, Charlevoix County Democrats will hold an open public meeting to prepare for the elections.

The public meeting, which will be held at the Argonne Supper Club, off Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, will be preceded by a Dutch treat dinner.

The meeting, focused on the fall campaign, will discuss the various candidates for state and local offices and how to assist their campaigns. The candidates to be discussed are Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Senator Debbie Stabenow, State House candidate Tom Hay Bauer, State Senate Candidate Sharon Unger, Charlevoix County Commission incumbent Connie Saltonstall and others.

"This is a pivotal election

year," said Charlevoix County Democratic Party chairman, Bill Lovett. "We feel there will be a ground swell of support for Democratic candidates nationwide, and we know Charlevoix County will be a part of that."

Lovett announced the planned opening of a Charlevoix County Democratic Headquarters at 12889 U.S. 31 on Charlevoix's north side. Hours of operation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. As the election draws closer the office will be open for expanded hours. A grand opening will be announced soon.

For more information on Charlevoix County Democratic Party activities visit Charlevoixcountydems.org.

For more information, call Bill Lovett at (231) 547-3592.

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This option permits anyone under the age of 40 to join Country Club of Boyne using a payment program of ten (10) annual payments at 0% interest. In addition, Junior Members will pay only 50% of the annual membership dues until April 1st of their 40th birthday.

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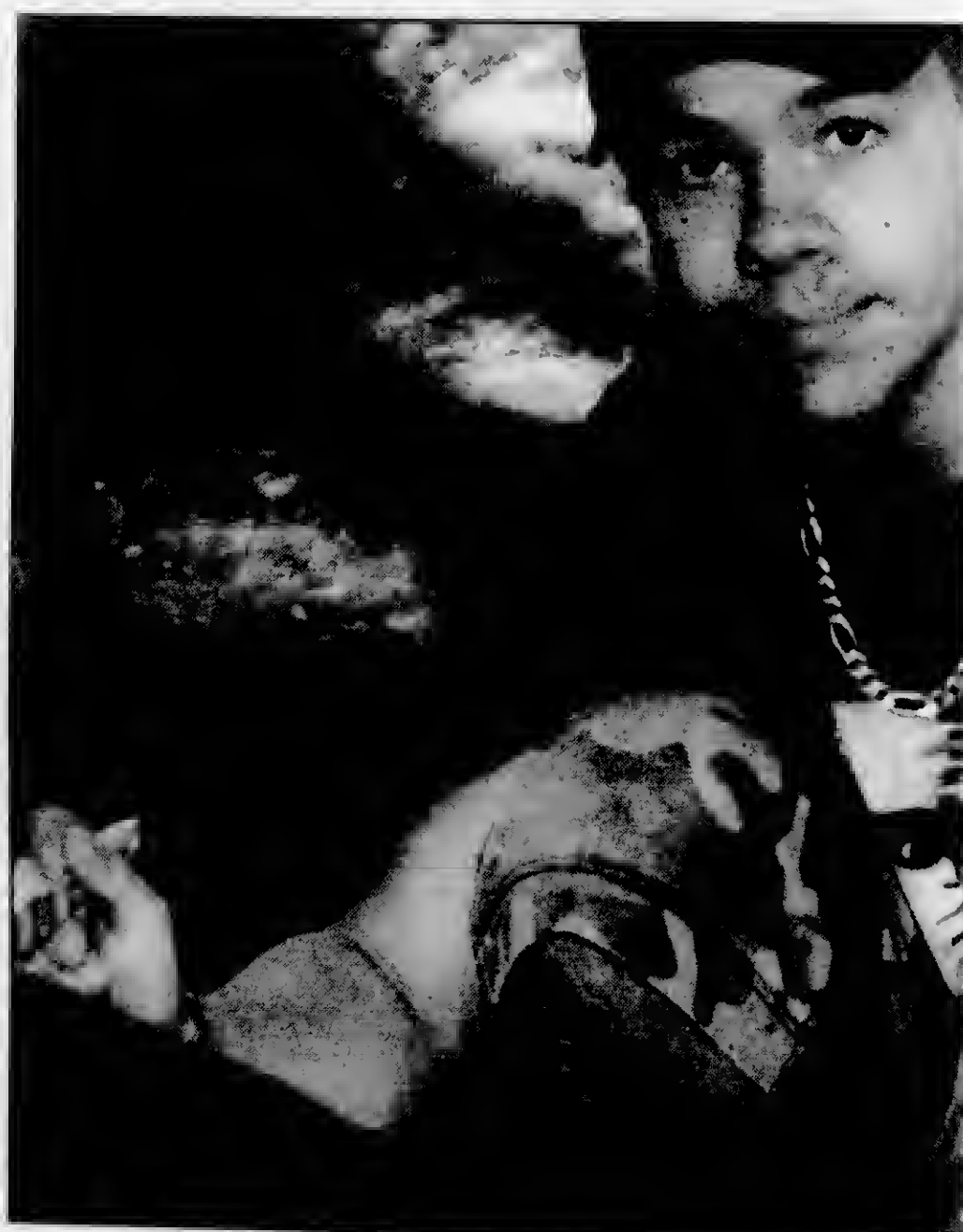
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MSU Extension director Rod Cortright retires

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix County branch of the Michigan State University Extension office, located in Boyne City, bid farewell to someone with a quarter century of experience.

Retired extension director, Rod Cortright, will miss the variety his job offers.

"It's been a wonderful experience, and there's no such thing as a typical day," he said. "You never know what's coming through the door. On my desk right now I have a couple bushes with some insects on them, and the woman who brought them in is wondering how to deal with them chewing on her (plants)."

Cortright comes from a long line of people with agricultural interests.

"Before this, I grew up on a farm in southern Michigan. I'm the eighth generation of family on that farm," he said.

Michigan State University has an extension office in each of Michigan's 83 counties.

According to Cortright, the Michigan State University Extension offices are staffed with people to aid citizens in learning about things like agriculture, families' and economic development.

"We probably reach 7,000 or 8,000 people a year, with everything from consumer sciences — what we used to call home-ec — to the 4-H program for kids, which deals with everything from animal husbandry to master gardening," Cortright said. "Our role is to bring univer-

sity-based information out into the world and get it beyond the borders of the university campus."

"The areas that I worked in primarily are agriculture, marketing of agricultural products, natural resources management, and I public policy issues."

As far as the general audience, (we serve) everyone in Charlevoix County."

Cortright said helping people includes discussing varieties of crops to grow and best management practices.

"I also work with land owners on forestry issues like how to manage a forest properly (and) how to best market timber," he said. "I've had an opportunity to work with some really great people in the county and throughout the state."

Cortright, who has degrees in crop science and soil science from Michigan State University and has worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and in agricultural finance, plans to spend time helping his wife with her business, and traveling.

"I'm still going to be doing some work for the university. I've developed quite an area of expertise in land use issues," he said. "I will be doing some teaching in various classes."

Cortright was replaced by Dean

Solomon on Sept. 1.

Solomon's previous employment includes a stint as program coordinator for the Land and Water Program at the W. K. Kellogg Biological Station for nearly a decade.

"I am exceptionally pleased that an individual of Dean's quality will be assuming leadership for our Charlevoix County MSU Extension program," stated Michigan State University North Regional Director, Patrick Cudney in a press release dated Aug. 10.

According to the release, Solomon will be in charge of overseeing staff members, managing budgets, building relationships with elected officials and educating people on issues concerning natural resources and agriculture.

"Solomon began his career with MSU Extension in 1981 as a natural resources agent in Livingston County. He then served as a natural resources district agent for southwestern Michigan. Solomon has assumed leadership roles for the MSU natural resources coalition and as a water quality and water use policy coordinator. Since 2001, Solomon has helped MSU Extension capture more than \$800,000 in grants," the release stated. "Solomon received his bachelor's and master's degrees in forestry from MSU. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters, the Michigan Association of Extension Agents, the Michigan community and Natural Resources Development Association and the Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals."



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten classroom, welcomes certified teacher, Stacie Harvey. Here, Harvey is pictured with school director, Barb Godwin-Chulick.

New Charlevoix Children's House staff members

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The Charlevoix Children's House welcomes new staff members for the 2006-2007 school year.

Assisting the local Montessori school's director, Barb Godwin-Chulick, will be Stacie Harvey.

Harvey replaces former classroom assistant, Stacey Edwards, who is working in a Montessori school in Poland.

Chulick, who has been with the school for 17 years, said she chose Harvey because of her commitment to education and to the Montessori method.

"A Montessori classroom is unique in comparison with other preschool settings. The Montessori environment is peaceful and kids excel in it. I believe in it — it works well with who I am," Harvey said.

Chulick explained that the Montessori philosophy which the school's employees integrate into their interactions with students, emphasizes independence. The classroom work

areas are set up to be used from left to right and other activities promote visual discrimination in size and color to prepare students for reading.

Harvey, 26, is a Haslett native who received her certification in early childhood development from Central Michigan University and has worked in a Montessori classroom in Midland for three years.

She is currently enrolled in a year-long Montessori certification program at Adrian Dominican Montessori Teacher Education Institute. Her work at the Children's House will fulfill her internship requirement for that certification.

Chulick and Harvey will be joined in the classroom by assistants Carol Coen and Dorothy Metzger.

Currently, there are 21 students enrolled at the Children's House for the 2006-2007 school year. The preschool and kindergarten classroom is open to students ages 2-and-a-half to 6.

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Flying in style with Fresh Air Aviation

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A plush, relaxed flight experience for passengers is the quest of Fresh Air Aviation, a new charter airline service to Beaver Island and destinations by request.

Former Island Airways manager, Rachel Teague, 32, and her husband, lead pilot, Keith Teague, 42, are heading up the new charter service which took to the skies on Aug. 11. The business boasts first class accommodations, booking facilities and procedures.

"We saw a great opportunity to bring something new to the market with a customer service focus and an expanded flight schedule. New ideas, a fresh approach," said Rachel, general manager for Fresh Air Aviation. "People are enjoying the product and service we are providing."

According to Rachel, Island Airways let both she and Keith go last winter. She had been the company's general manager for six years while Keith had been chief pilot there for 15 years.

While Rachel said the reason for the dismissal is unclear, it did provide the couple the opportunity to pursue their dream of operating a charter airline.

"Keith was the most requested pilot with Island Airways, so many people expressed their comfort with him. They really missed him. He brings such professionalism with him," she said.

They operate under the Federal Aviation Administration certificate of Northwoods Aviation of Cadillac, owned by Derek DeRuiter, which specializes in sea plane operations and unique aircraft service.

In providing service to Beaver Island, they take off and land from Charlevoix Municipal Airport and the Peaine and St. James townships airport.

Rachel said their presence at the island airport should increase opportunities for funding for terminal and ramp developments and general aviation there.

"Our staff will be here seven days a week," she said. "This will be great for the island in the long-

run."

She said the airport offers nice runways, approaches, lighting and a quiet atmosphere.

Keith shares his flight time with two other pilots all of who have experience flying to and from Beaver Island. The three-some soar in a pair of top of the line Partenavia six-passenger planes that can fly 20 knots transporting people to Beaver Island from Charlevoix in 12 minutes.

The Charlevoix airport terminal doesn't have space for two operators and the city's fixed base operator Island Airways is already there. So, Fresh Air has located its base of operation across the street at 1520 Bridge St.

According to city attorney, Jim Young, the city terminal's inability to provide for another business doesn't violate the Federal Aviation Administration's monopoly policy.

"You have to provide reasonable access to new businesses. That doesn't not mean that you have to give them space in a terminal build-

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Fresh Air Aviation lead pilot, Keith Teague, and his wife, Fresh Air's general manager, Rachel Teague stand alongside one of their Partenavia six-passenger planes. Fresh Air Aviation is a charter airline service offering flights to Beaver Island and destinations by demand.

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During the Friday, Aug. 25 unveiling of Castle Gardens, Castle Farms owners Linda and Richard Mueller honored previous Castle owner, John Van Haver.

The Knight's Courtyard Garden was dedicated to and named after Castle Van Haver owner, John Haver who was on hand to accept the honor.

Van Haver purchased the Castle farms in the mid-1960s. The horse barn was converted into a foundry for cast aluminum art objects, allowing his love for art and sculpture to be woven into the Castle grounds.

"We want to honor Mr. Van Haver's vision when he set about to preserve this remarkable property. His vision was to promote the arts and preserve the property. This is a common vision that I have continued to the current day Castle Farms owner. I know Mr. Van Haver will be pleased with the restoration. The Charlevoix community, the Castle Farms team and I would like to honor Mr. Van Haver's place in the history of the Castle," said Castle Farms owner, Linda Mueller.



Courtesy photo

During the Friday, Aug. 25 unveiling of Castle Gardens, Castle Farms owners Linda and Richard Mueller honored previous Castle owner, John Van Haver.

Visitors to Castle Farms will now be able to wander through meticulously groomed gardens and an evergreen hedge maze.

Flowers that are featured in the gardens are those varieties that grow well in northern Michigan — black beauty single hollyhocks, climbing roses and varieties of lilies.

Capitalizing on local talent in the Charlevoix community, Mueller has partnered with the Charlevoix Garden Club to design the Queen's Butterfly Garden. The butterfly garden will be completed next spring. A reflecting pond stocked with

live fish and wild ducks is a new addition to the grounds. Frequent sightings of both an eagle and blue heron indicate a habitat for wildlife is growing near the pond.

In the East Garden, visitors will find a fleur-de-lis fountain surrounded by lavender and lilies.

The garden project has taken five years from research and design to actually planting the first plants three years ago. A new garden will be added each year for the next five years, and Mueller will continue to embellish and refine each of the Castle's existing gardens.

"The combination of soaring towers, stone archways and magnificent courtyards and gardens will assure that guests will always enjoy exploring this landmark of Charlevoix."

Castle Farms," Mueller said. Castle Farms is located at 5052 M-66 North in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 237-0884 or visit www.castlefarms.com.

New business offers flight service to Beaver Island

FRESH AIR

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ing when the space doesn't already exist. You have a right to do business out of the airport its just a question of how can we accommodate them without being unreasonable," he explained.

The city is giving them access to the airport but they're operating off-site. In my experience the FAA would not make them be forced into the terminal. But they may provide a grant to help expand the terminal.

When asked whether Fresh Air will pursue terminal space at the municipal airport, Rachel

said right now they're happy where they are.

"It's comfortable, its convenient and it's cost-effective and we can pass that along to the customer. But who knows what the future will hold," she said.

In fact the privacy provided by the off-site location is one of Fresh Air's marketing points.

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Assistant to help create the
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the electronic resources provided
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staff training. Basic networking
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See the library website for further
information. Please send
letter and resume to the library,
109 Clinton St., Charlevoix, MI
49720. Application deadline:
September 9th, 2006.

(08-30-2-086)

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EMPLOYMENT 086

THE CHARLEVOIX LIBRARY
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location at 220 W Clinton
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for bid specifications or stop
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Bids will be accepted through
September 13th, 2006.

(08-30-3-086)

THE CHARLEVOIX Public
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expand programs for our birth
- 5 patrons and their parents.
Part-time, 20+ hours.
Application deadline is Sept.
6. Submit cover letter and
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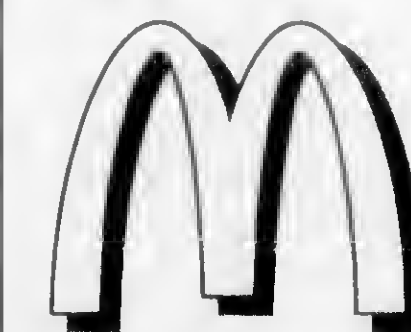
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The City of Charlevoix will receive bids until 2:00 p.m. on September 22, 2006 for the removal of existing tree Christmas lights and the installation of new lights. All bids are to be in a sealed envelope marked "Christmas Lights" and directed to Carol Ochs, City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Specifications can be obtained from Street Superintendent, Pat Elliott at 231-547-3276.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

Mr. Pat Elliott
Street Superintendent
City of Charlevoix
210 State Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

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BIDS WANTED 209**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Separate sealed bids for the construction of approximately 1,200 square feet of 6 inch sidewalk, will be received by the City of Charlevoix at the Office of the City Clerk until 2:00 p.m. on September 12, 2006 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. Each sealed envelope containing a BID must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope as "Bid for 2006 Northeast Access Walk"

The contract documents may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained at the Offices of the City of Charlevoix located at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

The owner reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any proposal in the interest of the Owner.

All inquiries are to be directed to Street Superintendent Pat Elliott at 231-547-3276.

Mr. Mike Wiesner
City Manager
City of Charlevoix
210 State Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

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BIDS WANTED 209**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS****CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
EAST PARK MARINA
MOORING FACILITY****PROPOSED PHASE
I - MARINE WORK
CONSTRUCTION****CHARLEVOIX COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

PROFESSIONAL: UNITED DESIGN ASSOCIATES, INC., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268.

DUE DATE: Until 1:00 pm Local Time on October 19, 2006, the City of Charlevoix will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the offices of:

BID LOCATION: City of Charlevoix City Council Chambers at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING: "City of Charlevoix East Park Marina Mooring Facility - Proposed Phase I - Marine Work Construction, Charlevoix County, Michigan." All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope, clearly labeled with the Bidder's name and address, and title of proposal enclosed.

BIDDER QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL: A Bidder Qualification Submittal and Sworn Statement is required for this project and shall be submitted to THE PROFESSIONAL on or before the MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the PROJECT SITE AT THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, EAST PARK MARINA MOORING FACILITY, CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on September 28, 2006, at 1:00 pm Local Time prior to the due date for bids. The purpose of this mandatory meeting and on-site inspection is to answer questions and provide a one time only inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company authorized representative must be present at this mandatory pre-bid meeting and reg-

ister on the Meeting Attendance Record in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

BID GUARANTEE - The Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check on an open, solvent bank or a bid bond with an authorized surety company, executed by the bidder and the surety company (the surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570) in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid payable to the City of Charlevoix and Michigan Department of Natural Resources co-owners as a guarantee of good faith.

CONTRACT SECURITY - The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond, and labor and material payment bond in an amount each of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid in accordance with P.A. 213 of 1963 as amended by P.A. 351 of 1972.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES - State of Michigan funds are being used for this project. State of Michigan Prevailing Wage Rates will apply.

BIDDER AGREES TO - Each Bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the City of Charlevoix, the Professional, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

BID REJECTION - City of Charlevoix reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and also reserves the right to award a Contract to a Bidder who the City of Charlevoix believes will perform in their best interests, and is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other Bid.

COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the Office of United Design Associates, Inc., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268 upon payment of a NON-REFUNDABLE COST of \$200.00 for each set of documents requested. Persons desiring copies to be sent by mail shall include an additional Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per contract to cover the cost of mailing.

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - The City of Charlevoix hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into

pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or because of a handicap that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position in consideration for an award.

Mr. Mike Wiesner
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BIDS WANTED 209**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS****CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
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MOORING FACILITY****PROPOSED PHASE 2 -
FLOATING PIER SYSTEM****CHARLEVOIX COUNTY,
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FLOATING PIER SYSTEM CONTRACTOR BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: A mandatory pre-

bid qualification of the Floating Pier Contractors and the Ice Suppression System Contractors (sub-contractors to the Floating Pier Contractors) is required for this project. Pre-bid qualification material shall be submitted to THE PROFESSIONAL on or before the MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

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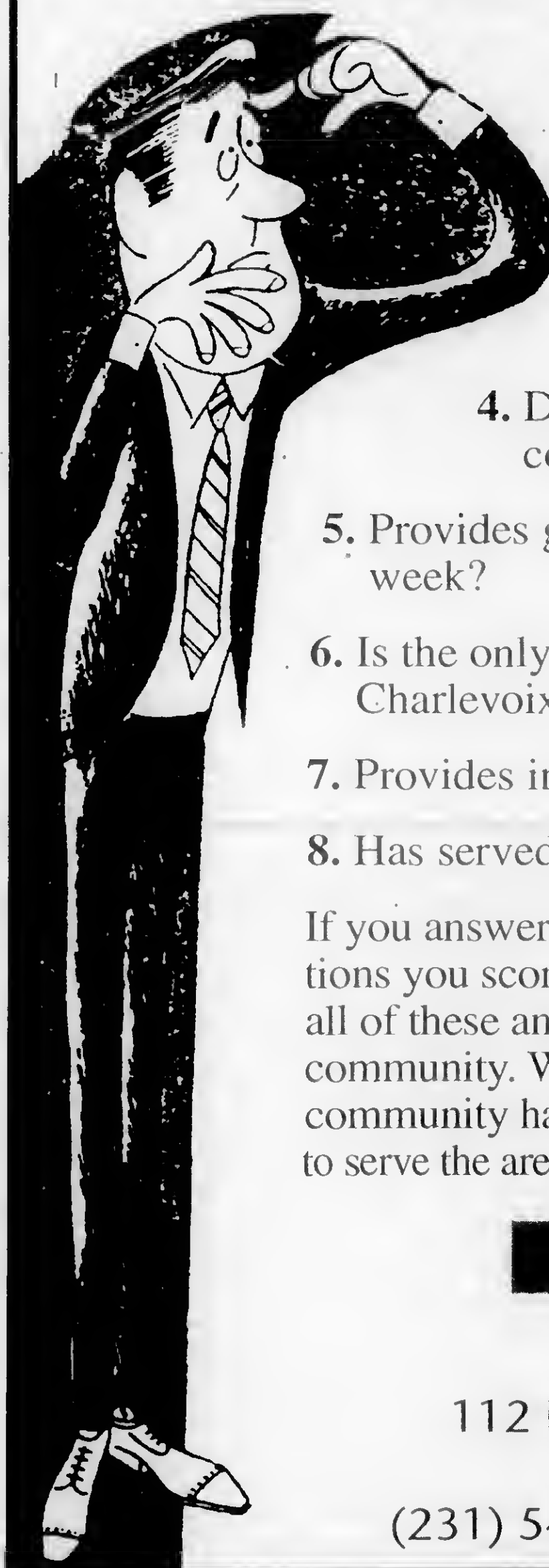
LEGAL NOTICE 210**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ANTRIM
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-11287-DE**

Estate of Hazel Fox, Deceased
Date of birth: October 30, 1906

TO ALL CREDITORS*

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decedent, Hazel Fox, who lived at 7228 Cleveland Avenue, Bellaire, Michigan died March 6, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert L. Hoffman, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 205 E. Cayuga, Bellaire, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 24, 2006

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9941

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LEGAL NOTICE 201

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
FILE NO. 05-010872-DE

TO ALL CREDITORS: The Settlor, Dorothy A. Edmonds (d/o/b April 06, 1905, who lived at 4775 Village Drive, Lansing, Michigan, died June 12, 2005. There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the DOROTHY A. EDMONDS TRUST dated April 10, 1999, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Max Hosmer, Successor Trustee, at 100 Upper Kelsey Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 29, 2006

Scott T. Beatty P24202
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Max Hosmer,
Successor Trustee
100 Upper Kelsey Drive
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLICATION REGARDING
NOTICE OF INTENT
TO CLOSE ESTATE
ADMINISTRATION AND
TERMINATE PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE'S AUTHORITY

Estate of WATKINS, MARIAN (MARYANNE)

To HERBERT L. WATKINS, the personal representative, interested persons of record, and surety of the personal representative's bond in the above named estate:

TAKE NOTICE:

1. The personal representative has failed to file a notice with the court that the estate remains under administration and the reasons for continuing administration as required by MCL 700.3951.

2. An interested person has not filed a petition regarding the necessity for continued administration, for complete estate settlement, or for a settlement order.

3. The court will close the administration of this estate and terminate the personal representative's authority within 63 days of this notice unless any of the following occur:

a. The personal representative files any of the following as may be permitted by law:

• a notice that the estate remains under administration that specifies the reason for continuing administration.

• a petition for either complete estate settlement under MCL 700.3952 or a settlement order under MCL 700.3953.

• a sworn statement seeking closing of the estate under MCL 700.3954.

b. An interested person files either of the following petitions with this court:

• a petition requesting a hearing on the necessity for continued administration of this estate.

• a petition for an order of complete estate settlement under MCL 700.3952.

c. A devisee under an informally probated will files a petition for a settlement order under MCL 700.3953.

*Costs will be assessed against the Personal Representative if the estate is closed administratively.

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Photo by Carol Madison

Summer sports trips to Europe for Charlevoix residents Kate and Becca Madison turned into an ideal That's My Photo picture opportunity. Here, Becca is pictured in the center holding a Courier at the Tower of London Bridge. She is surrounded by her fellow Traverse City Northstar soccer teammates. The team competed well and made it to the final 16 of 81 teams before being eliminated.



Photo by Jamie Evans

This sign and its amusing message proudly displayed off U.S. 31 near Giuseppe's was discovered by Charlevoix's Jamie Evans.



Photo by Andrea Jo Moore

Beaver Island resident Andrea Jo Moore took this shot of The Picton Castle arriving at Beaver Island on the evening of Aug. 13. The Picton Castle is registered in the Cook Islands, in the South Pacific, and is owned and operated by the Windward Isles Sailing Ship company, Ltd. Her North American home port is Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. The ship is a completely refitted barque that observes the rigorous standards of Germanischer Lloyd's for steel-hulled Cape Horners. She is 179-feet overall, with a riveted steel hull, clear oiled-pine decks, steel masts, and wooden and steel yards. She carries 12,450-square-feet of canvas sail.



Photo submitted by Mike Castiglione

A group of Michigan Scientific staff members ran in the Drenth Memorial Foot Race July 22 during the Charlevoix Venetian Festival. They are Lianna Miller, Chris Drost, Julie Farmer, Todd Olson, Michael Castiglione Jr., Michael Castiglione Sr. and Kent Larsen.

That's my photograph!



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SEPT. 6 CPR CLASS

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Classroom B.

- Basic First Aid from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in Classroom B.

The Cost is \$30 for each Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information or to register, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

SEPT. 6 RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL BREAKFAST

All retired school personnel are invited to a breakfast at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Flap Jack Family Restaurant in Charlevoix. For more information, call Eleanor at (231) 547-4995.

SEPT. 7 DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support

groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings, beginning Sept. 7 in the "Servants Quarters" to the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

SEPT. 7 PORKER GOLF TOURNEY

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

The entry fee is \$40 per person. The event is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a dinner buffet at Giuseppe's and the chance to win oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop.

The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register. An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

Rotary uses proceeds from the event to benefit the community with an emphasis on area youth.

SEPT. 8 AFTERGLOW

The Women's Ministries of the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church is presenting "Afterglow," a worship experience designed especially to minister to the busy woman's heart.

All women are welcome to attend from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8. For more information, call (231) 547-6430.

SEPT. 9 1940S REUNION

Members of the Charlevoix High School class of 1949 invite anyone who graduated in the 1940s to join attend their class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Argonne Supper Club to celebrate the "Fabulous Forties."

A reception begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$21 per person.

Those who wish to attend are asked to send a check made out to "Helen Emmons-Class of 1949" to Helen Emmons, 102 Alice St., Charlevoix, MI 49720, along with your choice of whitefish, shrimp or chicken.

For more information, call Helen at (231) 547-2955.

SEPT. 9 GARDENING CLASS

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class, "Keep the Color Going... with Fall Bloomers" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Pine Hill Nursery, located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids. For more information or to register, call (231) 599-2825.

**SEPT. 11
FREEDOM FROM SMOKING**
Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association will host a Freedom From Smoking clinic.

This eight-session, seven-week program will provide support, guidance and advice to help smokers quit.

The free clinic starts Sept. 11 and ends Oct. 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For more information or to register,

call (231) 547-8672 or send an e-mail to pottern@cah.org.

SEPT. 11 HOSPITAL GUILD MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11 in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria.

The rules for the group's upcoming "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" will be finalized.

Following the meeting, a presentation on Kenya will be given by guild president, Cass Williamson, and hospital foundation director, Lyn Jenks.

Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

SEPT. 14 SENIOR PICNIC

The 2nd Annual Beaver Island Senior Picnic sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the Peaine Township Hall on Beaver Island.

The event will include music, door prizes and food featuring barbecued chicken and the fixings.

Ticket costs are a \$3 donation for seniors over 60 and \$6 for attendees under 60.

The Commission on Aging will not sponsor the Beaver Island Health Fair this year. Some of the information included in the fair will be available at the picnic.

To donate a door prize, purchase tickets or for more information, call

(231) 237-0103.

SEPT. 19 FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Sue Shenk, Michigan State University Extension Educator will present a food preservation workshop at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the Lighthouse Mission Church, located at 07824 Rodgers Road in East Jordan. For more information or to register, call (231) 536-2255.

SEPT. 21 BERGMANN CENTER SALE

The Bergmann Center Inc. annual garage sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 21, 22 and 23 at the center, located at 08855 Martin Road in Charlevoix. There will be a \$1 bag sale on Friday, Sept. 29. All proceeds benefit the Bergmann Center. For more information, call (231) 547-2979.

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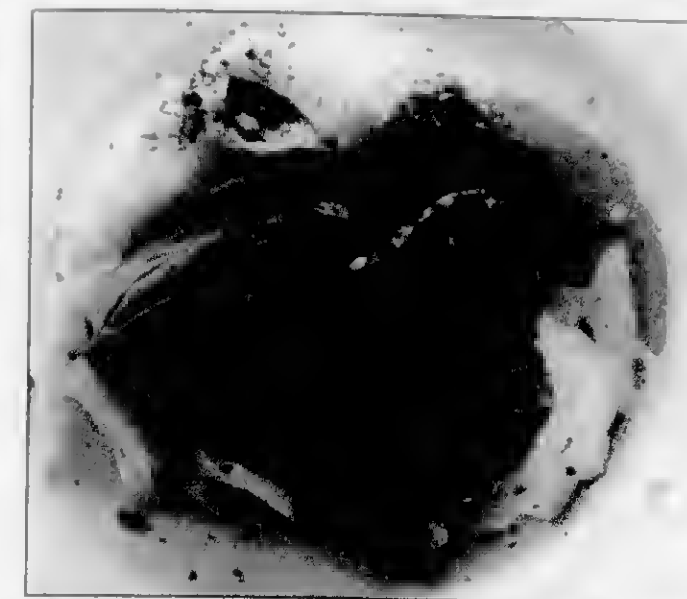
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JUKEBOX

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 8, Bacon and Eggs — blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 9, Vitamin V — hard rock.

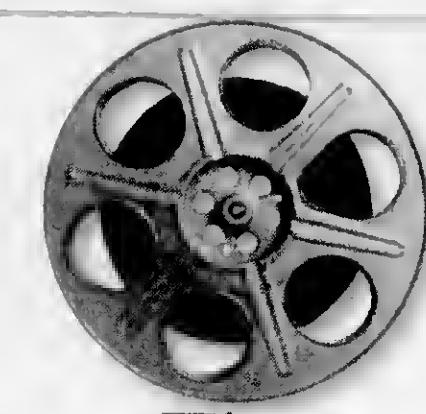
Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 8 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

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FOOTBALL



Photo by Kim Way

The 2006-2007 Varsity Football team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Nick Gotshall, Nate Golovich, Matt Kanine, Brad Cyr, Dan Swenor, Travis Jakeway, Darron Munson, Patrick Russell, (center row, from left) assistant coach Josh Skeel, Kevin Moore, Ray Jones, Kyle Jones, Drew Klooster, Robert Floyd, Justin Klooster, Cliff Jones, Kevin Gillespie, coach Don Jess, (back, from left) Hunter Boss, Danny Waldron, Trevor Cole, Corey Gotshall, Skipper Skippergosh, Zak Rankl, Chris Waha, Phil Michaud and Ian Weller.

Seniors lead Rayder football team charge

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

An undeniably strong Rayder senior lineup looks to dominate northern Michigan football fields this fall.

Of the 25 members of the varsity Rayder football team, 15 are seniors.

Head coach Don Jess said the senior leadership provides two key elements of the team's success — depth on the line and experience on the field.

"A lot of kids have stepped up

and worked hard in the weight room this summer," Jess said.

In spite of losing Jeff Golovich, Evan Keller, Russell Williams and Chris Aepelbacher, Rayder football standouts who graduated last year, Jess said his team will be competitive.

Their goal is to win the Lake Michigan Conference by securing the best record in the conference and to qualify for the playoffs. Last year was only the third time in the Rayder football program's history that they've qualified for the playoffs.

Other teams in the conference are Boyne City, Traverse City St. Francis, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Grayling and Harbor Springs.

Jess said he can't just pick the teams that will pose a challenge to the Rayders.

"The conference is tough from top to bottom. It's too early to tell where Charlevoix will fall," he said.

The first two games of the season have been non-conference matchups.

They defeated St. Ignace on

Aug. 25 tallying seven interceptions and winning by a score of 40-13.

"It was a total team effort. Our defense played well — everyone flew to the football and we hit hard," Jess said. "We played well so we are trying to fine tune everything."

Leading the defensive charge are senior captain, Ray Jones, his brothers juniors, Cliff and Kyle Jones and seniors Matt Kanine, Darron Munson and Drew Klooster.

Key offensive players are se-

niors, Chris Waha, Dan Swenor, Darron Munson, Matt Kanine and Cliff and Kyle Jones and linemen

They faced a tough Benzie Central team on Sept. 1.

Conference play will kickoff at 1 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Traverse City St. Francis. The next home game is at 7 p.m. on Sept. 15 when the Rayders host the Red Devils.

The coaching staff includes Jess and assistants Josh Skeel, Pat Klooster, Mike Rautio and Keith Carey.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country teams aim to earn state title

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Skilled runners are the key to Charlevoix High School girls' and boys' cross country teams meeting their goal of competing at the state championship.

The boys' team, which ended last season with a Lake Michigan Conference championship and a sixth place finish in the Class C regional meet is led by Jacob Wimmer, Alex Buday, Nick Wimmer and Scott Plude.

While coach Ken Plude described these four as his front runners on the team of 18, he said his challenge is getting runners five and six to front runner status.

One of the difficulties Ken is facing is his team's lack of depth. The team's top runner from last season, Brandon graduated along with six key backups.

Ken said depth isn't an impossible obstacle to overcome. But his team will have to be ready to work to make it to states.

According to Ken, the secret to his team's success is, "A lot of mileage, keep positive and stay healthy."

At the team's first meet of the season, Aug. 26 at Benzie, the Rayder boys' runners placed seventh out of 25 teams competing in the Classes A, B and large C division.

"They ran very well just coming off cross country camp," Ken said.

The strongest runners at the Benzie meet for the 5k, 3.1 mile event were first race Jacob Wimmer with a time of 17:08 minutes and Alex Buday with a time of 17:09 minutes.

The girls' team also had a strong showing at Benzie, finishing eighth overall. Junior, Alina Dhaseleer posted the top time for the Rayder girls' team with 20 minutes flat in the 5k.

Coach Mary Plude said Dhaseleer, a junior who has already qualified for

the state meet twice, is one of three top runners on her team.

"She's an all-around good runner. She's probably our top runner going into season. She did her work and she's healthy," Mary said.

Also in the team's top three is senior Lindi Edger, a three time all-state runner.

"She turns on when it comes to racing — she loves that competition," Mary said of Edger.

Rounding out the girls' top three is senior, Brittney Lamb, who has made two trips to the state meet.

She's the most consistent of all my practice runners. When she races, she's very consistent," Mary said.

"I've got three very different leaders. It's a great mix to have," she added.

Last year, Mary's team finished fourth in the Lake Michigan Conference and fourth at the regional finals — 10 points away from qualifying for the state championship.

She said her team this year has the chance to make the state cut.

"You really have to train in the summer, which the girls have done this year. We have the second toughest regional in the state. So, we have to be on that day (regional meet) completely. If anyone is slightly off we'll lose our chance. That's the way it goes," Mary said.

While this tight margin may seem pressure packed for Mary's 19 runners, she said that's not the way they approach cross country.

"They don't see it as pressure they see it as challenges which is a great attitude to have. I've got a great team, top to bottom," she said. "We've got an uphill battle but we're strong up front and we're as solid a team as we were last year."

The next girls' and boy's Rayder cross country meet, the famed Mud Run, will take place this weekend, on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Charlevoix High School.



Photos by Kim Way

(Above) The 2006-2007 Girls' Cross Country team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Alina Dhaseleer, Rachel Nuttall, (center row, from left) Caitling Taylor, Ellise Smolenyak, Breanna Londgren, Courtney Chamberlain, (back row, from left) Lindi Edger, Brittney Lamb, Shelby Goss, Elizabeth Kur and Veronica Shull. Missing from the photo: Kristina Alden, Christina Bourassa, Samantha Shull, Emily Westenbroek, Chantel Novotny, Kaitlin Wojan, Lauren Dupuis, Kayla Schneider. (Below) The 2006-2007 Boys' Cross Country team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Jon Kelly, Michael McDonough, Zach Scharenbroch, Alex Buday, Nick Wimmer, Shawn Nelson, (back row, from left) Doug Reynolds, Ted Dilworth, Scott Plude, Jacob Wimmer, Jacob Hunt and Billy Roloff. Missing from the photo: Dan Myers, Sam Balasz, Dustin Arp and Neil Sailsbury.



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The 2006-2007 Junior Varsity Golf team includes in the front row (from left to right): Mike Kras, Gunnar Whitley, Beau Boss, Robby Rundblad, Nick Brandi, Tyler Jones and Nate Tripplehorn. The Varsity Golf team includes in the back row (from left): Coach Bruce Beaudoin, Kris Bartling, Tyler Munroe, Kyle Smith, Chase Beatty, Nick Williams, J.D. Speigl and coach Jim Glynn.

Photo by Kim Way

Rayder golf works to overcome Glads

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The only thing standing between the Rayder golf team and a Lake Michigan Conference championship is a stellar Traverse City St. Francis team.

Rayder golf coach, Jim Glynn, said one of his team's goals this season is to secure a conference championship. However, Traverse City St. Francis continues to stand in the way. The Gladiators of Traverse City were runners-up for the state championship crown in 2005 and were state champs in 2004.

"They're one of the best teams in the state for sure,"



Jim Glynn

Glynn said, "We have to improve everyone down the line as the season goes and just keeping working toward our goals."

Leading the way toward the Rayder goal of winning the conference and ultimately qualifying to compete in the October Division III state finals at Michigan State University in East Lansing are Glynn, who has coached Rayder golf for 14

years, and fellow coach, Bruce Beaudoin. The two are guiding the play of seven varsity and seven junior varsity players.

"We have real good balance — a lot of parity among the players," Glynn said. "For us to compete in the state would be an accomplishment. I think we have a good chance with the way we are playing and our work ethic."

Thus far, the Rayder team has played eight matches.

"We have almost 50 percent of our season in before school starts because of weather and time constraints," Glynn said.

They played Aug. 30 at the Bulldog Invitational with the



Bruce Beaudoin

Bulldogs of Inland Lakes hosting. Of the 17 teams competing, Charlevoix took third place shooting a 336.

Top four scores for the day came from Kris Bartling, who shot an 82, J.D. Speigl, who shot an 83, Chase Beatty, who shot an 85 and Kyle Smith, who shot an 86.

Bartling and Smith are the team's two seniors.

Thus far, in conference

play, the Rayders have trailed Traverse City St. Francis.

The two faced off again on Tuesday, Sept. 4 in a Lake Michigan Conference match at Grandview in Kalkaska where all eight teams in the conference competed.

Results from this match were not available by press time.

The eight teams are Charlevoix, Boyne City, Traverse City St. Francis, Harbor Springs, East Jordan, Kalkaska, Grayling and Elk Rapids.

The Lake Michigan conference championship is scheduled to take place on Sept. 26 at Antrim Dells in Atwood.

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SOCCER

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Photo by Kim Way

The 2006-2007 Varsity Boys' Soccer team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Alex Buday, Weston Bryan, (center row, from left) Colin Campbell, Johnathon Jelinek, Chase Moore, Colin McDonough, Scott Haselschwardt, Adam Ulrich, Brennan Stebe, (back row, from left) Peter Londgren, Brian Whitley, R.J. Moore, Andy Ennis, Trevor Mays, Josh Godfrey, Scott Silberhorn and Travis Klooster. Missing from the photo: Ben Castiglione and Justin Friske.

Young soccer team wants taste of playoffs

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A young 21-member Charlevoix High School boys' soccer team is looking to this season as an opportunity to build skills.

"We're young. A lot of these guys, the majority, have two years of varsity soccer experience," said coach, Josh Block.

With four games under their

helt and no wins, Block said his team's focus is working on fundamentals and learning to play together.

"Our goal is to be prepared for the playoffs, for districts (Oct. 16-21). We have some good athletes. They're learning to play together. And we're shooting to be ready for the playoffs this season," said Block who is in his eleventh year coaching Rayder boys' soccer.

Replacing Gillespie in goal is sophomore, Colin McDonough who Block is hoping stays healthy as both backup keepers are on the injured list — Ben Castiglione

Last season, the boys' soccer team went .500 on the season. Block said they may match this record again this year.

The 2005 soccer team included graduates Shannon Gillespie, Michael DiMartino, Ben Scheek and Matt Teuscher.

Senior leadership comes from Klooster, Trevor Mays, Peter Londgren and Josh Godfrey.

The team got a taste of nail hitting competition on Aug. 28, against Harbor Springs, a team

has a broken leg and Justin Friske is out with a sprained ankle.

The key players in the Rayder offensive attack are sophomores, Weston Bryan and Alex Buday, junior, Matt Mailloux junior and senior, Travis Klooster.

Senior leadership comes from Klooster, Trevor Mays, Peter Londgren and Josh Godfrey.

The team got a taste of nail hitting competition on Aug. 28, against Harbor Springs, a team

they look forward to playing each year. The Rams scored in the last 20 seconds to win the game 3-2.

In another Lake Michigan Conference match-up on Aug. 30, the Rayders played Grayling, losing 5-3. Weston Bryan scored twice for Charlevoix and Collin Campbell scored once.

Their next game is at 5 p.m. on Sept. 7 at Kipke Field located on the ground of Charlevoix Middle School.

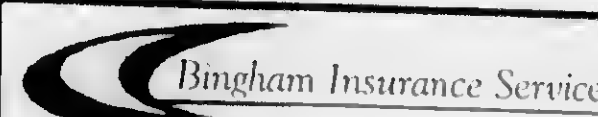
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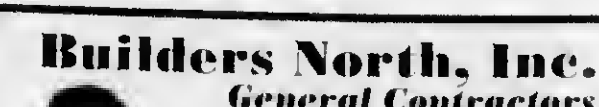
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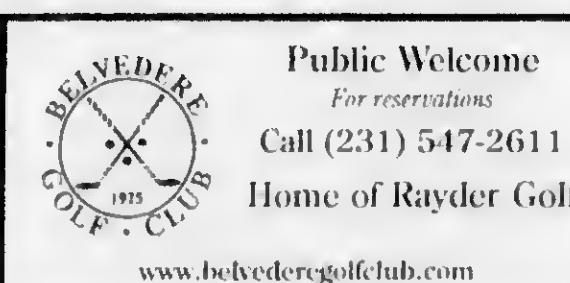
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A black and white photograph of the Payders basketball team. There are 13 players in two rows. The back row has 7 players and the front row has 6 players. All are wearing white jerseys with "PAYDERS" and their numbers. A basketball is held by the player in the front row, second from the right.

Row	Player Number
Back Row	52, 40, 44, 54, 30, 2, 2
Front Row	20, 34, 12, 10, 50, 14

Photo by Kim Way

Depth, balance: Keys to Rayder attack on court



Keith
Haske

"We have a chance to be as

Key players that graduated last year are all-state point guard, Laura Nitchman, Madison

He described Zimmerman, the team's starting point guard, as an all-around good basketball player with ball handling, decision making and shooting skills.

"I wasn't disappointed in our effort. It was an even game with two minutes to go. It hodes well for us even though we lost."

able to press time. They will play Cheboygan at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7 on their home court at Charlevoix High School.

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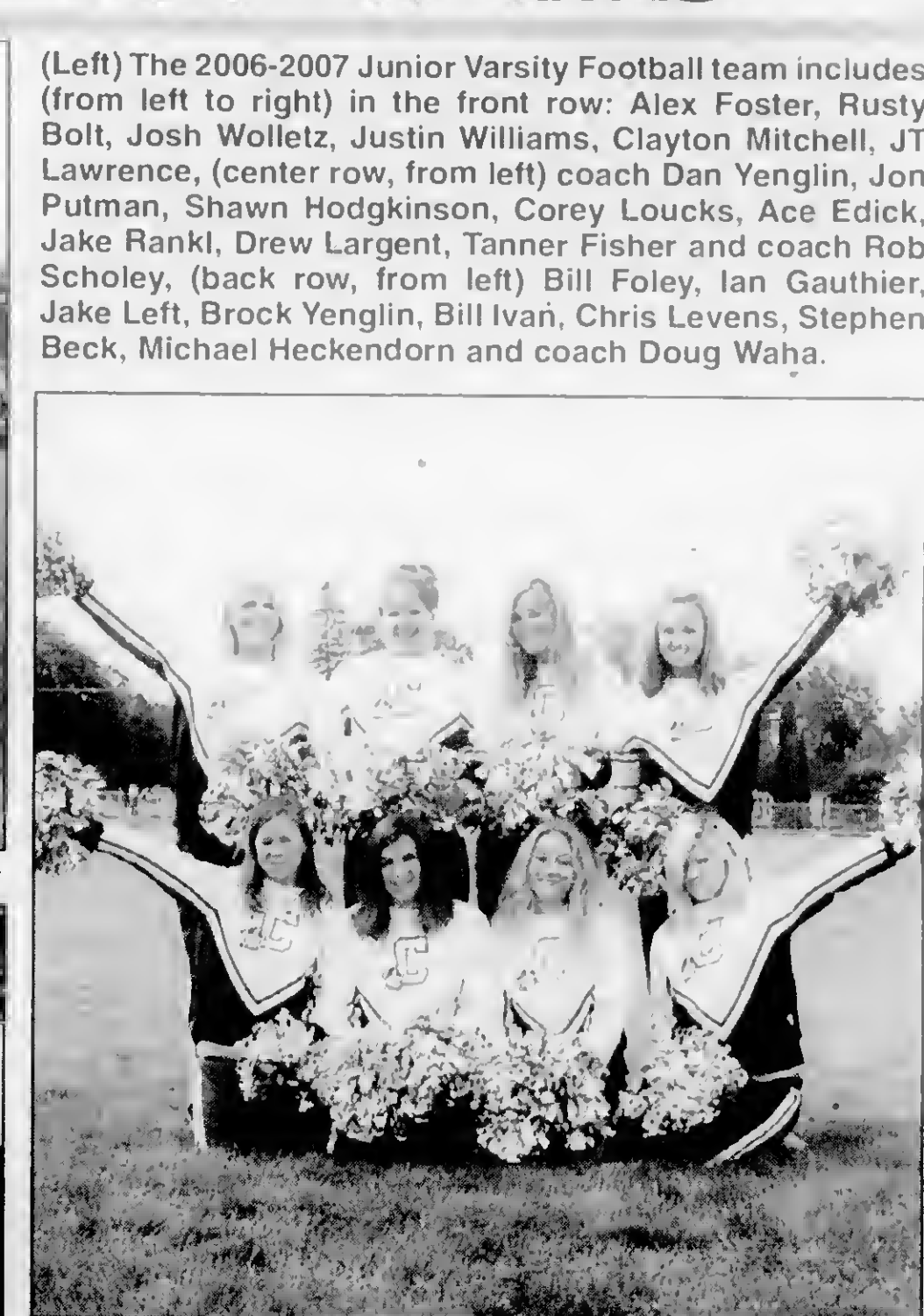


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The 2006-2007 Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Marnie Greene, Alyssa Smith, Tanya Wynkoop, Amber Hoffman, Olivia Catt, (back row, from left) coach Liz Grunch, Meredith Rich, K.C. McCary, Bridgett Peters, Katie Withrow. Lauren Mielke and Erica Faust.



Courtesy photo

(Above) The 2006-2007 Varsity Cheerleading squad includes (from left to right) in the front row: Rachael Nuttall, Stephanie Milazzo, Hanna Wise, Dannielle Bergmann, (back row, from left) Kim Way, Molly Braniecki, Bailey Yinglin and Kara Ciesielczyk. Missing from the photo: Ashley Price and Sam White.

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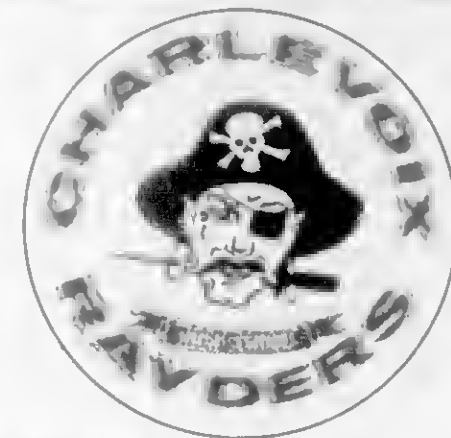
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October 7	12:00pm
October 9	5:00pm
October 12	5:00pm
October 16-21	Mon-Sat
October 24-28	Tue-Sat
November 1	Wednesday
November 4	Saturday

Head Coach: Josh Block

GROSS COUNTRY

August 26	9:00am
September 9	10:00am
September 16	9:45am
September 23	9:00am
September 30	TBA
October 14	11:00am
October 17	4:00pm
October 21	9:00am

Girls' Coach: Mary Plude Boys' Coach: Ken Plude

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

August 28	7:30pm
August 30	6:00/7:30pm
September 5	6:00pm
September 7	4:30pm
September 14	4:15pm
September 21	4:15pm
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Head Coach: Leslie Hoffman

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September 29	7:00pm
October 6	7:00pm
October 13	7:00pm
October 20	7:00pm

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J.V. GOLF

August 21	1:30pm
September 5	4:30pm
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September 12	4:30pm
September 15	9:00am
September 20	4:00pm
September 28	12:00pm

Head Coach: Bruce Beaudoin

VARSITY GOLF

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Modern movers

Olivia McLenon, 4, of Charlevoix and Gregory Koontz, 3, of Petoskey, are two of about 20 children who showed up at the existing Charlevoix Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 9, to move books from the children's section to the new library at 220 Clinton St. The library is currently closed and will re-open for service in its new home on Monday, Sept. 25. For more information, see page 6 of this week's Courier.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Ken Doty, supervisor of the county building department, asked for eight vehicles and \$10,000 for computer system upgrades at the Sept. 6 county budget hearing.

County \$2 million short of requests

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Department heads around the Charlevoix County building proposed their individual budgets to the county Board of Commissioners at the annual Committee of the Whole budget hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

In addition to salary requests, the heads asked for items ranging from computers and curtains to jet

boats and cars in the Jan. 1 to Dec. 30, 2007 budget.

"They (commissioners) will adopt a budget, the 2007 budget at one of their two meetings in October," said Charlevoix County clerk and fiscal officer, Jane Brannon. "They're gathering information and then they have some hard decisions to make."

No decisions were made by the board at Wednesday's meeting.

Ken Doty, supervisor of the

county building department, asked for eight vehicles and \$10,000 for computer system upgrades, among other things.

"The biggest thing you will see is that we have again put in for vehicles," Doty said.

Charlene Novotny, the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, asked the commissioners for items such as three new com-

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Police chief rescues boy from landslide

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

A restful vacation turned into a hands on rescue refresher for Charlevoix City Police Chief, Gerard Doan.

At around 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 2, chief Doan, his wife, Becky and their daughters joined his brother, Matt Doan and sister-in-law Paula Doan and their two boys at a beach in Saxon Harbor, Wis.

The pristine beach area shouldering Lake Superior includes dramatic high clay dunes.

The Doan parents lounged on the beach, keeping a watchful eye over their children, playing nearby in the dunes.

They watched as four boys, three brothers and their cousin ages six to 13 from Milwaukee, Wis., walked by them holding shovels. The group then passed the Doan children and climbed higher.

They started digging into an existing hand-dug cave about 40-feet from the Doan children when the unthinkable happened — a landslide.

"We knew something was

wrong immediately," chief Doan said. "Three of the four kids up there with shovels were buried."

The beach area is secluded and commonly used by a few campers and

four-wheeler riders — cell phone towers have not yet cropped up there.

Becky ran to call 9-1-1 at a nearby business.

Chief Doan, his brother Matt,

a detective-sergeant with the Wayland post of the Michigan State Police, and sister-in-law Paula, a Michigan State trooper with the Paw-Paw post, took off running down the beach and up the hill where the boys had been playing.

The first boy was found by a bystander within seconds hurried under less than a foot of the sandy clay.

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November 1	Wednesday
November 4	Saturday

Head Coach: Josh Block

CROSS COUNTRY

August 26	9:00am	AT Benzie Central Invit.
September 9	10:00am	HERE Charlevoix Classic Mud Run
September 16	9:45am	AT Ludington Invit.
September 23	9:00am	AT Boyne Mountain
September 30	TBA	AT Carson City Invit.
October 14	11:00am	AT Ogemaw Heights
October 17	4:00pm	AT East Jordan (Conference)
October 21	9:00am	AT Elk Rapids Invit.

Girls' Coach: Mary Plude Boys' Coach: Ken Plude

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

August 28	7:30pm	AT Petoskey
August 30	6:00/7:30pm	AT Petoskey TBA
September 5	6:00pm	AT Cayford
September 7	4:30pm	AT Cheboygan
September 14	4:15pm	HERE East Jordan
September 21	4:15pm	HERE East Jordan
September 28	4:15pm	HERE Grayling
October 3	4:15pm	AT TCSF
October 5	4:15pm	AT Kalkaska
October 10	4:15pm	HERE Boyne City
October 12	4:15pm	HERE Elk Rapids
October 17	4:15pm	AT East Jordan
October 19	4:15pm	HERE Harbor Springs
October 24	6:00pm	AT Grayling
October 26	4:15pm	HERE TC St. Francis
October 31	4:15pm	HERE Kalkaska
November 2	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
November 7	4:15pm	AT Elk Rapids
November 9	4:15pm	HERE Petoskey

Head Coach: Leslie Hoffman

VARSITY & J.V. GIRLS' BASKETBALL

August 29	6:00pm	HERE Frankfort
September 5	6:00pm	AT Cayford
September 7	6:00pm	AT Cheboygan
September 14	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
September 19	6:00pm	AT St. Ignace
September 21	6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
September 26	6:00pm	HERE Ellsworth
September 28	6:00pm	HERE Grayling
October 3	6:00pm	AT TCSF
October 5	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
October 10	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
October 12	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
October 17	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
October 19	6:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
October 24	6:00pm	AT Grayling
October 26	6:00pm	HERE TC St. Francis
October 31	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
November 2	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
November 7	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
Nov. 13-18		DISTRICTS
Nov. 20-22		REGIONALS
Nov. 28		SEMI-FINALS
Nov. 30		FINALS
Dec. 2		FINALS

Head Coach: Keith Haske Asst. Coach: Jim Gels

J.V. GOLF

August 21	1:30pm	AT Charlevoix Municipal
September 5	4:30pm	AT Grandview
September 7	4:30pm	AT Grayling Country Club
September 12	4:30pm	AT A-Ga-Ming
September 15	9:00am	AT TC West
September 20	4:00pm	AT Boyne Mountain
September 28	12:00pm	AT Indian River Golf Course

VARSITY FOOTBALL

August 25	7:00pm	HERE St. Ignace
September 1	7:00pm	AT Benzie Central
September 9	1:00pm	AT TC St. Francis
September 15	7:00pm	HERE East Jordan
September 22	7:00pm	HERE Boyne City
September 29	7:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
October 6	7:00pm	HERE Kalkaska "Homecoming"
October 13	7:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
October 20	7:00pm	HERE Grayling

Head Coach: Don Jess Asst. Coach: Josh Steel Cheer Coach: Eni Nickel

J.V. GOLF

August 21	1:30pm	AT Charlevoix Municipal
September 5	4:30pm	AT Grandview
September 7	4:30pm	AT Grayling Country Club
September 12	4:30pm	AT A-Ga-Ming
September 15	9:00am	AT TC West
September 20	4:00pm	AT Boyne Mountain
September 28	12:00pm	AT Indian River Golf Course

Head Coach: Bruce Beaudoin

VARSITY GOLF

August 16	8:00am	AT Boyne Mountain Alpin
August 21	1:00pm	AT Charlevoix Country Club
August 23	11:00am	AT The Oaks in Kincheloe
August 24	8:00am	AT TC St. Francis Invit.
August 29	1:00pm	AT Boyne Highlands
August 30	1:30pm	AT Inland Lakes Bulldog Invit.
September 5	4:30pm	AT Grandview
September 7	4:30pm	AT Grayling Country Club
September 12	4:30pm	AT A-Ga-Ming
September 15	9:00am	AT Petoskey Invit.
September 20	4:30pm	AT Mallard
September 22	9:30am	AT The Classic
September 26	10:00am	AT Antrim Dells or Schuss
September 29	9:00am	AT TC Country Club
October 5, 6, 7	TBA	DISTRICTS
October 12, 13, 14	TBA	REGIONALS
October 20, 21	TBA	STATE FINALS

Head Coach: Jim Glenn

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Police chief rescues boy from landslide

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A restful vacation turned into a hands-on rescue refresher for Charlevoix City Police Chief, Gerard Doan.

At around 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 2, Chief Doan, his wife, Becky and their daughters joined his brother, Matt Doan and sister-in-law Paula Doan and their two boys at a beach in Saxon Harbor, Wis.

The pristine beach area shouldering Lake Superior includes dramatic high clay dunes.

The Doan parents lounged on the beach, keeping a watchful eye over their children, playing nearby in the dunes.

They watched as four boys, three brothers and their cousin ages six to 13 from Milwaukee, Wis., walked by them holding shovels. The group then passed the Doan children and climbed higher.

They started digging into an existing hand-dug cave about 40 feet from the Doan children when the unthinkable happened — a landslide.

"We knew something was

wrong immediately," chief Doan said. "Three of the four kids up there with shovels were buried."

The beach area is secluded and commonly used by a few campers and

four-wheeler riders — cell phone towers have not yet cropped up there.

Becky ran to call 9-1-1 at a nearby business.

Chief Doan, his brother Matt,

a detective-sergeant with the Wayland post of the Michigan State Police, and sister-in-law Paula, a Michigan State trooper with the Paw-Paw post, took off running down the beach and up the hill where the boys had been playing.

The first boy was found by a bystander within seconds buried under less than a foot of the sandy clay.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Modern movers

Olivia McLenon, 4, of Charlevoix and Gregory Koontz, 3, of Petoskey, are two of about 20 children who showed up at the existing Charlevoix Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 9, to move books from the children's section to the new library at 220 Clinton St. The library is currently closed and will re-open for service in its new home on Monday, Sept. 25. For more information, see page 6 of this week's Courier.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Ken Doty, supervisor of the county building department, asked for eight vehicles and \$10,000 for computer system upgrades at the Sept. 6 county budget hearing.

County \$2 million short of requests

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Department heads around the Charlevoix County building proposed their individual budgets to the county Board of Commissioners at the annual Committee of the Whole budget hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

In addition to salary requests, the heads asked for items ranging from computers and curtains to jet

boats and cars in the Jan. 1 to Dec. 30, 2007 budget.

"They (commissioners) will adopt a budget, the 2007 budget at one of their two meetings in October," said Charlevoix County clerk and fiscal officer, Jane Brannon. "They're gathering information and then they have some hard decisions to make."

No decisions were made by the board at Wednesday's meeting.

Ken Doty, supervisor of the

county building department, asked for eight vehicles and \$10,000 for computer system upgrades, among other things.

"The biggest thing you will see is that we have again put in for vehicles," Doty said.

Charlene Novotny, the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, asked the commissioners for items such as three new com-

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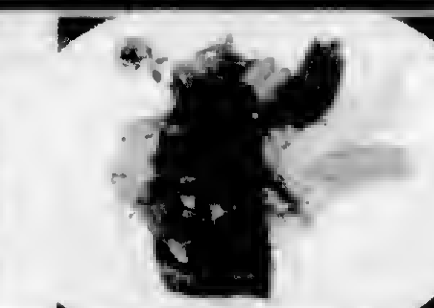
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Sept. 5	73	59	—
Sept. 6	74	60	—
Sept. 7	71	56	—
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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Darren Leslie Eaton, 20, Boyne City. Tobacco-furnish to minors. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Jennifer Rose Hampton, 24, Boyne City. Motor vehicle-operate without security. Serve 10 days in jail; \$315 in fines and costs.

Jonathan Lee Snively, 23, Boyne Falls. Operator-no license/multiple license. Serve five days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Tony Allen Duke, 22, Manistee. Possession of marijuana; Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 10 days; to serve 30 days in jail; 60 days on an electronic monitoring device; 250 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; \$2,050 in fines and costs.

Shawn Thomas Aulwax, 24, Tower. No operator license in possession. Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Maclyn Kye Heise, 51, Boyne City. Use of methadone. Use of Zanax. Serve 182 days in jail with credit for two days; 160 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,500 in fines and costs.

Stephan Daniel Gennett, 32,

Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve 10 days in jail; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 72 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend; \$1,185 in fines and costs.

Douglas James Vermeulen, 47, Grand Rapids. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve 10 days in jail; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 72 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend; \$1,230 in fines and costs.

Nathaniel Edward Beattie, 17, Owosso. Domestic violence; Minor in possession-alcohol-second offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve five days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$200 in fines and costs.

Nathan Adam Roiffe, 23, Wolverine. Driving while license suspended-first offense. Serve 20 days in jail; serve 10 days in jail with credit for three days; to serve seven days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County

Clerk's office:

Charlevoix Wineries; Charlevoix Vineyards, 09700 Whitfield Road, South Arm Township, by Larry MacLachlan

Curves For Women of Boyne City, 500 North Lake Road, Boyne City, by LBK Properties, Elizabeth and Robert Kroondyk

Seaside Herbal Blends, 3805 Brook Road, Charlevoix, by Jessica Marie Hoogendoorn

"Boyne Irrigation, 1920 M-75, Boyne City, by Scott Marn

Tom Morrow and Associates, 1500 North Shore Drive, Box 28, by Thomas O. Morrow

2-Way Builders, 717 South Lake St., Boyne City, by Nicholas Alan Zavesky

Sunny Smiles Presechool, 08080 Susan Shores Drive, Charlevoix, by Cindi Ann Baird

BIRTHS

Bella Grace Gibbons, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces was born on Aug. 24 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City to Tim and DeAnn Gibbons of Traverse City. Bella has two siblings, Caeli Rose and Jacob. Her grandpar-

ents are C. Marilyn Gibbons and the late Michael A. Gibbons of Charlevoix. Dick and Nancy Ellis of Interlochen and Kay and Lino Preto of Holt.

Aiden James Kolp, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Aug. 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christian and Anastasia Kolp. His sibling is Marissa. His grandparents are Dan and Diane Trowbridge of Charlevoix and Judith Kolp of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Louis and Betty McKenzie of Charlevoix.

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**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS**
Tuesday, September 5, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

• Motion passed tabling the development plan review for Charlevoix Pointe, 115 Pine River Lane to the Monday, October 2, 2006 meeting

• Motion passed accepting the City audit from Rehmman Robson for fiscal year 2005-06

• Motion passed approving the purchase of a standby generator for the M-66 lift station from William Shaw, Inc. (Sky Electric) in the amount of \$32,360

• Resolution 2006-09-01 adopted regarding confidentiality of certain documents and information. The resolution is summarized as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlevoix ("City") is a member of the Michigan Public Power Agency ("Agency"), and WHEREAS, the City has or will receive information and documents from the Agency and its consultants and other professionals on or related to the construction of new base load generation with respect to the sale of electricity and which contain specific pricing or other confidential or proprietary information, which the Agency and the City desire to keep confidential and exempt from any public disclosure requirements

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The City finds and determines that pursuant to 2000 PA 141 (Section 10)(12) and 1976 PA 442 (Section 13)(1)(d), it is in its best interest to keep and maintain all contracts, records and reports received and to be received, in connection with the construction of a new base load generation confidential, as such information pertains to the sale of electricity and contains specific pricing or other confidential or proprietary information which the Agency and consultants request, and the City desires to keep confidential and exempt from any public disclosure requirements
2. All councilmembers, administrators, staff and the City's FOIA coordinator shall keep such information confidential, unless required by law, and otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction

• Resolution 2006-09-02 adopted setting a hearing on the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from CPI Products Inc. on Monday, October 2, 2006

• Council discussed setting a special meeting/work session for an on-site visit and discussion of the Eaton Street public access. Staff will assemble additional information and the meeting will be scheduled at a future date

Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Doan family reunion turns into rescue

RESCUE

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Chief Doan's brother, Matt, ran to the site where the other two had been playing, hoping to quickly uncover them. As they dug, a second slide let loose.

After about two minutes of digging, the second boy was found. They pulled the 10-year-old out by his feet, his head was packed into the earth.

"He was blue, his skin was gray, he was lifeless — no respiration and he had a contusion on his head," chief Doan said.

His sister-in-law, Paula, opened the boy's airway and did a sweep of his mouth, pulling out a large chunk of wet clay — still the boy wouldn't breathe.

Chief Doan delivered a series of what he called "back blows," stiff hits to the boy's back between his shoulder blades, in an attempt to dislodge anything that could be blocking his airway.

"On the fifth or sixth blow, he let out a gasp for air," chief Doan said.

The third boy was pulled out seconds later. He had been under the landslide debris for about three minutes.

Doan said he was tucked in a ball close to his cousin which created an air pocket and assisted in his breathing.

"He came down the hill on his own power. He had a shiner from where the earth came down on top of him," chief Doan said.

A paramedic arrived about 20 minutes later. The 10-year-old that was initially unconscious had gone into shock. It was later found that he suffered a broken

femur and a collapsed lung. He was transported to Ashland Hospital from where he was airlifted to a hospital in Duluth, Minn. His treatment included insertion of seven pins in his femur.

He was released from the hospital on Thursday, Sept. 7.

"He's going to be all right," chief Doan said.

Doan's tale ended on a high note, with all four boys leaving the incident with their lives.

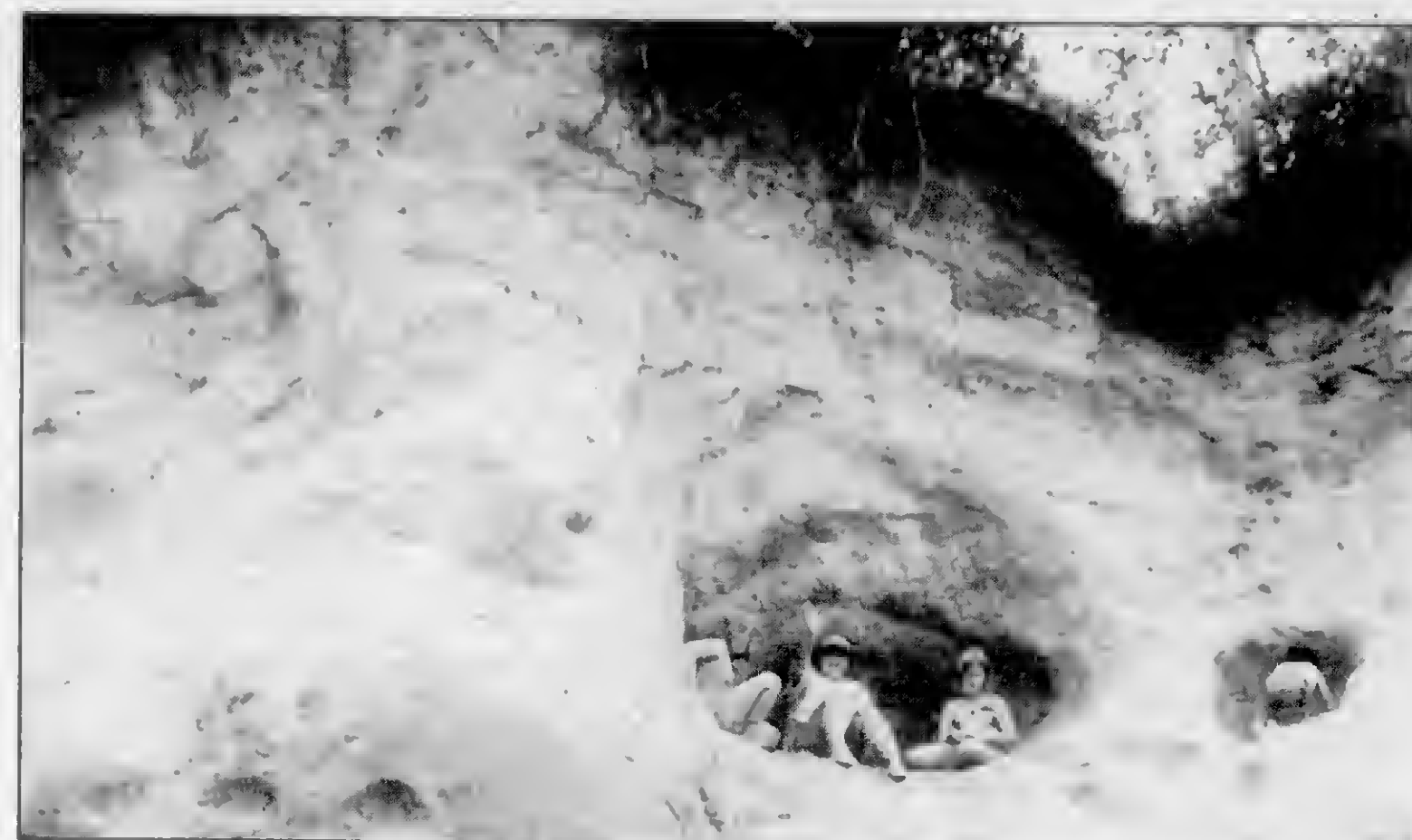
"I don't know what would have happened if we weren't there," he said.

Doan said this was his first rescue and he feels fortunate to have had the training needed to help save the boys.

"The EMT training was very beneficial," he said. "I wouldn't have known to give the kid back blows to get out what was lodged in his throat."

Unfortunately, just weeks earlier, an 11-year-old boy was less fortunate — he was killed in a cave in Grand Marais after being trapped in the sand for 20 minutes before being found.

Doan said the average person can live without air for about five to six minutes before experiencing brain damage or dying.



Courtesy photo
Family members of Charlevoix city police chief, Gerard Doan, sit inside a man-made cave in Saxon Harbor, Wis. similar to the one that collapsed trapping three boys inside and prompting chief Doan to initiate a rescue.

The Rowe Inn Schedule of Events

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Carless in Conway: A road trip adventure



THE
CRYING
TOWEL
Benjamin Gohs

Labor Day weekend is typically known for road trips, hot dogs, camping and bonding with the family, but for some of us, there is a darker side. Driving hasn't been the same since mechanical failure caused me to crash a Ford cargo van into the wall of a cemetery at 40-mph about a decade ago. As you might imagine, we don't travel much.

Saturday was spent fighting a bathtub blockage the size of an Idaho potato with what I believe was the first plunger ever made. In the fracas with clogzilla, I managed to exacerbate an old fracture on my right foot. By Sunday morning, I was ready to get out of town.

10 a.m., the family departed from Charlevoix — wife and children gleeful; dad #1.

10:55 a.m., dad drove past the 1-

75 South interchange after visions of fatality involving a gasoline truck and gallons of blood; dad no longer #1.

11:10 a.m., feeling guilty about ruining the surprise trip down state, dad headed north on I-75. After 12 years together, mom didn't ask why.

11:11 a.m., hyperventilation is accompanied by tingling, nausea, numbness, drowsiness, dizziness and more thoughts of impending doom.

11:20 a.m., between frantic snorts, dad suggested lunch at a park. Mom and kids said, "That's great." Dad said, "I'm going to throw up on my feet."

Noon, after a picnic near Burt Lake, a calmer dad hobbled up the observation tower long enough to get vertigo and see a breathtaking display of RVs and their makeshift clotheslines. The kids used the opportunity to give mom a mild stroke by leaning too far over the top of said tower.

1 p.m., the family stopped at the Deliverance yard sale. While dad tried to understand why a fish tank brimming with motionless gerbils was 12-feet from the nearest shade,

he did his best to assure the kids they were only sleeping. He then tried not to make eye contact with the matriarch or the grubby kid with the mohawk as he paid his quarter for a hardcover edition of "Jim Beckwourth, Negro Mountain Man." (I'll let you know how Jim makes out later.)

1:30 p.m., headed into Conway, dad decided to get photos of the kids posing on the red and green cars of the Crooked Lake Express.

1:35 p.m., while unsuccessfully trying to start the car, dad remembered why he never leaves town.

1:38 p.m., dad popped the hood and stared intently. Radiator, battery, various hoses. "Maybe if I wiggle this wire — nope, still won't start."

2:50 p.m., the wife and son walked to town to call dad's editor for help. The first words out of editor's mouth, "How did you get him to Conway?"

2:51-2:53 p.m., the wife and editor had a good laugh at dad's expense, but help was on the way.

3:10 p.m., overcome by boredom, dad broke out his guitar to serenade the Swiss Family Tough-Luck. When an elderly gentleman



Courtesy photo

After a long Sunday afternoon of car trouble while road tripping, Courier staff writer, Benjamin Gohs, seeks solace with his guitar.

in a van stopped to ask if dad would play and sing gospel songs at a nearby church, dad fought the urge to run screaming into the forest, and politely declined the invitation.

3:55 p.m., figuring help would soon be there, the wife turned the ignition key forward to roll the windows up and the car started.

3:57 p.m., help arrived and followed us home for good measure.

When we arrived at 4:45 p.m., the car stalled one last time and hasn't started since.

Hope your Labor Day weekend was as eventful as mine. Really. I mean that.

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The science behind stem cells and human embryos



EAR TO THE
GROUND

Roger Knutson

I begin by quoting E.O. Wilson, one of the pre-eminent biologists of the 20th century and one who has no particular political agenda. The quote is from a book now nearly 30 years old, "On Human

Nature." I suggest it is all together an important book, but I am only offering one quote.

"The newly fertilized egg, a corpuscle one two-hundredth of an inch in diameter, is not a human being. It is a set of instructions sent floating into the cavity of the womb."

I do not propose to settle the moral arguments regarding stem cells and the nature of human embryos. It is important that everyone know what has been discovered and accomplished by scientists before making absolute moral judgments.

First, what and when is a fertil-

ized egg? In mammals, including humans, the development of a new cell nucleus with the genetic contribution of both parents occurs about 12 hours after a sperm gamete first attaches itself to the egg. Is it a fertilized egg at the beginning of that 12 hours or at some later time? If we are going to attach legal significance to that fertilized egg, we had better be certain exactly when it is fertilized. Science provides no answer. To the scientist, fertilization is a process, not an instantaneous act.

Whether fertilization occurs in a human female (in vivo) or in a laboratory dish (in vitro), early develop-

ment is exactly the same. The single cell divides three times and produces an eight-celled structure about the same size as the fertilized egg (one two-hundredth of an inch in diameter). At this point the eight celled organism, if produced in vitro, can be frozen and stored at very cold temperatures for weeks, months or even years.

Most remarkably the eight cells are not fastened tightly together. If fertilization occurred in vitro, one of the eight cells can be removed carefully under a microscope with no

harm to the remaining seven cells. Most often this is done to check the genetic composition of the developing embryo. That single tiny cell can be analyzed to determine whether the remaining seven cells carry serious genetic disease. In fact the procedure was first developed specifically to do such diagnosis. Genes in the extracted cell that might cause disease later in the life of the embryo can be detected. Such tests are expensive and hardly routine medical care, but they will be more widely used as they become easier to per-

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LETTERS to the editor

EDITORIAL RESPONSE

Editor:

Please find this in response to your editorial from Aug. 16 regarding the senior prank (page 4 editorial entitled, "Punishment of vandals doesn't fit the crime.")

There is so much that the general public is unaware of, and I feel compelled to enlighten your readers. These kids did not intentionally set out to damage the school, as your paper has repeatedly stated. These kids entered the school that night with school spirit and nothing more than a harmless, funny prank in mind. There was discussion and planning that went into the plan to build a blockade in front of the main entrance. For those people who know the majority of the kids

involved, they already know how untrue and hurtful some of the media statements have been. From the initial incident, the media has portrayed these kids as vindictive, calculating deviants. If you would like to know the truth, I would encourage you to speak with some of the teachers at the high school.

These kids have learned some very valuable lessons in life from this experience, not all of which are positive.

The first lesson is there is always going to be someone who screws it up for everyone. Only one or two of the 14 kids caused the damage.

The second lesson is that these same people rarely stand up and admit responsibility for their actions, thereby forcing the others

to take their punishment — nice friends.

While I am no expert in education or law enforcement, I do wonder why this "investigation" was carried out in such a manner. Many students were never even questioned. And while I do understand that some were 18 years old, a courtesy call to involved parents should have happened first.

The third lesson is adults will lie and exaggerate the damage amount, threaten felony conviction and feed the media false statements.

The fourth lesson is there will always be someone who will share the story — nice friends.

Regarding those that did commit the crime — shame on you.

The legal, moral and scientific balancing act

SCIENCE

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form. An embryo positively known to carry a serious fatal genetic disease can be discarded in favor of an embryo which does not.

If you knew that you carried in your genes a serious or fatal genetic disease, you might want to be sure that children you produced did not have that serious or fatal genetic disease. The analysis of that single cell separated from the developing embryo can tell you. Both choices are now available, something earlier generations of humans could only dream of. It is difficult for me to imagine that a parent would choose

to bear a child with a fatal genetic disease, if the option of not doing so was available.

Much of the best information about early human development has come from efforts by scientists to assist people in bearing children. Thousands of eight-celled embryos are produced and stored in fertility clinics each year. Each of them is a set of instructions for the production of a human being, and it is now possible to know with certainty whether those instructions are flawed in some way.

Whether we welcome or reject advances in the understanding of early human development is often seen as on the border of legality or morality.

Scientists continue their work devoted mostly to helping prospective parents produce healthy children. Laws which might assist parents in the task of producing healthy children must at least be carefully considered in the light of current knowledge about human development.

Consider this. If our community had a law (which I would support) prohibiting the destruction of any oak tree, would we understand that law to protect each and every acorn?

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Not only for doing what you did, but also for not having the courage to admit it, and accept responsibility.

Regarding those of you who stand in judgment of the kids — shame on you too. The kids not responsible for the damage were forthright and honest. They have showed more character through this adverse time than the adults involved. They were rewarded with deceit, public humiliation, formal charges and attorney fees.

The last time I checked, we are supposed to support and teach our kids, not publicly humiliate them.

Regarding the Laddie Scholarship — this scholarship is supposed to recognize how hard these kids have worked during their entire high school career by maintaining above a 3.0 grade-point average. If this reward comes with additional strings, and can so easily be revoked, then by all means you can keep your generosity.

Vickie L. Damann
Charlevoix

WRIGHT ON

Editor:
Congratulations to Raechel

Wright. Her letter, entitled "Prank exaggerated" which appeared on page 4 of the Sept. 6 edition of the Charlevoix Courier) said exactly what I felt. Those people, with whom I have discussed the prank since it happened, also voiced similar feelings.

Those were kids, yes I read their ages, having some misguided fun. What a price they and their parents have paid. They have been forced through a traumatic criminal legal system for actions that should have been handled by the school officials only. Police records — good grief — what a miscarriage. This overly criticized, overblown, over reported, factually wrong, prank is and should be, an embarrassment to those who pilloried those kids. If there is a lesson to be learned from this, it should be a lesson to be less anxious to find fault and rather to be understanding.

Apologies to those kids for the wrath of some of their elders, who look back on their own lives through rose tinted glasses. Finally someone! Raechel Wright, got it right.

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Library moving 40TH ANNIVERSARY to new location Jerry and Joan Balch



This four-ton butterfly sculpture took flight on Sept. 7. It was moved from the current library building at 109 Clinton St. to the library's new facility down the block at the former site of the Charlevoix Middle School at 220 Clinton St. It is one of seven pieces of public art valued in total at \$140,000 touring northern Michigan communities in conjunction with the rotating art collection "Art in Public Places," coordinated through the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

The Charlevoix Public Library will be closed beginning Monday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 24.

The library will re-open for service in its new home at 220 West Clinton St., on Monday, Sept. 25.

The library's hours in the new facility will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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ENGAGEMENT

Beyer — Speigl

Ken and Paula Beyer of Petoskey and Steve and Reta Speigl of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their children, Amy Beyer and Benjamin Speigl.

The bride-elect is a senior at Northern Michigan University, studying elementary education with a major in math and a minor in science.

Her fiancé is also a senior at Northern Michigan University, majoring in criminal justice with a minor in environmental conservation.

Amy and Benjamin are planning a July 7, 2007, wedding at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.



Republicans to host grand opening event

The public is invited to join the Charlevoix County Republicans for the grand opening of their campaign headquarters at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 15, in Charlevoix's Olsson's shopping center.

Refreshments will be available.

Charlevoix County Republican chair, John Haggard, is enthused and excited about this event and the entire election season.

"Our momentum is significant with outstanding Republican choices in Dick DeVos for Governor, Mike Bouchard for U.S. Senate, and Don Hooper for the U.S. House, as well as many Republican candidates for university and judicial positions.

We look forward to success in November," he said.

Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and local Republican candidates have been invited and will discuss issues and answer questions on the political outlook. Representative Elsenheimer will be in Charlevoix on his way to a Pizza and Politics event that evening at the Beaver Island home of John and Phyllis Haggard.

For more information or to volunteer with Charlevoix County Republicans, contact John Haggard at (231) 547-4046, Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

United Way kicks off \$200,000 campaign fund-raising goal

Char-Em United Way has announced the kickoff of the 2006-2007 campaign.

"I'm excited to announce that our campaign goal this year is \$200,000, a significant increase over recent years," said Tim Petrosky, Char-Em United Way president.

"I am also very pleased to announce that Tim Parker, vice-president of Harbor Industries, and John Scholten, superintendent of Petoskey Public Schools, are our campaign co-chairs. With their leadership, we are sure to meet that goal."

If the United Way reaches its goal, the Frey Foundation will award a challenge grant of an additional \$20,000, the first of a three-year challenge grant to Char-Em United Way.

"We will kick-off the Campaign on Thursday, Sept. 14, with the 3rd Annual Day of Caring," said Parker. "On that day, volunteer teams will be paired with non-profit agencies throughout the two-county area. They will help meet the immediate needs of those agencies

the 4-1-1

Who: 3rd Annual Day of Caring
What: Char-Em United Way 2006-2007 campaign kickoff event.
When: 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14
Where: East Park in downtown Charlevoix.

for volunteer service. Following the work day, we will thank all the volunteers and United Way supporters with a cook-out."

The Cook-Out/Kickoff will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. this Thursday in East Park. All are welcome to join United Way board members who will grill and serve hot-dogs. The event will officially kickoff the 2006 United Way Campaign.

The theme of the United Way Campaign is "What's Raised Here, Stays Here," emphasizing that nearly all the funds raised support local health and human service agencies. This year, 22 agencies received United Way

allocations and another 11 received donor-designated donations.

"I am very excited to be involved in this year's United Way campaign," Scholten said. "Clearly local needs, and especially the needs of our school communities, are being met by the agencies supported by United Way. I can't think of a more effective way to invest in our community than by supporting United Way."

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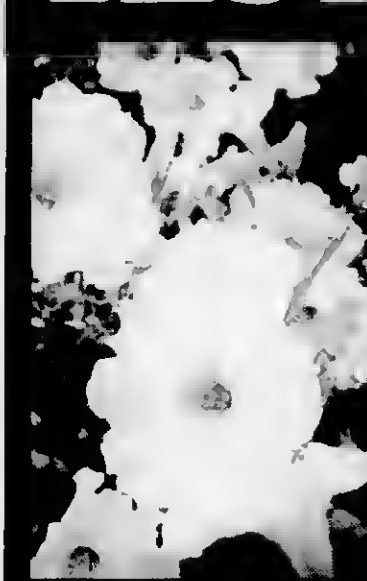
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Three remaining students charged in vandalism case

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The three remaining defendants charged in connection with an illegal entry and vandalism incident that took place in May at Charlevoix High School plead to lesser charges.

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, Andrew Victor Kantola, Aaron William Hagen and Jarod William Kirby, all 18, reduced the charges they faced to one each in a plea deal.

They faced one count each of illegal entry and malicious destruction to a building, \$200-\$1,000. Hagen and Kirby also faced a one-year misdemeanor charge stemming from the alleged theft (Kirby) and later concealment (Hagen) of chemistry equipment from the school.

Hagen also faced a charge of

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possession of marijuana that prosecutors say arose out of the search warrant that police used to search for the chemistry items.

At the Aug. 29 final pretrial hearing in Charlevoix County District Court, Kantola and Kirby plead guilty to disturbing the peace and Hagen plead to possession of marijuana.

The disturbing the peace misdemeanor charges carry a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and/or up to a \$500 fine. The possession of marijuana charge, also a misdemeanor, carried a possible sentence of up to one-year in jail and/or up to a \$2,000 fine.

A pre-sentence investigation by the county probation department is underway. Kirby's investigation is complete and he is scheduled to be sentenced at

9:30 a.m. on Oct. 17. Hagen and Kantola will likely be sentenced in mid-October as well.

The other 11 teens charged in connection with the incident entered guilty pleas in early August and were sentenced in their respective cases.

Those 11 students received deferred sentences that included four to six months probation, five to 10 days of community service work, \$200 to \$300 in

fines and costs and restitution. Initially, authorities estimated that the cost to clean up the damage to the school could go as high as \$10,000. However, the actual bill came to about \$4,000 to re-key the locks at the school and about \$500 for damage clean-up. The restitution amounts to about \$300 per defendant.

A deferred sentence means that if the defendants complete

all of the terms of their probation and stay out of trouble while on probation, the conviction is expunged from their records.

Authorities said, on May 26, a group of Charlevoix High School seniors entered the school, some of the suspects allegedly plugged the drains in several sinks, then turned on the water, causing the sinks to overflow.

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Courier welcomes teen page writer

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR



Kim
Way

Included in this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier is Teen Scene — a page dedicated to and written by local teenagers.

This page will appear the second Wednesday of each month during the school year in the Courier.

Steering the content will be Kimberly Way, a Charlevoix High School senior. The 17-year-old daughter of Barney and Kris Way is one of five sisters and is a Charlevoix native that has lived on the same piece of property since the day she was born.

"The Courier focuses a lot on adults and what they're doing. I think the teen page is a great chance for adults to see what students are doing throughout the year. It also might add more information to what might only be slightly discussed in another section in the paper," Way said.

"The main goal of the teen page

is to get students involved with their local newspaper. I feel like it's a good addition for the Courier because students that aren't really involved with sports have a chance

of getting their name or picture in the paper, too, instead of just athletes. I love that the teen page is focusing on getting everyone involved," she added.

Teen Scene submissions will also come from Charlevoix High School senior, Bethany Pearson, and junior, Aubrey Way. Guest writers from Northwest Academy will also be included.

Topics Way and her team will tackle will vary.

See TEEN, page 12



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Back to the books

Charlevoix Elementary School students board buses last week after their first day back to school on Wednesday, Sept. 6. A 2005 state law, designed to help the travel industry, prohibited an earlier start, although some schools started in August because union contracts were already in place.

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Kimberly Way leads monthly Courier teen page

TEEN

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"I really want to focus on what students are doing in their spare time, as well as what's going on at school and different pressures teens struggle with. The page could cover anything from what happened this weekend to the percentage of kids at

CHS who are on and/or use drugs, what kind, and what they do. There's a very broad range of topics that can be covered," Way said.

This is Way's second year on the Rayder yearbook staff. She is actively involved in taking pictures, creating layouts and doing spreads for the yearbook.

Her interest in photo journalism

was peaked last fall when she started taking pictures while cheerleading at varsity Rayder football games. At that time, she also joined the journalism class at the high school.

"I love being able to get my feelings out on paper. Sometimes it takes me a while after starting an article to have something on the page, but when it's finished, I feel like I've

contributed not only the news, but a little bit of my personality as well. I'm a very casual writer," she said.

In the spring, Way will have the opportunity to pass the torch to the next Teen Scene content leader as she prepares for the university scene.

She said she plans to apply to Michigan State University, Grand

Valley State University, Spring Arbor University and Southeastern University in Florida. While the school she'll attend hasn't been determined, her major has — photo journalism and computer graphic design.

Look for the first installment of Teen Scene on page 13 of this week's edition of the Courier.

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

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CHARLEVOIX COURIER 13

TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Quick summer for busy students

BY KIMBERLY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Everything seems to happen during summer.

In those three short months, everybody does a lot of aging and traveling, as well as making big purchases for the first time and accomplishing things many wouldn't even begin to try. Some work hard, while others don't work at all, and many do a little of both.

When I left Charlevoix High on June 6, I never would have guessed that sophomore Josh Wolletz would be coming back to school in the fall driving a car he bought on his very own. Or that senior Zita Anderson would walk through the doors of Charlevoix High School with the title of Miss Charlevoix.

Of course, I can't forget about the things that I expected would happen. Senior, Bethany Pearson, was still out keeping our local beaches safe on her lifeguard stand. And senior, Bailey Yenglin, wasn't far from the lakes either — filling up local boats at the Landing's gas dock. If you were searching for the perfect toy, junior Murphy Gillespie was busy at Rocking Horse Toy Store and could most definitely help you out.

It almost seems like work is the only thing that keeps us doing the same old thing. But little did I know that Pearson also spent 17 days exploring the Alaskan country side, checking out blue whales on a safari and fishing for halibut. Or that Yenglin could often be found in Boyne City visiting good friends. And if you couldn't find Gillespie at the toy store, she was probably be chilling with her family on Beaver Island.

It's as though life takes a new turn during the summer months. Kids become teens, teens become licensed to drive, and those drivers become adults. During the school year, everything stays pretty much

the same. Sure, the odd couple breaks up, or so-and-so has her hair dyed black and what's-his-face becomes homecoming king. But, in a nutshell, everybody stays pretty much how they were the day before.

During the summer, I went months without seeing sophomores Calvin Towsley and Zeke Daman. I spent three days of the week with these boys, and when school ended, I didn't see them until it started again. OK, so Towsley might still laugh at the same jokes as he did three months ago, and Daman still has the same hair style as when I last saw him, but they're not the "little freshmen" they were three months ago. They're sophomores.

With changing faces also come new faces at Charlevoix High School. Senior, Elliot Falls, moved here from Midland and finds the people to be a lot friendlier than in his hometown. Falls made the choice to come to Charlevoix on his own. His parents are still based out of Midland, but are in town most of the time.

Throughout the summer months, many people travel, buy new things, and explore their surrounding areas. Some move to a different school, and others tend to grow up a little. No matter what happens in those three short months, it all comes back to routine when school begins in September.

Kimberly Way is the writer and coordinator of Teen Scene. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by e-mail at way_kim@hotmail.com.



File photo

Charlevoix High School students had a busy summer. Many worked at various businesses around town, while others went on travel adventures. (Above) A summer highlight for Charlevoix High School senior, Zita Anderson, was being crowned Miss Charlevoix 2006 during the Venetian Festival.



File photo

Bethany Pearson (left) and Murphy Gillespie took a break from summer travel and work to ride this tandem bike in the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Street Parade.

what's the BUZZ

Charlevoix seniors voice their opinions ... What are some secrets to surviving the transition to high school?



Jacob Wimmer
"Keep up with your portfolio. And get involved. Things like sports and student council make school more fun."



Renée Drew
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Kyle Smith
"Balance school and sports efficiently. Don't be late for class or with your assignments."



Mia Matchett
"Get as much sleep as possible, but not during class. Take fun and academic classes. Balance your schedule responsibly."

CHS awarded Michigan Learn and Serve grant

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix students will soon be doing more service oriented projects for the community while learning a valuable lesson.

Gail Cherry, Charlevoix High's school to work coordinator, applied for and received a \$6,000 grant from the Michigan Learn and Serve program this summer.

"I knew it was going to be a long shot, but I thought it was worth the effort. We're encouraged that we have some funds students can use for opportunities that might not be available without it," Cherry said. "We think that hands-on learning through a planned curriculum that involves service to the community will benefit the students and the town and the area."

"The goal of the funding is to establish sequential service-learning opportunities so that all students will have

at least one service-learning experience at the elementary, middle and high school levels," the michigan.gov Web site stated. "Learn and Serve - Michigan School-Based funds are granted to schools who are engaging their students in service-learning — real hands-on learning — through planned curriculum that involves service to the community."

According to the Learn and Serve guidelines, planning grants range from \$6,000 to \$8,000 while grants for implementing and institutionalizing (grants given to schools with existing Learn and Serve-Michigan programs) range from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

"After that, as long as you

do things well, you get to go into the next five years where you get \$15,000 per year, so that adds up to \$81,000," Cherry said. "They (Learn and Serve program) want you to look for matching funds or in-kind matching contributions."

Cherry said the matches can either be cash or the dollar value of services and goods which are donated.

"Funding is granted in three-year cycles with renewal funding based upon successful completion of annual goals," the Web site further stated.

While Cherry realizes the full \$81,000 isn't yet guaranteed, she said, "According to

the people that gave the talk last January, the state wants to keep supporting you once they've given you money to do major planning."

Cherry said some of the

funds from the \$6,000 initial grant will be used to help defray transportation costs during the annual Day of Caring scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE is to be held before the Charlevoix City Council at 210 State Street, (Council Chambers, City Hall), Charlevoix, Michigan, on Monday, October 2, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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Coast Guard considers local firearm training zone

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Pleasure boaters and ferry operators in Charlevoix may run into Coast Guard members with ammunition soon.

This will be the result of Coast Guard plans to create 34 firearm training zones on the Great Lakes. The zones include the region near the Charlevoix Lifeboat Station, Commander Gustav Wulfschlegel, of the Enforcement Branch, with the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio said.

The plan calls for establishing 34 permanent zones over open water 5 miles from the Great Lakes shorelines for shooting exercises. Crew members would fire at floating targets from cutters and small boats using machine guns, rifles and small 9 mm guns, said Chief Petty Officer Robert Lanier, spokesman for the Coast Guard's 9th District in Cleveland to the Associated Press.

A main concern is the zone locations. In Charlevoix, the zone is in direct contact with the Beaver Island Boat Company.

"We are in the middle of their transient area. Our intention is to work with the ferry so we do not impact

commerce," Wulfschlegel said.

Wulfschlegel said the intention is to not interfere with commerce. If the ferry runs at 6 p.m., the Coast Guard would fire after the ferry safely leaves the zone.

Margo Marks, the general manager with the Beaver Island Boat Company hopes to work with the Coast Guard.

"Our concern is the zone is in our course between Beaver Island and Charlevoix," Marks said. "Our preference is for the Coast Guard to move the zone out of our operating area or to carry the exercises during the off season."

The Coast Guard has safety measures in place. Before a drill will begin, the Coast Guard will issue alerts on recreational marine band radio and the news media.

During the exercise a second boat will be used to insure boat traffic doesn't come into the zone.

"We are all going through the growing pains now," Wulfschlegel said. "We're working to pass the legislation."

The qualification training will be conducted biannually for a couple days. The intention is to schedule training in April and October, Wulfschlegel said, but the ammunition will be on

board throughout the year.

"The one thing we want people to know is we are not shutting down the lake. These zones are at least 5 miles off the coast or 5 miles off the international border," Lanier told the Associated Press.

The Coast Guard has already conducted approximately 23 trainings on

the Great Lakes.

"Nobody's been hurt. If boaters come into an area we have (stopped) the training. There were no issues with boaters," Wulfschlegel said.

Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich. requested the Coast Guard extend a public comment period.

The deadline for public comment

is the end of October.

Send comments to The Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 East Ninth Street, room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199. Or fax statements to (216) 902-6055.

Kristina Hughes can be reached at (231) 439-9348, or khughes@petoskeynews.com.

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Again, thank you one and all for a wonderful summer for our youngsters to learn life values through golf.

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SPORTS reviewing the action



Scouts set sail

Charlevoix Cub Scouts, Pack 11, competed in the First Annual Raingutter Regatta on Aug. 14 at Depot Beach in Charlevoix. At the inaugural event, 26 Cub Scouts and three adults competed. Four members of the United States Coast Guard Station Charlevoix officiated the event. Participants were required to assemble and decorate a pinewood sailboat. Using straws, participants blew against the sail, propelling the sailboats from one end of the raingutter to the other end. (Above) Tiger Cubs Ethan Siegwart and Kyle Balch race against each other along the raingutter.

Rayder golf takes close second to St. Francis

Close, oh so close.

Charlevoix came as close as a team can get to topping No. 1-ranked Traverse City St. Francis in a nine-hole Lake Michigan Conference golf tournament Tuesday, Sept. 5 at Grandview Golf Club in Kalkaska.

Both teams finished with a 164 team score, but the Gladiators won the tournament based on the fifth-player tie-breaker score.

Tony Casciano shot 36 to earn medalist honors and lead St. Francis, while Charlevoix's Kris Bartling shot 38, Nic Williams shot 39, Woody Nitchman shot 43, and Chase Speigl shot 44.

For St. Francis, Tom Brick shot 42, while Blane Casciano, Mike Dendinos and Cam McCardel each shot 43. One of St. Francis' 43 scores became the tie-breaker, which edged Kyle Smith of Charlevoix, who shot 47. The Rayders' J.D. Speigl shot 49, while Andrew Walukonis, one of the St. Francis' top players, was disqualified.

Elk Rapids, 169, placed third, followed by Harbor Springs, 174; Grayling, 176; Kalkaska, 178; Boyne City, 188; and East Jordan, 203.

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Harbor Health to host Kickoff For Fitness



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Harbor Health and Fitness staff members pose for a photo outside their new building, located at 110 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix. They are (from left) Joanne Friedman, Chris Kempton, John Boyer, Jenn Wilson-Evans, Kim Left, Candy Smith, Bob Jess, Debbie Jes, Gordon Compton, Melinda Morgan, Terry Bergmann, Natalie Jason, Michelle Rick-Biddick and Carrie LaBlance.

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Harbor Health and Fitness will host a week-long Kickoff For Fitness event starting this Friday to celebrate their new facility and the benefits of exercise.

The event which will take place Sept. 15-21 is the official grand opening of their new building, located at 110 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, which opened on Nov. 4, 2005.

"This is an opportunity to welcome people inside our doors, to check us out," said Candy Smith, manager of Harbor Health and Fitness. "To get people to think about the things they can do to improve their lives. Exercise really can be the answer if done properly, safely and at the appropriate level. It can provide so many outlets and improvements for so many aspects of life."

The event will include daily introductory classes, membership, training and massage giveaways, as well as gift certificate door prizes donated by area businesses and free presentations by renowned life coach, Debby Werthmann.

Werthmann will speak at 5:30 and 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15.

Owners Bob and Debbie Jess of Charlevoix built the new gym to help reduce their costs and increase what they can offer members.

"Rent continued to increase and we needed more control over that cost," Debbie said. "This was truly a labor of love — everyone here is just like family."

The former site from which they operated from March 1997 up until

their recent move, was located at 104 Mason St. in the Beacon Center.

The new facility is larger and includes a cardio theater area where cardio machines are grouped in a temperature controlled climate. The lower-level aerobic room has more space and a special padded floor to reduce impact.

Smith said what sets Harbor Health apart from their competition is the inclusion of a strong class schedule including over 20 a week in their membership fee. Classes offered include step, yoga, pilates, strength, HI-LO (dance aerobics), Booty Blast and personal training.

"We cater to a wide variety of ages and sizes. We aren't looking for people already in perfect condition — it's a family atmosphere," Smith said.

"We try and make everyone feel comfortable," Debbie added.

The Kickoff For Fitness event opens the center's doors to members and non-members looking for the Harbor Health experience.

"Most people who start want to look and feel better. There's a sense of stress release and an opportunity to have fun — a chance to help their physical well-being as well as a time to share with other people," Smith said.

As they look to the future Harbor Health and Fitness wants to be the premier local fitness experience by continuing to expand service with new equipment, staff training initiatives and possibly the addition of a second story.

Harbor Health and Fitness employs nine instructors and support staff members as well as an on-site massage therapist. The floor staff are all trained to use the available machines and assist customers in achieving their fitness goals.

For information about the Kickoff For Fitness class scheduled and the gym's hours of operation, see the associated sidebar.

For more information about Harbor Health and Fitness, call (231) 547-8000.

Kickoff For Fitness events schedule:

- Five classes designed for newcomers
- 3 p.m., Sept. 17 HI-LO class (cardio, dance aerobics)
- 12:10 p.m., Sept. 18 Strength
- 6 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sept. 19 Step
- 7 p.m., Sept. 20 Yoga
- All day, Sept. 21 Personal Training

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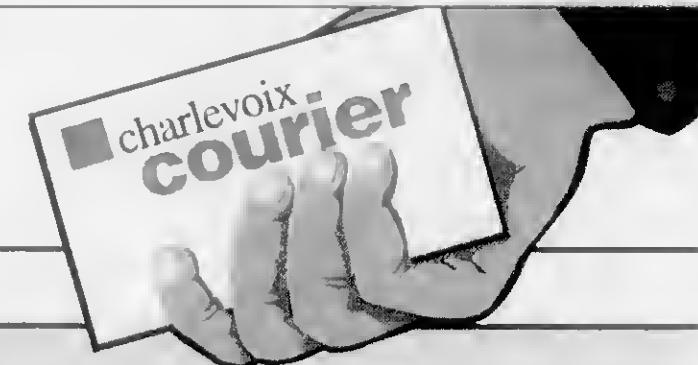
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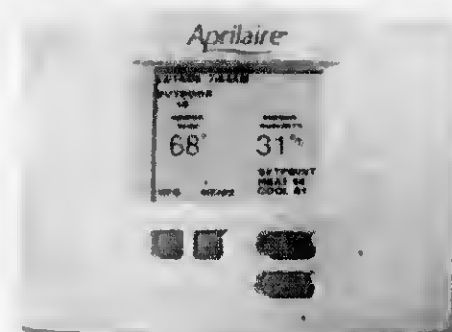
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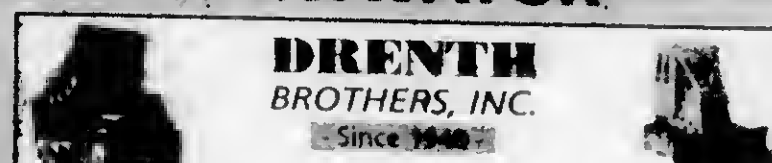
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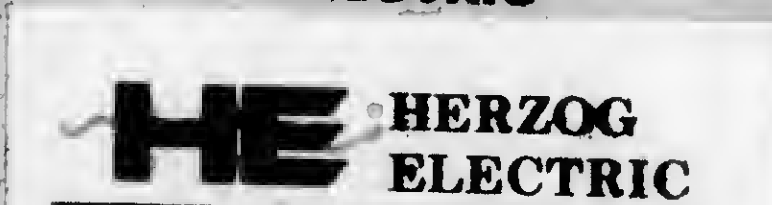


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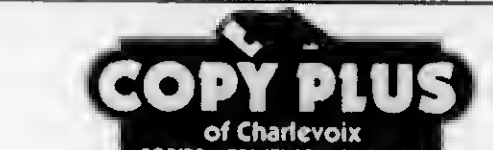
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Dry Harbour Marine earns Marine Industry certification

Dry Harbour Marine, located off U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix recently received Marine Industry Dealer certification.

Dry Harbour is now one of three Marine Industry certified dealerships in Michigan. The other two are Walstrom Marine-Harbor Springs and Spicer's in Houghton Lake.

Marine Industry Dealer certification is a new industry standards program developed in a cooperative effort by boat manufacturers, dealers and engine

builders. It's part of an industry-wide effort to develop programs focused on delivering an excellent boating experience.

The criteria and business practices address quality of dealer sales, service, parts, follow-up, facilities, as well as employee and customer satisfaction. Criteria compliance must be verified by an independent program consultant and dealers are reevaluated every year.

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a commitment to adhere to a "Consumer Bill of Rights." This document posted at Dry Harbour Marine lets customers know what to expect and outlines how they will be treated.

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North Seas Gallery hosts European artists exhibit

North Seas Gallery of Charlevoix will host an exhibition of paintings by two renowned European artists, Pierre Colson and John Mackie.

Colson, a 76-year-old Belgian artist, is known for his representational landscaped and village scenes of the Ardennes region. This will be his second major U.S. showing.

Mackie, a graduate of the Glasgow Academy of Art, has put together a small collection of colorful impressionist scenes of Provence and Venice including a large pastel scene entitled,

"Lights of Paris." His works can be found in major collections both in the U.S. and abroad. The exhibit shows daily from Sept. 17 through Oct. 26. A reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 22. The North Seas Gallery is located at 237 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

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DUE DATE: Until 1:00 pm Local Time on October 19, 2006, the City of Charlevoix will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the offices of:

BID LOCATION: City of Charlevoix City Council Chambers at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING: "City of Charlevoix East Park Marina Mooring Facility - Proposed Phase I - Marine Work Construction, Charlevoix County, Michigan." All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope, clearly labeled with the Bidder's name and address, and title of proposal enclosed.

BIDDER QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL: A Bidder Qualification

Submittal and Sworn Statement is required for this project and shall be submitted TO THE PROFESSIONAL on or before the MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the PROJECT SITE AT THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, EAST PARK MARINA MOORING FACILITY, CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on September 28, 2006, at 1:00 pm Local Time prior to the due date for bids. The purpose of this mandatory meeting and on-site inspection is to answer questions and provide a one time only inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company authorized representative must be present at this mandatory pre-bid meeting and register on the Meeting Attendance Record in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

BID GUARANTEE - The Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check on an open, solvent bank or a bid bond with an authorized surety company, executed by the bidder and the surety company (the surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570) in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid payable to the City of Charlevoix and Michigan Department of Natural Resources co-owners as a guarantee of good faith.

CONTRACT SECURITY - The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond, and labor and material payment bond in an amount each of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid in accordance with P.A. 213 of 1963 as amended by P.A. 351 of 1972.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES - State of Michigan funds are being used for this project. State of Michigan Prevailing Wages Rates will apply.

BIDDER AGREES TO - Each Bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the City of Charlevoix, the Professional, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

BID REJECTION - City of Charlevoix reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and also reserves the right to award a Contract to a Bidder who the City of Charlevoix believes will perform in their best interests, and is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other Bid.

COPIES OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be obtained from the Office of United Design Associates, Inc., 111 North Main Street, Suite 3, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721, 231-627-2268 upon payment of a NON-REFUNDABLE COST of \$200.00 for each set of documents requested. Persons desiring copies to be sent by mail shall include an additional Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per contract to cover the cost of mailing.

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - The City of Charlevoix hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or because of a handicap that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position in consideration for an award.

Mr. Mike Wiesner
City Manager
City of Charlevoix
210 State Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
B(08/30, 09/06, 09/13)

BIDS WANTED
209**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
EAST PARK MARINA MOORING FACILITY
PROPOSED PHASE 2 - FLOATING PIER SYSTEM
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FLOATING PIER SYSTEM CONTRACTOR BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS: A mandatory pre-bid qualification of the Floating Pier Contractors and the Ice Suppression System Contractors (sub-contractors to the Floating Pier Contractors) is required for this project. Pre-bid qualification material shall be submitted TO THE PROFESSIONAL on or before the MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

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LEGAL NOTICE
210**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE****BY ADVERTISEMENT**

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Timothy R. Hastert and Rose T. Hastert, husband and wife, to Raymond W. Wallick and Victoria B. Wallick, husband and wife, dated February 20, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 20, 2002, in Liber 459, Pages 263 through 265 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of \$100,461.73 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

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The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one (1) year from the date of such sale.

YOUNG, GRAHAM & ELSER-HEIMER, P.C.

Dated: September 8, 2006

Harry K. Golski (P25177)
Attorneys for Mortgagees
203 Mason Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-0099

L(09/13, 09/20, 09/27, 10/04)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED UNIFIED DISTRICT SANITARY CODE FOR ANTRIM, CHARLEVOIX, AND OTSEGO COUNTIES

The Board of Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (NWMCHA) will hold Public Hearings to receive public comment regarding the proposed Unified District Sanitary Code (Code) for Antrim, Charlevoix, and Otsego Counties, as follows:

7:00 PM Tuesday, September 26, 2006
NWMCHA 209 Portage St., Belaire

7:00 PM Thursday, September 28, 2006
TBD Gaylord

7:00 PM Tuesday, October 3, 2006
NWMCHA 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix

At the hearing any person may offer written or oral comment, including data, views and arguments on the proposed Code. If enacted by the Board of Health, the Code would be effective 60 days from the date on which the last of counties Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet or Otsego County, by their respective Boards of Commissioners approves the Code. The Code would regulate sewage disposal systems and water wells for drinking. The proposed regulations will replace and update existing local regulations and codes. The proposed regulations address requirements for off site waste disposal and for advance treatment systems.

For additional information, or a copy of the District County Sanitary Code, please visit www.nwhealth.org or contact Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services, at 231-547-6523.

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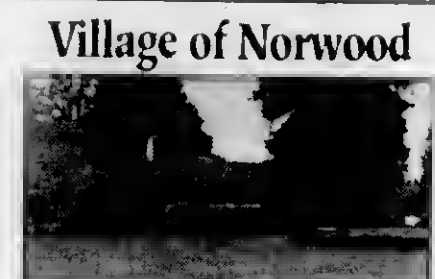
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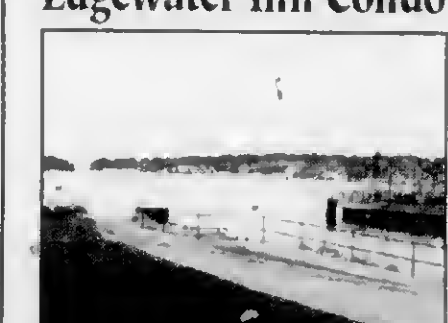
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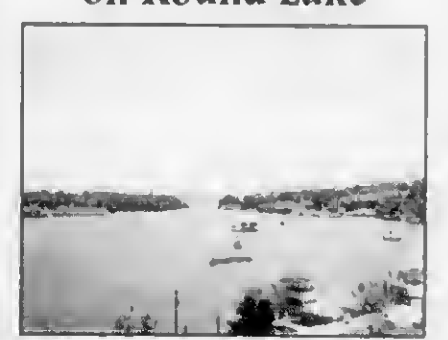
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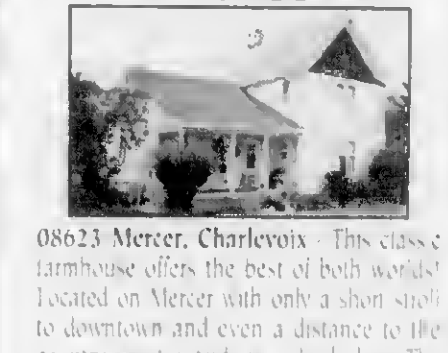
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Celebrating tradition

Caitlin Barringer, a dancer with Celtic Fire in Traverse City, and Laura Hassold, a dancer with White Thistle in Flint, perform a traditional dance to bagpipe music provided by John Meek of Alpena during a break in events at the Beaver Island Celtic Games on Saturday, Sept. 16. For event coverage see page 25.

Treasurer targeted in Eveline recall

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

Eveline Township supervisor John Vrondran isn't the only one pushing township treasurer Debra Jason to vacate her post.

Township resident, Nancy Ferguson, submitted recall petition language to the Charlevoix County Clerk's office on Monday, Sept. 18 — the first step in the process to remove Jason from office. Jason currently has two years remaining in her term.

"I can't allow it (recall initiation) to scare me. If I lose my job over it, the only people that have lost are Eveline Township residents. I'm professional, I do a good job and it's their loss. I would feel bad but there's not a lot I can do. It's out of my hands," Jason said.

While Ferguson declined to comment on the recall language submission or who is backing the petition,

the petition states that Jason was fiscally irresponsible and has not fulfilled the duties of her post.

The recall train was set in motion in reaction to Jason's Sept. 14 decision to withdraw her offer of resignation made early last week.

Jason made her initial resignation offer on Sept. 12 after Vrondran read a resolution listing a catalogue of complaints and township attorney Jim Young pleaded with her to heed the sentiments of the board and the citizens who attended the meeting.

The township board then voted 4-1 to recall Jason.

See **RECALL**, page 3



Debra Jason

Beemon settles with county for \$35,000

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix County's former drain commissioner, Joanne Beemon, has accepted an offer of \$35,000 from the county board of commissioners.

In August, Beemon rejected an offer of \$9,600 from the board of commissioners calling it ridiculous.

"Well, it (offer) was probably fair and equitable," said Chairman



Joanne Beemon

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of the Board, Victor Patrick.

Patrick said the Beemon case will likely set a precedent.

The fight over unpaid salary started when Beemon

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Joanne Beemon
FORMER CHARLEVOIX COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

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While the \$35,000 fell well short of the nearly \$120,000 Beemon hoped for, she said, "The thing that tickled me the most is that they said, the county board of commissioners agrees to revisit

the job description."

She added, "I think they should have paid me three times what they paid me, but I'm a happy camper. I've got other things to do and I don't want to fight this the rest of my life."

In light of a \$2.3 million discrepancy between funds available in the county's 2007 budget and the amount requested, Patrick said this \$35,000 will be an extra consideration.

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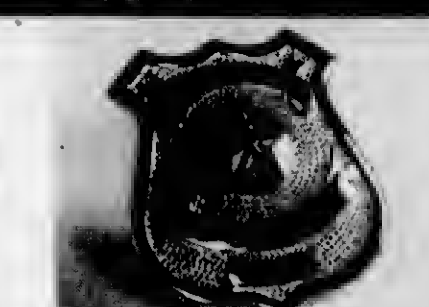
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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances

Writer ponders freedom in post 9/11 society



THE
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Benjamin Gohs

Two Monday's ago was the five-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America. While the local remembrance was a political, some Americans used the occasion to support a war, rally for peace or decry the beginning of the end for civil liberties — the latter made me nauseous.

Pundits cursed the war in Iraq and bellyache about FISA courts. They bemoan removing their shoes at the airport and fret over habeas corpus. All the while they are prevented from same-sex marriage, smoking in private businesses, recreational drugs, assisted suicide and sex trades in 49 states.

No doubt we traded some liberty for false security since 9/11, but to say things were peachy beforehand is both pathetic and ignorant.

So why speak of one and not the

other? Well, it is easier to attack a president for his policies than get off our butts and work for our freedoms. Besides, equal protection for coke heads, polygamists and hookers isn't exactly polite and proper dinner conversation.

The Republicans and Democrats have a political gold mine in 9/11, but that isn't nearly as scary as knowing millions of Americans are buying into the hype. It's more trendy to fight for the rights of the Guantanamo guests than for the rights of Americans. How selectively we apply, "Liberty and justice for all."

While I agree the pursuit of happiness is only guaranteed for those whose lifestyles fit an archaic and subjective moral mold, blaming the government and citizen tyrants, while convenient, is to ignore the role of our own obstinance, laziness and complacency.

A major problem with freedom is we cannot agree on what it is. Some among us think only the freedoms they subscribe to should be allowed. That would explain why some of the same people marching for a woman's right to murder an unborn child protest even the most just war. Citizens revel in the Second Amendment and freedom to celebrate their

holidays, yet delight when people of other faiths are prohibited from practicing plural marriage.

Six billion or so judges and juries of morality, good and evil constantly and subjectively do what they think is right while being forced to live in the aforementioned mold created by whichever majority ruled at the time the law was enacted.

So, what to do, what to do? We could get out and vote, but 51 percent of the voting population can always oppress the other 49 percent — what John Locke called the tyranny of the majority. Besides, the concept of voting your way to freedom is as flawed as trying to spend your way out of debt or drink yourself sober — though some of us have repeatedly tried all three.

I have no illusions these prohibited freedoms will ever be restored to the American public. I blame our differing agendas. The government's priority is to convince you freedom is bad for your health. After all, smoking a joint after visiting a hooker isn't as healthy as salad and exercise.

The anti gun crowd must support the Second Amendment, the nonsmoker must defend small business owners, and the prude



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

In attending this five-year anniversary tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States, Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs contemplated whether society's freedoms have since been or always have been compromised. (Above) Attendees of the event held at the Charlevoix County building are seen reflected in the shiny red paint of a city fire truck.

must tolerate the prostitute, for if we cannot self-govern our bodies and property in times of peace, how can we expect to be free of government intrusion during times of war?

I wouldn't dream of preventing the pseudo patriots and the faux-flag-wavers from debating whether the country is free enough or less free after 9/11, but that won't decrease the disgust I

feel when a tragedy is used for capital.

If you want more freedom, fight for it, but don't think for a second that one administration, one event or one person has whisked them away.

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Exploring the risks of small business owners



A LOOK
AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Going into business for yourself is more of a challenge than I had ever imagined.

Soon after retirement I joined the growing numbers of individuals

wanting to try their hand at other ventures they've only thought about. It would have been much easier to take on a part-time job to meet my desire of meeting new people and add to the family income, but I was one of the adventurous entrepreneurs who said "Why not" when others said, "Why would you?"

My hands-on experience with starting a lucrative venture came with little business knowledge and mistakes made along the way but in all, an excellent learning experience.

I have a new-found respect for those chosen few who start a business that had not been created by mom or dad and can remain a free enterprise that is not part of an established chain.

I recently met an unbelievable woman who started her own business with the money and know-how she acquired while working in the investment realm. She is from Sri Lanka and upon graduating from a university in her homeland, she flew to New York to delve into the financial district. Her business savvy

landed her a job as a Wall Street investment banker.

After the tsunami catastrophe, she returned home to help her family and friends. Viewing the aftermath from this horrendous act of nature she quickly realized she needed to change her lifestyle and do something she felt satisfaction in. Returning to New York, she quit her job, packed her bags and her dozens of fashionable big city shoes and moved to Grand Haven, where her brother had been living. She

loves to cook and though she never had any restaurant experience, this brave woman emptied her life savings purchasing a small, dilapidated building and created the town's first bistro offering Sri Lankan food.

Having tinkered in my own cooking business, I was highly impressed with this upscale, New York façade bistro offering food that was foreign to the palate and ever so flavorful. I exclaimed how wonder-

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LETTERS to the editor

APPROACH TO CHANGE

Editor:
I have read over the last three weeks, comments that people have made regarding St. Mary Church.

All of the comments have been positive in nature about Fr. Jerry Hunko, and negative about that group of people that feel some of the changes that were made, could have been done in a more Christian way.

We live in a country that allows us to disagree with our leaders, both political and spiritual, and not be punished for our ideals. We (this group that won't go away), feel that St. Mary's priest, whoever he is, has a right to make changes that he feels will benefit his parish. The changes that involved removing parishioners from duties within the church, without notifying them, was inappropriate, and goes against the teaching of the church. I don't disagree with all the changes Fr. Jerry made, but I disagree with the way he made those changes. I hold no malice toward Fr. Jerry, but I do hold him accountable to his parishioners for what he does.

Bob Lenhart
Charlevoix

returning it to me.
William Larsen
Charlevoix

KUDOS OFFICERS

Editor:

Last night, Wednesday Sept. 13, there was a high speed chase through our quiet neighborhood. The suspect then fled through the woods behind our home.

This incident made me realize how we take for granted that our police officers, firefighters, etc. jeopardize their lives daily to serve and protect our community. These men and women do not get the proper recognition for what they do. They are truly special people.

Thank you to (City of Charlevoix Police Department) patrolman Pete Shrift and (Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office) sergeant Pat Avery as well as Michigan State Police and Charlevoix Fire Department for an efficient arrest.

Thank you again for a job well done and for keeping our town safe.

Nikki Kiteley
Charlevoix

CHANGE IS BUSINESS DECISION

Editor:

As new owners of the Charlevoix Courier, and the Petoskey News-Review, I guess I expected a higher standard of reporting than had previously existed in these two papers.

Needless to say I am thoroughly disappointed in your paper, and staff writer, Mr. Gohs (reference page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil"). As a businessman, for some years now we have been urged by our customers, and our industry to develop standards of excellence in order to insure our survival in an increasingly competitive world. In order to achieve those goals we began holding ourselves, and our employees to higher standards of accountability, and responsibility in order to meet the new "Zero Defect" environment.

Your reporter Mr. Gohs, needs to attend "Business Law 101" to understand that in this litigious society today, no responsible organization can explain the reasons for terminating an employee, to another prospective employer, at the risk of being sued. The standard response is, "We had a change of direction, and we agreed the fit does not exist anymore." The individual terminated could be a sexual deviate, incompetent, unfit for the position, or simply not the person to meet the new standard of excellence, and I

Editor:

I would like to thank the person who found my black wallet on Michigan Beach and returned it to me via the Charlevoix Public Library, since my library card was my only form of identification. Thank you very much and I would also like to thank the library for

couldn't tell you a thing at risk of legal action. Disruptive people exist today in all environments, and guiding them out of a meeting can be a daunting task for any manager, let alone a priest. The idea that your reporter chose to treat this in a most negative way, without practicing responsible journalism, is an affront to the community, the church, and your paper. I am new to the community in the last four years, and after realizing the previous pastor because of his age, delegated substantial duties to parishioners, because of decreased energy, thereby creating an inner power base. I needed substance when I leave church on a Sunday, not a nap. Driving us to go to St. Francis in Petoskey, until Father Jerry arrived in Charlevoix.

If Mr. Gohs were an investigative reporter and visited St. Marys on a Sunday to find a full church, a dynamic and loving priest, and a accomplished and devoted leader, he would have been more skeptical of accusations made. I have never attended a church in my life, or served on boards where there wasn't strife and resistance to change, and improvements by those who wanted it to remain the same. The living example exists among us in witnessing our automotive industry finally dealing with issues that the buying public

expects quality, style, price competitive purchases on a standard with products produced worldwide. Change is a given, our adaptation to it is not, so deal with it. To single out Fr. Jerry as a divisive individual causing problems within a church, that has greatly improved with his presence, is the most far-fetched piece of reporting I have seen. Certainly Mr. Gohs isn't going to be nominated for an award of excellence on his piece, nor will your newspaper. I would love to see impartial, accurate, factual reporting done by a newspaper, that advertisers would be proud to be associated with. Unfortunately, I don't be-

lieve your newspaper meets that standard.

As a Christian we go through life looking for the puzzle pieces that give us understanding, and the opportunity to serve our larger society in whatever capacity our God given talents enable us. One serving in a capacity where ego is forsaken in the interest of serving the common good, needs to be encouraged to stay the course, at the risk of upsetting the wing-nuts of the world. I conclude with St. Mary's is a dynamic church. Fr. Jerry is a dynamic leader, and we have a dynamic congregation, and I feel sorry for those too blind to see.

LETTERS POLICY

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

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An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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Making a profession of your passion

BUSINESS

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ful everything tasted and the very kind waitress returned with a tall, slender woman whose dark eyes touched my soul. In her animated, delightful conversation she shared how she came to Grand Haven and why. During our talk she explained that her own story was picked up by the Food Network to be aired this month.

Most of us have not had a life-changing experience, but if we did, would we change what we are doing? Would we quit our jobs and create that career we've only thought about? Would we spend more time with family and less on work?

I am happy for this young entrepreneur and wish her well in her business. Opened in May 2006, it appears to be flourishing — bringing in customers from area cities by word-of-mouth alone. I feel certain her family in Sri Lanka is proud of her accomplishment, and what she has added in cultural diversity to a small, conservative community. It opened my eyes to see there are



Courtesy photo

Courier columnist, Gayle Gennett, is pictured above with a Sri Lankan woman who took a business risk and inspired Gennett to explore the life implications of being a risk taker and small business owner.

many wonderful people no matter where you travel. It truly is a small world and gets smaller all the time.

Locally, I spoke with my former neighbor and friend Ray Bier, who owns and operates his art gallery and studio south of town. Our discussion turned to the small business owner. Again, I appreciated all that he shared as it is difficult to own your own business, pay health

insurance, raise a family and rely totally on the income selling or providing a service to the community. Kudos to all the entrepreneurs out there making their living on something they love to do. You are true optimists as you turn obstacles into opportunities on a daily basis.

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The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club and Muddypaws Sculptures and Ponds will host a "Pondless Waterfall" workshop in the children's garden at the new Charlevoix library at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. During the workshop, the pondless waterfall will be constructed.

Pondless Waterfall workshop Sept. 23 at new Charlevoix Public Library

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club and Muddypaws Sculptures and Ponds will host a "Pondless Waterfall" workshop in the children's garden at the new Charlevoix library at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

All garden club members and interested community members are welcome to attend this "hands-on" workshop.

The afternoon will include construction of the pondless waterfall under the direction of David Austin, owner of Muddypaws Sculptures and Ponds.

The workshop participation fee is a \$5 donation toward the

purchase of the fieldstone, which will be the structure of the pondless waterfall.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club is donating their expertise and funding for the benefit of this library landscaping project.

For more information, call Kathy Hartmann at (231) 599-2317 or Janine Warner at (231) 547-7384.

The new library is located at the intersection of Clinton and Grant streets in downtown Charlevoix.

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The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees (YAC's) will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs. The Youth Advisory Committees, which are made up of area teenagers throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties will award grants to programs that serve children and teens.

Programs chosen for funding

must serve residents of Emmet or Charlevoix County and have a non-profit tax status. The deadline for grant requests is Oct. 2.

Applications are available by calling the community foundation office in your county. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staffs are available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in submitting a proposal for funding consideration.

For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, by phone at (231) 536-2440, or visit www.c3f.org.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Manturuk — Gielda

Susan L. (Thorp) Manturuk and John R. Gielda are announcing their engagement.

The couple is planning a Sept. 30 wedding at the Elk Rapids Marina with a re-dedication, large wedding on July 14, 2007 at the New Hope Church in Acme.

Susan attended Charlevoix High School. She graduated from Michigan State University with a master's degree in counseling. She is self-employed and owns Manturuk's Consulting & Counseling Services. She is on the Foster Care Review Board under the Auspices of the Michigan Supreme Court.



John is retired from the State of Michigan Highway Department. He retired after 30 years in the fire-works business. He is a member of the Pyrotec Guild International. He is also a U.S. Navy veteran.

Boss — Jones

Brenda Boss and Christopher Jones are announcing their engagement.

The couple is planning a Saturday, Sept. 23 wedding at the Belltower Reformed Church in Ellsworth. A reception will follow at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of June Boss and the late Bernie Boss. Brenda earned a bachelor's degree from Hope College and a master's degree from Grand Valley State University. She teaches third-grade in Central Lake.

The groom-to-be is the son of William D. Jones and the late Mary



Jones. He is the food and beverage director at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix.

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Senior Center hosts 'Jump Into Fall' on Sept. 21

On Sept. 21, the Charlevoix Senior Center will host Jump Into Fall, a dinner dance.

The event will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix.

A choice of a complete prime rib or whitefish dinner will be offered. And live music will be provided by In Service.

The cost is \$35 per couple. All proceeds from Jump Into Fall will benefit senior programs at the center.

To reserve tickets, or for more information, call the Charlevoix Senior Center at (231) 547-5361.



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Feindt scholarship

Members of Zonta of Charlevoix recently presented Amanda Thomas of East Jordan High School with the Mary Feindt Scholarship. Pictured above (from left) are Gina Cross, East Jordan High School counselor, Tressa Thomas, Amanda's mother, Marty Strawbridge, a Zonta committee member, Amanda Thomas, Maura Snabes, Zonta president and Joan Buday, a Zonta committee member. The Mary Feindt award is given to the applicant who has demonstrated commitment to science or math not related to the medical or computer sciences. Thomas will be attending Alma College majoring in biology with the goal of becoming a high school teacher and eventually, a professor.

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Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering a 6-week series of volunteer training classes beginning October 4, 2006 at the new Charlevoix Library. Classes will meet 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on six consecutive Thursdays concluding November 9th.

The volunteer training sessions will include discussions of the Hospice concept, stages of dying, bereavement and spiritual care, communication skills and the volunteer role. Conducting the class will be Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Carson along with additional hospice staff members.

The first class will discuss the various roles a volunteer can play at Hospice. Training hours will be based on what area you wish to volunteer for.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at:

Hospice or to register for the training, please call Karen Carson, Volunteer Coordinator at 487-7228.

OBITUARIES

Charles Ervin Jr.: Sept. 5, 1916 - Sept. 8, 2006

Charles E. Ervin Jr. passed away on Sept. 8 at the age of 90.

Chuck Ervin spent summers since 1947 in his beloved "adopted home," Charlevoix, his favorite place to be. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Harriet, on Jan. 5, 2006. He is survived

by son, Charles E. (Sally) Ervin, III, of Marietta, Ga.; and daughter, Heidi E. (Robert) Stevenson of Stillwater, Minn.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Chuck will be remembered by his family as a good, gentle, dependable and loving man.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Bradshaw Celebration of Life Center in Stillwater, Minn. Private interment will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Ironton Congregational Church, 03582 Washington Avenue, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Lilly 'Peg' Hewitt: Feb. 12, 1918 - Sept. 11, 2006

Lilly Margaret "Peg" Hewitt, 88, of Charlevoix, died Sept. 11, at the Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

She was born Feb. 12, 1918, in the province of Manitoba, Canada, to Tony and Lena (Urbonowich) Pawlinski. Peg worked as a singer for stage bands and as a dancer in Winnipeg and Windsor, and performed in live radio broadcasts. She moved to Detroit in 1952, and on Jan. 29, 1962, she married Robert E. "The Rev." Bob Hewitt.

They owned and operated a bar called "Bob's Rustic Cabin" in St. Helen. After moving to Charlevoix in 1974, Peg retired and Bob worked as the Charlevoix County Equalization Department appraiser. He died on Aug. 27, 1997.

Peg is survived by her nephew, Ross Townsend and his son Stephan of Milton Keynes, England; sister-in-law, Della May (Roger) Hewitt Preno; several nieces and nephews from the Saginaw area; friends, Kelly Warner, Mary Ann

Beaumont, Sandra Allard, and the staff of Boulder Park Terrace. Peg's brother Stanley W. Pauls also preceded her in death in 1999.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society in memory of her beloved dog, Rudy. Burial will take place in Glen Eden Memorial Gardens in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. There will be no local services. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Robert Irving: June 22, 1918 - Sept. 12, 2006

Robert A. Irving, 88, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. James Mort officiated.

Bob was born June 22, 1918, in Shrewsbury, Mass., to Robert and Ellen (Anderson) Irving. He graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor of science degree. Bob served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was discharged in 1946 as a

captain. He stayed in Germany, working for military government during the occupation, where he met his wife to be. Bob married the former Alice Anspach in 1952, at St. Goar, Germany. After returning to the U.S., they made their home in Romeo, and Bob worked as a civil servant until retiring in 1978. He and Alice spent retirement traveling the U.S. and they moved to Charlevoix in 1988. He was very active in the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, (NARFE), and the Charlevoix Shade Tree

Commission. Bob actively promoted the planting of trees in Romeo, and then in Charlevoix, working closely with the City of Charlevoix and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 11. He had a keen interest in city business and attended many city council meetings in Charlevoix.

Bob is survived by his wife, Alice; daughter, Cathy (Wayne) Whitman of Holt; and granddaughter, Laura Jia Wen Whitman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Margaret Knope: Nov. 21, 1922 - Sept. 12, 2006



Margaret Knope

Jordan.

She was born Nov. 21, 1922, in Scotland, the daughter of James and Annie (Cassidy) Connelly, and moved to the U.S. as a child.

She married Phillip F. Knope in June 1952. He preceded her in death in May 1970. Following his death, Margaret worked for

many years at William Beaumont Hospital as office manager of the NeuroEducation Center. Margaret moved to Charlevoix in 1997.

She is survived by her daughters, Anne Gerard of Troy, Patricia Marfuta of Charlevoix, Elizabeth (Robert) Lee of West Monroe, La.; sons, James (Penny) Knope of White Lake, John Knope of Oakland Township; grandchildren, Jeffrey (Trena), and Christopher (Kim) Gerard, Robert (Kelly) Marfuta, Kelly (Chad) Diss, Andrea and Josh Knope; great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Camryn, Kelsey, Cole, Lauren, Jacob, Alex, Madison; brothers, Robert (Judy) Connelly of Angola, Ind., John (Kathleen) Connelly of Aurora, Colo.; sister, Ann Howells of Woodbridge,

Va.; stepchildren, Phillip (Marion) Knope of Stuart, Fla., Gerry (Ernie) Richardson of Grosse Pointe; step-grandchildren, Phillip and Steven Knope; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son, William, brother, James, and sisters, Sister Ann Patrick (Agnes) and Alice Weber.

A celebration of Margaret's life took place Sept. 16 at her son's home in White Lake. Memorial contributions may be made to Horizonvue (Alzheimer's Wing) at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Dr., East Jordan, MI 49727.

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Georgia Adams: July 29, 1911 - Sept. 13, 2006

Georgia Hope Adams, 95, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, died Wednesday, Sept. 13 in Charlevoix.

Born July 29, 1911, in Alsen, N.D., to Harley and Julia (Rice) Sevems, she moved to Ann Arbor in 1920, and graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1929, and the University of Michigan in 1933. She was married Oct. 19, 1935, to George Everett Adams in Ypsilanti where they continued to reside. Georgia was a Registered Nurse in Illinois and Michigan, holding several nursing positions, eventually retiring from Eastern Michigan University Health Center in 1977, and from nursing in April 1989. In November 2004, she moved to Charlevoix to be near her son. She was a member of the P.E.O.

Donna Sobleskey: Oct. 12, 1945 — Sept. 16, 2006

Donna Jean Sobleskey, 60, of Muir passed away Sept. 16 at home.

She was born Oct. 12, 1945 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Edward and Dorothy (Kaskey) Howe. Donna married Gerald Sobleskey Sr. in 1963. She worked at Electrolux and Frigidaire. She was a member of Ionia Moose Lodge and UAW Local 137.

Donna loved bingo and angels.

She is survived by her loving husband, Gerald Sobleskey of Muir, parents, Edward and Dorothy Kaskey of Charlevoix; children, Jerald Sobleskey Jr. of Muir, Lisa and Steve Gwilt of Portland, Sonya and Randy Short of Ionia, Jackie Ferris of Ionia, Daniel and Jennifer Sobleskey of Muir; brother, Edward (Greta) Kaskey of Washington; sisters, Pat (Bob) Griffith of Flint, Marguerite (Jerry) Trujillo of New Mexico; and 14 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Joey, Lonnie and Keith.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Rev. Melvin Fox officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Donna's name to Ionia Area Hospice or the family of Donna. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

Sisterhood, First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti, the Ypsilanti Ladies Literary Club and performed weekly volunteer work at the Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti for over 30 years. Georgia was an avid golfer, playing weekly into her 80's. She was a serious gardener until she sold her private residence in 1999. She was an excellent seamstress, making dresses for her granddaughter's wedding in 1983.

Georgia is survived by her son, Charles W. (Mary K.) Adams of Charlevoix; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1973; daughter, Julia Wells Lober in 2000, and son, Herbert Everett Adams in 2003.

A private family service will be held at a later date. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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Canine cops hunt down two in high-speed chases

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Dogs were the heroes in two high-speed police chases in Charlevoix last week.

Canine units tracked down two men who engaged police officers in dangerous cat and mouse chases through the streets of Charlevoix.

The first incident took place at around 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10. It started at the Next Door Food Store in Petoskey when a clerk alerted police to a drive off on a \$40 gas bill.

The driver, 43-year-old William McFall of Alanson, was spotted driving on Charlevoix Avenue in a bluish-green Ford Taurus by City of Petoskey Department of Public Safety officer, Lawrence Donovan. Donovan pulled McFall over — but he refused to shut off the vehicle and shortly thereafter sped off.

This resulted in a police chase that traveled south on U.S. 31 in which speeds in excess of 90 mph were clocked.

McFall entered the City of Charlevoix and eventually Charlevoix Township, near Charlevoix Area Hospital. At one point he hit a parked car

but was only temporarily deterred and went on to hit a rock abutment that immobilized his vehicle.

He abandoned the car and fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit, officers lost sight of McFall and set up a perimeter. Trooper Steve Norman of the Michigan State Police responded from the Gaylord post with his K-9 unit. They tracked McFall to a thick brush area by the beach behind the hospital.

Three days later, just as the pup stopped panting and local law enforcement had caught their breath, another high-speed pursuit touched down in the heart of downtown Charlevoix.

At around 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 a 9-1-1 complaint was called in claiming a driver traveling north on M-66 was speeding and driving erratically.

Sergeant Patrick Avery with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office located the vehicle driven by 24-year-old Marshall Ira Bell Jr. of Charlevoix, near Shaw Road in Marion Township going 104 mph.

Bell refused to stop and rammed the sheriff's office pa-

trol car on multiple occasions after the pursuit entered the City of Charlevoix.

Bell fled on numerous streets near Charlevoix Middle School including May Street, Meadow Lane, Garfield Avenue, Leonard Street and Eaton Street. His travels took him through lawns and eventually ended when he abandoned his vehicle and ran into the Belvedere Club grounds near Eaton Court.

Like McFall, Bell was also tracked using a canine unit, this one from the Antrim County Sheriff's Office. He was found hiding on a boat in the alley between East Upright and East Hurlbut streets.

Bell was given a preliminary breath test and blew a .10 which

exceeds the allowable .08.

Bell was arraigned on Sept. 19 in Charlevoix County District Court. He faces five charges that include operating while intoxicated which is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 93 days in jail; third-degree fleeing and eluding a police officer which is a felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$1,000 fine; felonious assault with a motor vehicle, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine; malicious destruction of police property for the \$3,000 in damage to a 2005 Ford police cruiser, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine; and driving without insurance, a misdemeanor punishable by up to one-year in prison.

McFall was arraigned on Sept. 11 in Emmet County District Court on a seven-count complaint. The charges he faces include fleeing and eluding a police officer — a felony punishable by up to five-years in prison; resisting and obstructing a police officer — a felony punishable by up to two-years in prison; a second misdemeanor offense of driving while license suspended; operating while intoxicated; two counts of failure to stop after a collision; and a third-degree retail fraud charge.

He faces a pretrial hearing at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 25 in Emmet County District Court.

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Staff changes at the Intermediate School District

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

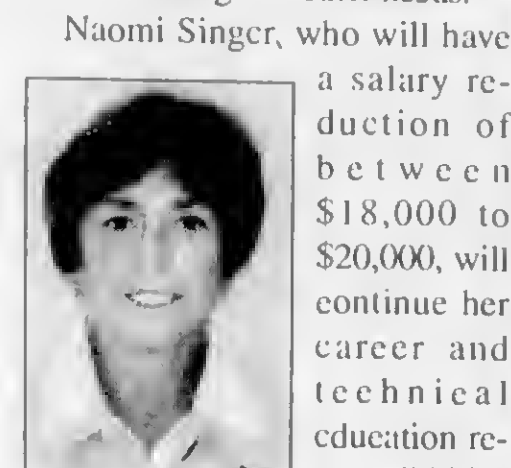
The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District began the 2006-2007 school year with staffing shifts and changes.

Some of the changes were due to retirements and others were related to budget cuts in education across the state.

"These changes were made primarily due to staff retirements. In addition, local districts within the ISD have continued to lose revenue and the restructuring will provide them much-needed additional assistance," stated Mark Eckhardt, superintendent of the local Intermediate School District, in an Aug. 2 press release. "I'm excited about these changes and know it will make us an even stronger organization — better able to serve our students, families and local schools."

In addition to a few employees taking work outside of the Intermediate School District, director of transportation and pupil accounting, Bill Coaster, has retired. "As with any changes, we have taken a step back, looked at how we are doing things and how we can perform even better," Eckhardt stated. "As a result, the following staffing changes have been made: In addition to his safe schools and AmeriCorps responsibilities, Dennis Halverson has assumed oversight of the transportation department. The ISD transports students with special needs and works

with local school district transportation on training and other needs."



Naomi Singer

the early education department.

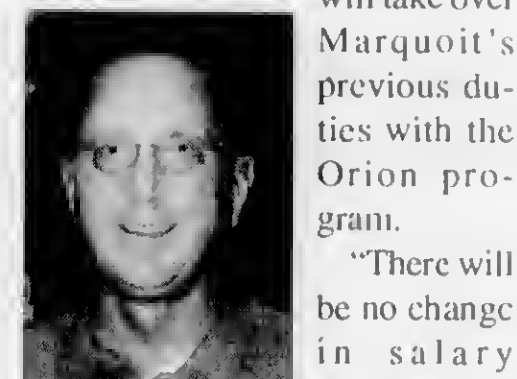
Gus Bishop, the superintendent of Central Lake Public Schools, is the new director of instructional services.

Bishop will oversee staff and initiatives involving curriculum, assessment, professional development and other duties.

Jim Marquait, the former principal at the Intermediate School District alternative education Orion program, will work on training and special education intervention efforts in Char-Em's alternative education programs and local schools.

Former Petoskey High School

assistant principal, Jim Rummer, will take over Marquait's previous duties with the Orion program.



Jim Marquait

Em, Rick Diebold. "Marquait is going to be focusing more on intervention efforts for kids with emotional and behavioral issues because that is one of the things school districts have asked for."

He added, "With the rising cost of special education, the schools need some help with intervention. So, his role will be principal of that program, and he will also oversee our alternative education program."

Marquait, who will work approximately an extra month a

year will get a jump in salary from \$78,000 to \$85,000 per year.

He added, "We're not necessarily replacing staff person for person, but we're not getting rid of any of those responsibilities. It's kind of hard to put a firm dollar figure on it, but we're certainly going to save money on this."

One of 57 intermediate school district's in the state, Char-Em, located at 08568 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix serves nearly 12,000 children, more than 1,000 handicapped and 2,500 voc-ed students in 20 different public and private schools.

"Char-Em ISD combines resources to provide regional services efficiently and cost effectively operates specialized schools and programs for students," it states on the ISD website. "(The ISD) provides technical assistance in many ways to local school districts is the link between school districts and the Michigan Department of Education."

Top 10 salaries of the ISD's 237 employees:

- Mark Eckhardt, superintendent: \$122,424
- Richard Diebold, deputy superintendent: \$104,521
- Jeffrey Crouse, chief financial officer: \$93,842
- Diane Heinzelman, director of special education: \$85,427
- James Marquait, education programs supervisor: \$85,000
- James Rummer, Orion School principal: \$80,600
- Dianne Litzenburger, communications director: \$79,090
- Gus Bishop, director of instructional services: \$76,627
- Jeanne Gorkiewicz, occupational therapist: \$75,498
- Kim Makarewicz, psychologist: \$75,498

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Changes for water, sewer and electric rates are being raised in Charlevoix. The water rate increase is 10 percent, the sewer rate is 15 percent, and the electric rate is 5 percent. The increases are effective October 1st. The Charlevoix City Manager, David Smith, said the increases are necessary to cover the cost of the new water treatment plant and the sewer main project. The electric rate increase is due to a rate of return set by the Michigan Public Service Commission. However, Charlevoix City Manager Smith said he will be looking for a rate of return of 5 percent, which is what the rate was in 2005.

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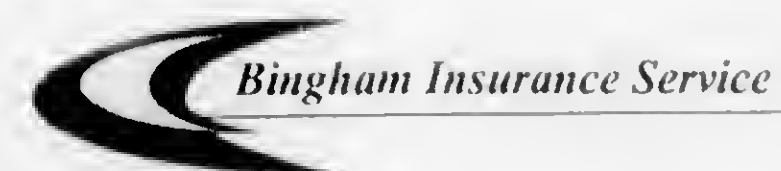


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ORDINANCE NUMBER 8

Adopted September 13, 2006

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ARTICLE I

INTENT, FINDINGS, PURPOSE AND LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 1.01 - Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to create the Charlevoix County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program that will:

Protect eligible farmland through the purchase of development rights voluntarily offered for purchase by landowners,

Authorize acceptance of voluntary donations or purchase of the development rights of eligible farmland, and the placement of a conservation easement on these properties that restricts future development,

Establish a farmland and open space preservation element as part of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan to be prepared in collaboration with local units of government within Charlevoix County that describes geographic areas within the County where eligible property should be protected and preserved,

Provide procedures and guidelines for selecting the farmland parcels to be protected, for determining the value to be paid for the development rights, and for the repurchase of the development rights for properties that no longer comply with the protection and preservation policies of the program and goals of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan.

Section 1.02 - Findings

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners finds that:

A. Charlevoix County is a desirable place to live, work and visit in large part because of the availability of farmland, open space and scenic views that include wetlands, woods, agricultural fields and wildlife habitat areas which are recognized as invaluable natural and aesthetic resources that should be protected,

B. The climate, variety of soils and terrain make Charlevoix County well suited to the production of a great diversity of row crops, specialty crops and livestock, including many foods available for direct human consumption,

C. There are significant areas within Charlevoix County with important farmlands that are currently in active agricultural production,

D. Open space lands including woodlands, wetlands and other environmentally significant areas are usually a significant feature of these farmlands,

E. These lands provide unique, aesthetic and economic benefits to the citizens of Charlevoix County and are an important part of Charlevoix County's natural and agricultural heritage,

F. Charlevoix County is experiencing substantial residential development and due to the presence of increasingly urbanized areas, attractive landscapes and excellent public schools, Charlevoix County will continue to be an attractive place for residential and other development in the future,

The agricultural industry in Charlevoix County provides the opportunity to harvest locally grown foods to sell at roadside stands, farmers' markets, local retail food stores and other local outlets in the area,

Commercial agriculture is a significant contributor to the economy in Charlevoix County. This includes employment opportunities for residents offered by agricultural producers, agricultural product processors, agricultural equipment suppliers, farm service suppliers, and retail sellers of products manufactured within Charlevoix County,

I. Agriculture in Charlevoix County significantly contributes to the local economy through the tourism industry and in direct sales of agricultural products at the farm,

J. Land suitable for farming is an irreplaceable natural resource. Soil and topographic characteristics have been enhanced by generations of agricultural use and when such land is converted to residential or other uses, a critical resource is permanently lost to the current and future citizens of Charlevoix County and the State of Michigan,

K. Efforts of local units of government through local comprehensive planning, zoning, subdivision and land division regulations have not been totally effective in providing long-term protection of farmland and open space under the pressure of increasing development,

L. Generally, farmland and open space lands that are close to urban centers have a greater market value for future development than for farming or open space, and such land often has

features that are considered valuable components for residential and other development, encouraging the speculative purchase of these lands at high prices for future development regardless of the current zoning of such lands,

M. There exists in Charlevoix County, farmland having a market value greater than its agricultural value; land which currently does not attract sustained agricultural investment and that eventually could be sold and removed from agricultural use,

N. The acquisition by Charlevoix County, the State of Michigan, the federal government, or qualified conservancy organizations or voluntarily offered interest in farmland and open space lands within Charlevoix County by purchase of the development rights, with the intention of being permanent, as provided for in this ordinance and as authorized by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Michigan, will permit these lands to remain in farmland and open space and provide long-term protection for the public interests served by farmland and open space lands,

O. The Governor and the Michigan Legislature enacted Public Act 262 of 2000, which created an agricultural preservation fund within the State Treasury to provide grants to local units of government to assist in the acquisition of farmland conservation easements, provided that the local unit of government has adopted an ordinance for the purchase of development rights, and the local unit of government has an updated comprehensive/master/land use plan that includes a plan for farmland preservation,

P. The establishment of a farmland and open space preservation program will provide specific public benefits to Charlevoix County, including:

1. Lessening congestion on certain streets, roads and highways,
2. Promoting the concentration of population in appropriate areas,
3. Lessening scattered urban sprawl development, which will lead to increased efficiencies in the provision of governmental services,

4. Retention of the historic rural character of Charlevoix County necessary for the continuation of the local tourism industry,

5. Increasing opportunities and incen-

tives for young farmers to carry on the agricultural legacy of Charlevoix County,

6. Supporting existing efforts to cooperatively plan communities,

7. Maintaining quality hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities,

8. Retention of large blocks of farmland suitable for economic agricultural production purposes,

9. Retention of large blocks of open space, including woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat, to protect the natural environment of Charlevoix County, including the lakes, rivers, streams and underground aquifers, and

10. To encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout Charlevoix County.

Q. The establishment of a farmland and open space preservation program, including any costs incidental to such acquisition, and the monitoring and enforcement of development rights conservation easements, or participation with the state, qualified land conservancies or any other party for such purposes will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people of Charlevoix County.

Section 1.03 - Purpose and Legislative Authority

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the legal authority and manner in which Charlevoix County is to acquire development rights in farmland and other eligible land as provided for in this ordinance, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, M.C.L. 125.3101 through 125.3702, and Subpart 11 of Part 21 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended, MCLA 324.2140 through MCLA 324.2144.

ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS

Section 2.01 - Definitions

Agricultural Use - The production of plants and animals useful to humans, including forages and sod crops; grains, feed crops, and field crops; dairy and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock, including breeding and grazing of cattle, swine, captive cervidae, and similar animals; berries; herbs; flowers; seeds; grass-

es; nursery stock; fruits; vegetables; Christmas trees; and other similar uses and activities. Agricultural use includes use in a federal acreage set-aside program or a federal conservation reserve program.

Agriculture Conservation Easement - A conveyance by written instrument, in which, subject to permitted uses, the owner relinquishes to the public in perpetuity his or her development rights and makes a covenant running with the land not to undertake development. (See also conservation easement and development rights easement.)

Before and After Appraisal - An appraisal that determines the value of the full ownership of the land before the development rights are severed, and the fair market value of the parcel after the development rights are severed.

Board of Commissioners - The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

Certification/Re-Certification - Acceptance of the township, city, village, and/or Charlevoix County farmland and open space preservation plan or element of the comprehensive, master or land use plan by the Michigan Department of Agriculture as being compliant with the standards and guidelines of the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund, P.A. 262 of 2000, under Part 362 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Conservation Easement - See Development Rights Easement.

County - Charlevoix County.

County Planning Commission - The Charlevoix County Planning Commission which was established by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to the County Planning Act, P.A. 282 of 1945, as amended, MCLA 125.01 through 125.240.

Development - An activity that materially alters or affects the existing conditions or use of any land.

Development Rights - An interest in land that includes the right to construct a building or structure, to improve land for development, to divide a parcel for development, or to extract minerals incidental to a permitted use or a special land use or specific development rights, set forth in a development rights easement in

accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Development Rights Easement - A grant, by an instrument, in which the owner relinquishes to the public in perpetuity the right to undertake development of the land, and which contains a covenant running with the land, not to undertake development, subject to permitted uses.

Development Rights Value - The difference between the fair market value of the full ownership of the land (excluding the buildings thereon) and the fair market value of the land if the use were restricted to an agricultural use.

Element, Farmland and Open Space Preservation Element of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan - The map and accompanying text prepared in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines Established for the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund, and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the County Planning Act, Public Act 282 of 1945, as amended, MCLA 125.01 through 125.240.

Farmland - Farmland as defined in Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, containing one or more agricultural uses or a parcel of land currently fallow that can be used for one or more agricultural uses.

Fee Simple - A common synonym for ownership in which the owner has total and complete ownership not encumbered by any means, including the rights of unrestricted use, power to dispose of the property, and the ability to transfer the ownership of the property by will or inheritance.

Intensity of Development - The height, bulk, area, density, setback, use and other similar characteristics of development authorized by law, typically the township (or other local unit of government) zoning ordinance.

Land Conservancy, Qualified - A Michigan registered not-for-profit corporation designated as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable trust pursuant to the Federal Internal Revenue Code, organized for the specific purpose of serving as a land conservancy and which meets the following criteria, as determined by the Board of Commissioners:

A. Has been incorporated in the State of Michigan for a period of not less than two years and remains a corporation in "good standing" with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC),

B. Has an active and qualified Board of Directors that sets policy and supervises the business and land conservancy operations of the corporation,

C. Has the equivalent of one full-time qualified professional staff person with educational training and a minimum of two years experience in land conservancy operations,

D. Has an operating budget and other financial resources sufficient to carry out the purposes of the conservancy,

E. Has adopted and operates pursuant to the Statement of Land Trust Standards and Practices (current edition) of the Land Trust Alliance, and

F. Has access to qualified legal counsel and other professional resources necessary to conduct the activities of the conservancy.

Land Preservation Board (LPB) - The advisory board formed pursuant to this ordinance to advise the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners regarding the selection of eligible lands for purchase.

Like Kind Replacement - A similar amount (acreage) which, in the determinations of the LPB and the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, is:

A. Located within a farmland or open space area as defined in the farmland and open space preservation element of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan,

B. Fulfills the preservation goals and objectives of the farmland and open space preservation element of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan in an equal or superior capacity, and

C. At a location where there is immediate development pressure.

Natural water bodies and water courses - A natural lake, pond, or impoundment; a river, stream, or creek which may or may not be serving as a drain or any other body of water that has definite banks, a bed, and visible evidence of a continued flow or continued occurrence of water (Inland Lakes and Streams, Part 301 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, MCL §§ 324.30101 et seq.).

Open Space, as part of a farmland parcel - Land, as defined in Part 323 and/or Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, that meets one of the following definitions:

A. Any undeveloped site included in a national registry of historic places or designated as a historic site pursuant to state or federal law,

B. River front property subject to designation under Part 305 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, to the extent that full legal descriptions may be declared open space under the meaning of this Part, and which lies within 1/4 mile of the river,

C. Undeveloped lands designated as environmental areas under Part 323 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, including unregulated portions of those lands,

D. Any other area approved by the local governing body, the preservation of which area in its present condition would conserve natural or scenic resources, including soils, wetlands, and beaches, enhance recreation opportunities and/or preserve historic sites, or

E. Idle potential farmland of not less than 40 acres that is substantially undeveloped and because of its soil, terrain, and location is capable of being devoted to agricultural uses as identified by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Owner - A person having a freehold (fee simple) estate in land coupled with possession and enjoyment. If land is subject to a land contract, owner means the vendee in agreement with the vendor.

Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program - A program prepared and adopted pursuant to Section 508 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, M.C.L. 125.3101 through 125.3702.

Participating Local Unit of Government - Any township, city or village in Charlevoix County that has a farmland and open space preservation element within their comprehensive/master/land use plan, and a zoning ordinance consistent with this element as determined by the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, and has provided written notice (in the form of a resolution approved by the local legislative body) of their intent to participate in the purchase of development rights program as set forth in Section 4.05 of this ordinance.

Permitted Use, Agriculture - Any use contained within a development rights easement essential to the farming operation that does not alter the agricultural character of the land. Storage, retail or wholesale marketing, or processing of agricultural products is a permitted use in a farming operation for more than 50 percent of the stored, processed, or merchandised products are produced by the farm operator for at least three of the immediately preceding five years. Entertainment agriculture, such as you-pick fruit operations, petting farms, Christmas tree farms, and farm markets that include related uses, are permitted as long as more than 50 percent of the gross receipts for the entire agricultural activity are attributable to the agricultural product being marketed and the facility has been approved by the participating township and/or Charlevoix County.

Sand dunes - Sand formations created through an interaction of windblown and water fluctuation processes creating open areas, wetlands, grasslands, scrub, shrub, and woodland plant communities; regulated by Sand Dune Protection and Management, Part 353 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, MCL §§ 324.35301 et seq. (Legislative Findings MCL § 324.35302).

Significant natural area/wildlife habitat - A large area of unmodified or slightly modified land, retaining its natural character and influence, without significant habitation, which is conserved so as to preserve its natural condition, support wildlife, and promote biodiversity; regulated by Biological Diversity Conservation, Part 355 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protec-

tion Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, MCL §§ 324.35501 et seq. (Legislative Findings § 324.35502).

Wetlands - Land characterized by the presence of water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances does support wetland vegetation or aquatic life and is commonly referred to as a fen, bog, swamp, or marsh; regulated by Wetland Protection, Part 303 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, MCL §§ 324.30301 et seq. (Legislative Findings MCL § 324.30302).

ARTICLE III

AUTHORIZATIONS

Section 3.01 - Purchase of Farmland Development Rights

Pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, M.C.L. 125.3101 through 125.3702, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners is authorized to acquire the development rights from farmland throughout Charlevoix County by purchase, gift, grant, bequest, devise, covenant, or contract.

Section 3.02 - Limitation on Purchases

Charlevoix County shall only purchase the development rights for farmland that:

A. Meet the definition of eligible farmland or other eligible land as set forth in this ordinance,

B. Is located within the jurisdiction of a participating local unit of government,

C. Is voluntarily offered for sale by an owner of the farmland or other eligible land,

D. Has been determined to be consistent with the farmland and open space preservation elements of the comprehensive/master/land use plan of the participating local unit of government and the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan.

Section 3.03 - Means of Purchase and Payment

Charlevoix County is authorized to enter into cash purchase and/or installment purchase contracts, options, and agreements or the receipt of tax-deductible (and other) donations of easements consistent with applicable law. When installment purchases are made, Charlevoix County is authorized to pay interest on the declining unpaid principal balance at a legal rate of interest consistent with prevailing market conditions at the time of execution of the installment contract for the tax-exempt status of such interest.

Section 3.04 - Use of Qualified Land Conservancy Assistance

Charlevoix County may contract with a qualified land conservancy, other legally established land trust or other experienced and qualified nonprofit groups to assist Charlevoix County in conducting the purchase of land development rights, establishing baseline studies, procedures for

monitoring, and actual monitoring of any development rights easements acquired under this ordinance, including holding joint interest in Charlevoix County conservation easements.

Section 3.05 - Repurchase or Exchange of Property Interest in Development Rights Easements

Charlevoix County owned interests in farmland and other eligible land may be exchanged for property interests in farmland or other eligible land on an equivalent appraised value basis upon affirmative findings that:

A. The property subject to the easement is no longer consistent with the farmland and open space preservation elements of the comprehensive/master/land use plan of the participating local unit of government and the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan due to any one of the following:

1. The quality of the farmland is such that agricultural production is not economically viable with generally accepted agricultural and management practices.

2. Surrounding conditions now exist that impose physical obstacles to the agricultural operations or prohibit essential agricultural practices.

3. A significant natural physical change in the farmland has occurred, resulting in a generally irreversible and permanent limitation on the productivity of the farmland.

4. A court order restricts the use of the farmland so that agricultural production is not economically viable.

5. A court ordered public purpose condemnation is being imposed on all or a portion of the property resulting in the remainder of the farmland for which the development rights have been purchased no longer being economically viable for agricultural production.

B. The planning commissions of participating local units of government and Charlevoix County have taken such action to amend the farmland and open space elements of their comprehensive/master/land use plans, removing the subject land from the protection/preservation area designation.

The property owner has requested to repurchase the development rights.

The property owner and the LPB have reached a tentative agreement defining compensation due Charlevoix County for the repurchase of the development rights based on the appreciated development rights value or an amount of like kind replacement farmland or other eligible land of equal value to replace the amount of land for which the development rights are being repurchased. If the property interest exchanged is not exactly equal in appraised value, cash payments may be made to provide net equivalent value for the repurchase or exchange. Such cash payments are to be used to purchase other eligible farmland through the program.

ARTICLE IV

FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION PLAN**Section 4.01 - Farmland and Open Space Preservation Element of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan**

Prior to the purchase of any development rights by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners pursuant to this ordinance, the Charlevoix County Planning Commission shall prepare a farmland and open space preservation element as part of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan. It the Future Land Use Plan currently has an element that fulfills the planning requirements set forth in Section 4.02, the County Planning Commission shall review the element and, after a public hearing, re-adopt the element and seek the re-certification of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Section 4.02 - Farmland and Other Eligible Land and Open Space Planning Requirements

The farmland and open space preservation element of the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

A. Language indicating why farmland should be preserved in Charlevoix County.

B. Text describing the strategies intended to be used in order to preserve farmland, including purchase of development rights and other techniques.

C. A future land use map indicating the areas intended for the preservation of farmland.

D. A description of how and why the preservation area(s) was/were selected, and

E. A description of the process used to prepare the farmland and open space preservation element of the County Future Land Use Plan and the involvement and participation of local units of government within Charlevoix County, farmland owners (producers) and the general public.

Section 4.03 - Involvement of Local Units of Government in the Planning Process

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission shall develop and carry out a process to allow each local unit of government in Charlevoix County the opportunity to participate in the preparation or re-certification of the farmland and open space preservation element of the County Future Land Use Plan. At a minimum, the County Planning Commission shall:

A. Send notice to each chief elected official and the chair of each planning commission (where a planning commission has been established) in each local unit of government within Charlevoix County, notifying them that the County Planning Commission will either commence with the preparation of the farmland and open space preservation element of the County Future Land Use Plan or commence with a process to re-certify the current plan element, or

B. Provide a process for each local unit of government to prepare a farmland and open space preservation element for the comprehensive/master/land use plan for their local unit of government that meets the requirements of Section 4.02, which can be included within the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan element, or a process that will allow the local unit of government to adopt the Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan element as the element of their local unit of government's comprehensive/master/land use plan.

Section 4.04 - Farmland and Open Space Preservation Element Adoption/Re-certification

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission shall comply with the notification, public hearing and adoption procedures as prescribed by the County Planning Act, P.A. 282 of 1945, as amended, MCLA 125.104 b and 125.105, when adopting a new or amended farmland and open space preservation element for the County Future Land Use Plan.

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission shall provide public notice as required by the County Planning Act, P.A. 282 of 1945, as amended, MCLA 125.104 b and 125.105, including written notification to each chief elected official and chair of each planning commission of each local unit of government within Charlevoix County of the meeting at which re-adoption of the farmland and open space preservation element of the County Future Land Use Plan shall be considered by the County Planning Commission.

Section 4.05 - Declaration of Intent to Participate in Purchase of Development Rights Program

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission shall, prior to the adoption of a farmland and open space preservation element, or re-adoption of an existing element, notify each chief elected official and the chair of each planning commission of each local unit of government within Charlevoix County that the County Planning Commission will adopt (or re-adopt) a farmland and open space preservation element of the County Future Land Use Plan and that the element will serve as the basis for the identification of land development rights that may be acquired pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

Any local unit of government within Charlevoix County may provide written notification in the form of a resolution adopted by the legislative body, indicating the intent of the local unit of government to participate in the purchase of development or conservation easement rights program as set forth within this ordinance. Only local units of government that have an adopted comprehensive/master/land use plan with a farmland and open space preservation element meeting the requirements of Section 4.02 and has in force a zoning ordinance consistent with this plan element, as determined by the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, shall be accepted as a participating local unit of government.

Section 4.06 - Approval by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners

The secretary of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, upon adoption or re-adoption of the farmland and open space preservation element of the County Future Land Use Plan, shall certify a copy of the plan element to the County Board of Commissioners by filing a certified copy with the County Clerk.

ARTICLE V

LAND PRESERVATION BOARD ADOPTION/RE-CERTIFICATION**Section 5.01 - Establishment of the Charlevoix County Land Preservation Board**

The Charlevoix County Land Preservation Board (LPB) shall be a separate board reporting directly to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners. Appointments to the Land Preservation Board shall be made by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners with the concurrence of a majority of the Board of Commissioners. The terms of office shall be for a three year time period with the initial appointments being for staggered terms to allow for overlap of terms. Members shall be replaced at such time as they no longer represent their constituent group. Members shall be removed for non-performance of duty or misconduct following a public hearing. The operation of the LPB shall comply with state law as well as the rules and procedures established by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners governing all boards, commissions and committees of Charlevoix County including rules of procedure, public notice of public meetings, compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act (P.A. 267 of 1976, as amended), disclosure of conflicts, and applicable financial and accounting policies.

The Land Preservation Board shall consist of nine (9) members. The composition of the LPB shall include:

- 1 member of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners
- 1 member of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission
- 2 members that are elected officials from participating local units of government in the farmland and open space preservation program (until such time as two or more local units of government are participating in this program, the members shall be appointed from areas of the county having potentially eligible lands)
- 3 members representing farming to be selected from a list provided by the Charlevoix County Farm Bureau

1 member representing the interests of realtors or developers to be selected from lists provided by the local Homebuilders Association and the local Realtors Association

1 member representing the conservancy community

The members of the LPB shall be residents of Charlevoix County with the exception of the members who

represent the farming community, the Home Builders Association, the Realtors Association, and the conservancy community. The representatives of the farming community, the Home Builders Association, the Realtors Association, and the conservancy community shall have an active presence in the County by virtue of actively farmed land, percentage of business, or employment by a conservancy organization that is active within the County.

Section 5.02 - Duties and Functions of the Charlevoix County Land Preservation Board

The LPB shall function as an advisory body to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners and assist the Board of Commissioners in determining:

A. Prioritization for the purchase of farmland development rights for all property submitted by landowners for consideration,

B. Whether Charlevoix County should enter into a purchase agreement for the purchase of development rights for an eligible parcel of farmland including any other eligible land,

The price and method of compensation relative to the purchase of the development rights for an eligible parcel of farmland including any other eligible land.

In addition to the duties above, the LPB shall:

A. Prepare an application and administer a review process that results in a prioritized list of farmland properties,

B. Publish the prioritized list of farmland property, file a copy of the list with each participating local unit of government and make copies available to the general public, and

C. Prepare for approval by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, applications for state, federal or other sources of grant funds to assist with the purchase of development rights pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 5.03 - Staff Services and Technical Assistance

The Charlevoix County Planning Department shall provide staff services for the operation of the LPB. The LPB may consult experts and secure services of technical advisors, as required, to assist in the performance of the duties and functions of the LPB.

ARTICLE VI APPLICATION AND PRIORITIZATION PROCEDURES**Section 6.01 - Application**

The LPB shall prepare an application for submission of eligible properties and provide copies of the application to each participating local unit of government. At a minimum, the application shall include the following information:

The name of the landowner(s) filing the application,

The address and phone number of the

applicant,

Proof of ownership of the property submitted in the application,

A legal description and property tax identification number of the land being submitted in the application,

An indication of total number of nominated acres currently in agricultural use,

The size (acres) of the parcel,

The type(s) of crop(s) grown including the number of acres of each,

Any other information deemed necessary by the LPB to aid in the evaluation of properties for inclusion in this program,

A statement indicating the application has been reviewed by the planning commission and legislative body of the participating local unit of government in which the property is located,

A signed and notarized statement that the owners are voluntarily submitting the application for prioritization and possible sale of the development rights.

Section 6.02 - Submission of Applications - Notice of Availability

At least once annually, the LPB shall establish a time period for acceptance of applications. Notice of availability of the application, the time period of acceptance of applications, and the location where applications are to be submitted shall be published in a newspaper(s) of general circulation within Charlevoix County not less than ninety (90) days prior to any submission deadline established by the LPB. In addition, the LPB shall seek additional means of public notice including publication in the Farm Bureau, MSU Extension, Conservation District and other newsletters and venues as deemed appropriate.

All applications for consideration shall:

A. Be made only on an application form approved by the LPB,

B. Contain all required information,

C. Be signed by the owner(s) of the land being considered,

D. Be submitted prior to the deadline for receipt of applications.

Section 6.03 - LPB Review for Eligibility

The applications shall be submitted to the LPB for review, scoring and recommendation.

Section 6.04 - Prioritization and Scoring Criteria

The LPB shall develop selection criteria and a numerical scoring system to be used by the LPB to consider and select farmland applications for consideration by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners for the purchase of the development rights.

The farmland selection criteria shall place a priority on farmland that meets one or more of the following:

Farmland that has a productive capacity suited for the production of food, feed, and fiber, including but not

limited to nursery stock operations and the raising of livestock,

Farmland that would complement and is part of a documented, long-range effort or plan for land preservation,

Farmland that is located within an area that complements other land protection efforts by creating a block of farmland that is protected,

Farmland in which matching funds have been provided by either the landowner or another source,

Other criteria as may be deemed appropriate by the LPB.

The LPB shall submit the proposed initial as well as any future proposed amendments of the selection criteria and scoring system to the participating local units of government for review and comment. The initial selection criteria and scoring system and any future amendments to the selection criteria and the scoring system must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the LPB.

Section 6.05 - Prioritization and Notice of Prioritization

The LPB shall complete the numeric prioritization of all eligible applications using the prioritization criteria prepared pursuant to Section 6.04. Notice of the prioritized ranking and scores of all applications shall be transmitted to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners and each participating local unit of government concurrently.

Section 6.06 - Carry-Forward Provisions

An application may be carried forward to the next selection period, provided the applicant authorizes the LPB to carry forward the application. Such application shall be reprioritized among all application submissions.

Section 6.07 - Application Fee

The LPB may assess an application fee (as determined by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners) to applicants at the time of initial application and/or at the time of the real estate closing for eligible properties accepted for purchase.

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Farmland that is located within an area that complements other land protection efforts by creating a block of farmland that is protected,

Farmland in which matching funds have been provided by either the landowner or another source,

Other criteria as may be deemed appropriate by the LPB.

The LPB shall submit the proposed initial as well as any future proposed amendments of the selection criteria and scoring system to the participating local units of government for review and comment. The initial selection criteria and scoring system and any future amendments to the selection criteria and the scoring system must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the LPB.

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ARTICLE VII

METHOD OF DETERMINING VALUE AND PAYMENT**Section 7.01 - Appraisal Method of Valuation**

Upon approval of an application under the terms of this ordinance, the LPB shall initiate an appraisal of the applicant's property. For the purchase of development rights, the determination of value shall be based on a "before and after" appraisal. Under the "before and after" scenario, one appraisal will determine the value of the full ownership of the land before the development or conservation easement rights are severed, and one will determine the fair market value of the parcel with the development or conservation easement rights severed. The amount to be offered would be the difference between the before appraisal and the after appraisal. The development or conservation easement rights value will be determined based on the legally permissible intensity of development as set forth by the zoning ordinance of the local unit of government in effect at the time the development or conservation easement rights are to be purchased.

Currently licensed Michigan State Certified Appraisers selected by the LPB on a bid basis will make all appraisals. The selected appraiser shall not have a property, personal, or financial interest in any of the parcels being appraised.

Section 7.02 - Qualifications of Appraisers

Currently licensed Michigan State Certified Appraisers selected by the LPB on a bid basis will make all appraisals. The selected appraiser shall not have a property, personal, or financial interest in any of the parcels being appraised.

Section 7.03 - Owner to Receive Appraisal and Right of Valuation Review

All appraisals shall be in writing and shall be furnished to the LPB and the respective landowners for review at the time an offer is made. If an owner of property believes the property has not been adequately appraised, said owners may, within ninety (90) days from the date of an offer, have a review appraisal made at the owner's expense by a currently licensed Michigan State Certified Appraiser. The review appraisal shall be filed with the LPB.

Section 7.04 - LPB to Recommend Amount of Purchase Offer Based on Appraisal

The LPB shall recommend to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners an amount to be offered for the development or conservation easement rights based on the opinion of value contained in the appraisal and the review appraisal, where a review appraisal has been prepared. All appraisals shall be provided to the County Board of Commissioners.

Section 7.05 - Action by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners

Upon reviewing the application, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners shall, at a regular meeting of the Board:

- Approve the application; or
- Approve the application subject to specific conditions; or
- Deny the application, stating specific reasons for the denial; or
- Postpone action on the application to a specified date.

ARTICLE VIII

PROVISIONS AND DURATION OF ACQUIRED EASEMENTS**Section 8.01 - Provisions of the Easement**

The easement encumbering the development rights of farmland property shall be recorded with the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds and shall contain provisions restricting the use of the land for permitted agricultural use and shall indicate that the development rights are to be held in trust by the public. The easement shall also contain provisions specifying public access (if any) and limiting the uses of the land such that the

potential for agricultural use will be preserved. The easement shall contain a method for enforcement of the provisions of the easement as well as a procedure for modification and/or termination of the easement.

Provisions of the easement shall include:

The easement shall run with the land in perpetuity and shall not be terminated except as provided for in this ordinance.

The property subject to the easement shall not be divided into parcels smaller than 40 acres unless approved by the holder(s) of the conservation easement.

Construction of new residential dwellings shall be limited to one per parcel or a series of parcels under a single ownership.

Construction of any new building, except for agricultural use buildings, shall first be approved by the holder(s) of the conservation easement.

Only agricultural/forestry activities are permitted on the land.

The landowner(s) may maintain, renovate, add to or replace existing structures.

The property subject to the easement may be sold, mortgaged, bequeathed or donated provided that any conveyance is subject to the terms and conditions of the conservation easement.

Section 8.02 - Duration of Easements

Development and conservation easement rights acquired pursuant to this ordinance shall be held in perpetuity in trust by Charlevoix County, the participating local unit of government, and at least one of the following:

- the State of Michigan, the United States, a land conservancy,
- other organization as deemed appropriate by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners for the benefit of the citizens of Charlevoix County.

If the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, in concurrence with all other holders of interest in the subject property, finds the farmland or open space upon which development or conservation easement rights have been acquired, meets the requirements of Section 3.05 of this ordinance, the Board of Commissioners may approve the disposition of the development rights interest in the land.

Section 8.03 - Valuation Methodology on Termination of Easements

If Charlevoix County approves the disposition of development or conservation easement rights acquired on a parcel, the value of the development rights to be sold shall be determined by a "before and after" appraisal based on the value of the property at the time the request for disposition is made. The "before and after" appraisal shall be made by a currently licensed Michigan State Certified Appraiser selected by the

ARTICLE X

PRESERVATION ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP FUND**Section 10.01 - Establishment of the Preservation and Stewardship Fund**

The Charlevoix County Treasurer is hereby directed to establish the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Fund within the accounts of Charlevoix County. This account shall be subject to the accounting policies and auditing requirements of Charlevoix County.

Section 10.02 - Funding Sources

The Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program may be financed by grants, donations, bonds or notes issued pursuant to MCLA 125.233, general fund revenue, special assessments pursuant to MCLA 125.233, and other sources as approved by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners and permitted by law.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**Section 11.01 - Amendments**

This ordinance may be amended by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

Section 11.02 - Severability

Any provision of this ordinance which is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, shall in no way affect, impair or invalidate any other provision contained in the ordinance and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11.03 - Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All Charlevoix County ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies or conflicts.

ARTICLE XII

ADOPTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**Section 12.01 - Adoption**

Passed, adopted and approved this 13th day of September, 2006 by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, Charlevoix County, Michigan

Section 12.02 - Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective on _____, 2006.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlevoix County, Michigan

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St. Mary School celebrates 100 years of service

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

It was an early autumn day when St. Mary School opened its doors to 65 children in six different grades back in 1906.

And now, a full century later, the spiritual and educational building blocks necessary to shape the morality and cognizance of young people continues.

"We've got our big Northern Lights Dinner Dance Auction coming up, and we're tying in our theme of the last 100 years," said St. Mary School principal, Keisha Veryser. "We've got a lot going on right now."

The 11th Annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction is dedicated this year to St. Mary School's one-hundredth year in operation. "Celebrating 100 years! Past, Present and Future."

Beginning at 6 p.m., the event will last until midnight on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the parish center, 1005 Bridge St.

"First Sister Superior of St. Mary's School was Sister Mary Clare of the Dominican order. She came to Charlevoix from Grand Rapids with two other Dominicans who were to serve as the school's first teaching staff, Sisters Mary Carola and Mary Innocence," Veryser stated in an e-mailed response to questions about the school's history.

"Within a short time, enrollment grew enough to justify the addition of high school classes. St. Mary's had high school graduation classes from 1912 to 1918. After 1918, the high school level was closed and the school was operated as an elementary school with eight grades. In 1924 it was completely renovated and redecorated."

According to Veryser, in 1953, Father E. Francis Denary arrived as pastor of St. Mary's and immediately initiated a campaign to raise the \$75,000 he thought would be needed to build a new school.

"June 5, 1955 was the last day classes were held in the old school. Everything movable was stored and the old building was razed to make way for new construction. Ground was broken that year for the new school with Sister Athenasius, O.P. presiding as principal. The school could not be finished in time for classes in the fall, so when classes began in September 1955, the first-graders went to the public school and the 82 other students reported for classes at the old Lincoln School, now the Leslie T. Shapton American Legion Post," she stated. "On August 16, 1956 the new facility was dedicated. The new St. Mary's School is a symbol of a well-built personality," said Bishop Babcock in his dedication address. "You should think of it as

a stepping stone to better things and as an example of building well and solidly for life and for eternity."

Veryser stated the new school opened on Sept. 11, 1956 with 112 students in eight grades under principal, Sister Mary Eileen.

"Peak enrollment at St. Mary's was reached in 1963 when there were 180 students in grades (one through eight). In 1965, Sister Martin Porres became principal and guided the school through the changes introduced in the post-Vatican II years," Veryser stated. "A school board was formed with its first meeting in 1965. When diocesan guidelines recommended not more than 15 students per classroom, the decision was made in 1967 to transfer the seventh and eighth grades to the Charlevoix Middle School."

She added, "In 1987, the sixth grade was transferred to the middle school, and a kindergarten class was added."

Veryser said a new dress code was begun this year, which consists of blue polo shirts and khaki bottoms.

"The students look sharp and very unified as they file in for morning prayer, lunch, and recess times," she stated. "I have learned that the school has served as a constant source of community and parish involvement. I plan to keep it that way."

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Who: St. Mary School
What: Northern Lights Dinner Dance Auction commemorating the school's 100 years of service
When: 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 30
Where: St. Mary parish center, 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix

She added, "It is a place for children to make new friends, learn more about their faith, and enjoy being with the staff who have been assigned to teach them."

The Northern Lights is catered this year by the Jordan Inn, with live auctioneer Scott MacKenzie.

Some of the auction items include packages for trips to Mackinac Island, art by Sue

Bolt, dinner at Grey Gables and a wine tour at Chateau Chantal among other items. An auction item preview is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29.

Tickets are \$75 per person with proceeds benefiting the school which still has open enrollment. Call (231) 547-6652 for more information or to make a reservation.

20 September 2006

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This is to inform the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners of my intent to file for a petition on Ordinance Number 8 "Charlevoix County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance" adopted on September 13, 2006 by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

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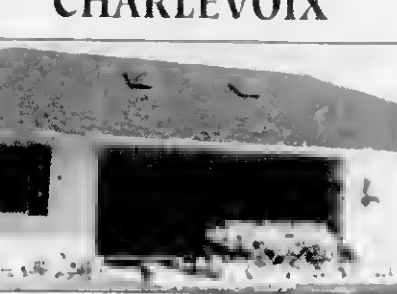
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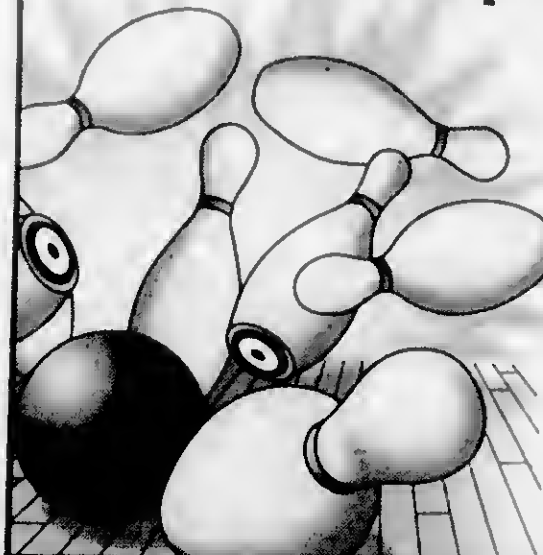
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Ann Hazelwood reopens counseling practice



Ann Hazelwood

Charlevoix.

"My daughter is in second-grade now and it is time to get back to doing what God seemingly put me on earth to do, to help other people get through difficult times," Hazelwood said. "This will be my twenty-third year of listening, coaching and guiding."

Hazelwood is a licensed professional counselor who first came to Charlevoix in 1984 and began working with the former CHIP Counseling. Armed with a new master's degree in counseling from George Mason

University and eight years experience as a special education teacher working with difficult teenagers, she helped clients with "whatever problems came through the door," ranging from substance abuse to marital discord. Hazelwood left the area in 1988 and counseled and taught in Maryland and Arizona, including a stint as educational director in a psychiatric hospital. She returned to Charlevoix in 1992 and entered private practice, but closed the doors in 2000 when her daughter, Jenna, arrived from China.

Hazelwood described her approach to counseling as "solution focused," with an emphasis on getting to the heart of the problem quickly and finding a path forward.

"I was trained in the traditional psycho-therapeutic approaches," she said. "But meaningful results using those techniques often take several years of expensive therapy."

Developed partly in response to the demands of employers and insurance companies for shorter treatment programs, Hazelwood's results-oriented approach identifies the problem and looks for meaningful actions that will stabilize a difficult situation. Then the emphasis shifts to making the changes needed for the long-term.

"Nothing changes if nothing changes," she said. "And an important part of being an effective counselor is understanding what needs to change and helping the person successfully make the transition."

Hazelwood's renewed practice will continue to offer traditional counseling services, placing a particular emphasis on women's issues and couples. In addition, she will begin offering Christian counseling to people of faith.

"There is a spiritual dimension to every problem that confronts us in life, and there is a

spiritual dimension to the solution, as well," she said. "Not everyone wants to consider the spiritual aspects of their particular problem, and for these clients traditional counseling approaches are often successful. But for those who do there is great healing and restorative power in bringing one's faith to bear in difficult times."

Hazelwood has met with local pastors and is encouraged by their support.

"Counseling is specialized like any other profession," she said. "And it is a lot to ask of a pastor to lead a church and

be a counselor. Hopefully, I can help them better serve their own congregations."

Hazelwood regards her renewed practice as both a profession and a ministry. Recognizing the financial challenges faced by many northern Michigan families she has developed a fee schedule designed to make counseling affordable.

Hazelwood is a member of the Michigan Counseling Association and the American Association of Christian Counselors. She can be reached at (231) 675-2804.

Charlevoix County Friend of the Court will be conducting a Bench Warrant Resolution Day, on September 27, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the following locations: Boyne City City Hall, East Jordan City Hall and Charlevoix County Friend of the Court office. For more information, call 231-547-7205.

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Charlevoix native publishes acclaimed book of poetry

Thomas Heise, born in Charlevoix in 1971, has just published his first book, *Horror Vacui: Poems*, with the prestigious literary press Sarabande Books.

Based in Louisville, KY, Sarabande has also published the work of several Pulitzer Prize winners, including James Tate, Charles Wright and the recent Poet Laureate Louise Glück.

Heise's book, whose title translates from Latin to mean "a fear of empty spaces," was written largely as a response to his father's (Ed Heise) death in 2001. In a recent interview with Sarabande, Heise remarked "The death of my father led to a lot of new writing for me, which in turn drew upon themes that had long been present in my work and gave them added resonance and more urgency...I wrote the collection's title poem, as well as some other poems in the book, as a way of knowing him."

Heise's book has begun to earn critical acclaim. Publishers Weekly

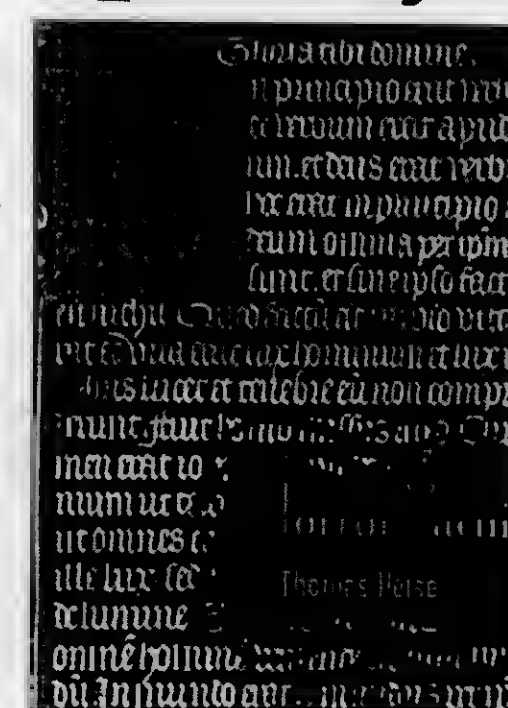


Thomas Heise

has called it "a harrowing series of poems" and Ray McDaniel of *The Constant Critic* has labeled the poems "so striking" "an extraordinary mood piece."

The title poem from the book won the coveted Gulf Coast prize for Poetry. In addition to *Horror Vacui*, Heise's work has been collected in the anthology *Legitimate Dangers: American Poets of the New Century* and in a number of journals, such as *Verse*, *Slope*, *Ploughshares*, *Conduit* and others.

Heise, whose family still resides in northern Michigan, received a master's degree in creative writing from the University of California at Davis and a Ph.D. in English Literature from New York University. Currently he lives in Montreal,



Courtesy photo
Charlevoix native Thomas Heise recently published this book of poems, entitled, "Horror Vacui."

Quebec and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English at McGill University. This summer and fall he will be on a reading tour that will take him from New York to California.

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The Bergmann Center Inc. annual garage sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 21, 22 and 23 at the center, located at 08855 Martin Road in Charlevoix.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders rebound to trounce Red Devils

In spite of the Rayder football team's loss to the Gladiators, they were able to get their game back on track against the Red Devils.

In the Sept. 9 match-up against Traverse City St. Francis, the Gladiators scored early, then made it hold up.

Traverse City St. Francis scored on three of its first four possessions then played strong defense the rest of the way in handing Charlevoix a 21-6 Lake Michigan Conference football loss at Thirby Field.

"We knew they were a good team and offensively we were able to move the ball, we just couldn't put points up on the board," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said. "We had our chances."

Charlevoix cut its deficit to 21-6 with about five minutes to go in the half on Kyle Jones' 24-yard TD run.

Jones finished with 69 yards on 14 carries. St. Francis out-rushed the Rayders, 251-65.

Then on Friday, Sept. 15 the Rayders bounced back.

By half-time Friday, Charlevoix had purged any memories of the loss to Traverse City St. Francis.

Up on East Jordan at the intermission, 28-0, the Rayders won, 35-6, on Friday to improve to 3-1 over-



Photo by Scott Richards

Darron Munson makes a huge leap into the air to grab a touchdown pass in the first half of the Sept. 15 Rayder 35-6 victory over the East Jordan Red Devils.

all and 1-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"We certainly didn't play a perfect game, but it was nice to get on track, especially with Boyne coming up," said Charlevoix coach Don Jess said, whose team plays host to Boyne City, 3-1, 1-1, at 7 p.m.

this Friday, Sept. 22. East Jordan dropped to 0-4, 0-2.

Dan Swenon ran for a 35-yard touchdown with 1 minute left in the first quarter. Charlevoix added three more scores in the second, on a 61-yard, fourth-down run from Kyle Jones, a 51-yard pass from

again," East Jordan coach Tony Krepps said. "We did step it up and were able to move the ball in the second half."

Munson added a 13-yard TD reception in the third quarter and finished with 69 yards on three catches. Waha was 5-of-13 for 81 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. Jones ran for 117 yards on 11 carries.

On the other side, Charlevoix kept East Jordan off the board until the second half.

"Our defense is playing really well," Jess said. "We have 11 guys flying to the football and hitting hard. This is the first time I've had that many guys hitting hard."

Waha led Charlevoix with 12 tackles. Jones had nine and Matt Kanine eight. Munson and Waha made interceptions.

Scott Hansen scored East Jordan's touchdown, a 1-yard run in the third quarter. He ran for 77 yards on eight carries. Dave Marr had 92 yards on 13 carries.

Carter McFall led East Jordan's defense with 11 tackles. David Marr, Matt Pater and Travis Nachazel had seven solo stops apiece.

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Woody Nitchman, who shot 85 to lead Charlevoix, which placed thirteenth at the Sept. 15 Petoskey Invitational watches as his shot soars.

Rayder golf places thirteenth at the Petoskey Invitational

Rayder golfers placed thirteenth at the Sept. 15 Petoskey invitational.

Ben Jones shot 74 Friday, Sept. 15 to lead Traverse City Central to first place in the 22-team Petoskey Golf Invitational at Petoskey-Bay

View Country Club. Woody Nitchman shot 85 to lead Charlevoix, which placed thirteenth.

Other Charlevoix scores: Kris Bartling, 87; J.D. Spiegl, 88; Kyle Smith, 90; Chase Beatty, 94.

SPORTS reviewing the action

Local athletes compete in island Celtic games

Scottish and Irish strongmen from across Michigan competed against each other in seven traditional strength competitions Sept. 16 at the Beaver Island Celtic Games.

Eleven competitors, three of whom are from Charlevoix, tossed the stone, threw 28 and 56-pound weights for distance and height, threw the hammer, tossed the sheaf and flipped the famed caber (a 20-foot long, 120-pound pole that competitors must flip end over end).

The athletes, ages 18 to 58, hail from all areas of Michigan and represent various skill levels in the Celtic strength athletics. Adhering to the rules of Scottish strength athletics, they wore their family kilts during competition.

Joining them on the island were Celtic dancers Celtic Fire and White Thistle and bagpipers with Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums.

This was the second year for this event, now hosted by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505.

Ken Crum of Tonton took first place overall. Damon Barth of Fort Wayne, Ind. took second. Dal Gehman of Gaylord took third. Bill Gordon of Deerton took fourth. Jeremy McBain of Charlevoix took fifth. Dave Carl of Nashville took sixth. Patrick Cameron of Grand Rapids took seventh. Tim Wearm of Beaver Island took eighth. Brothers, Reagan Drebenstedt and Troy Drebenstedt of Charlevoix took ninth and tenth places respectively. And Jerry Bowersox of Hudsonville took eleventh.

The Celtic strength competitions date back to at least the 1300s, when Scottish kings and chiefs would hold contests within the kingdom and individual clans to determine who their strongest men were.

During the times of English occupation of Scotland, the games also served as a way for Scottish soldiers to train for combat, without alerting the English.

For more information, call the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505.



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(Above) Charlevoix resident, Jeremy McBain, competes in the Beaver Island Celtic Games, throwing this 28-pound weight 45-feet. He placed fifth overall at the games. (Below) Ken Crum, first place finisher overall, throws this 56-pound weight into the air.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Reagan Drebenstedt of Charlevoix competes in the fourth event of seven that killed strongmen participated in at the 2nd Annual Beaver Island Celtic Games on Sept. 16 — the 16-pound hammer toss. He placed tenth overall in this event with a distance of 69 feet, 2 inches. He placed ninth overall out of the 11 athletes that participated. His brother, Troy, placed tenth.

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'Evidence difficulties' lessen charges against Snyder

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR



Sharon
Snyder

A felony charge a Charlevoix woman faced in connection with a car accident she was involved in was dropped.

On Sept. 12, Sharon Snyder, who was initially charged with felonious driving pleaded to careless driving and possession of an open intoxicant—a civil infraction and misdemeanor charge respectively.

Charlevoix County assistant prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara said the charges were reduced due to

"evidence difficulties." She declined to comment further.

Snyder, 61, of Charlevoix was involved in a Aug. 12 car accident that resulted in the loss of fellow Charlevoix resident Jeffrey "Shag" Russell's left leg.

That evening Russell, who was driving his motorcycle was struck at the intersection of Stover Road and Ferry Avenue by Snyder, driving a Ford Taurus.

Snyder told police she was moving her car visor before making the turn and never saw Russell.

Russell, 41, was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital and then transferred to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City for further treatment. The accident resulted in amputation of his left leg, just below the knee.

Snyder was arrested Aug.

16 and arraigned Aug. 29 in Charlevoix County District Court. She faced a felony charge of felonious driving for operating her vehicle "carelessly and heedlessly in willful and wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others...resulting in serious impairment of a body function of Jeffrey Russell, but did not cause death." If convicted of this felony, Snyder would have faced a possible two-year prison sentence and/or a \$2,000 fine.

The misdemeanor open intoxicant charge carries a possible penalty of up to 90 days in jail, community service and up to \$100 in fines. She had an open Natural Light beer in her car.

According to the police report authored by Charlevoix city patrolman Jim Schlappi, Snyder was given a breath test at the scene and blew a .056 percent,

which is below the .08 percent legal cutoff.

The careless driving infraction results in further fines.

The case is currently in the

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Ousted commissioners may try again in November

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Six weeks have passed since the August primary election and talk of ousted county commissioners planning to run in November as write-in candidates is beginning to surface.

Incumbents, Fifth District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Dennis Jason, second district commissioner, Randolph Frykberg and fourth district commissioner and chairman of the board, Vic Patrick all lost the Republican reelection bid, as did former interim county commissioner, Josh Barnes.

"I'm not (planning to run in November). That's definite. The people spoke," said Frykberg, who was defeated by Chris Christensen 203 to 152.

Barnes, who lost to fellow Republican, Shirlene Tripp, 326 to 252, said another bid this year would be doubtful.

"I don't see any need to. I don't know my opponent that well, but I certainly don't have any problem with the incumbent (first district commissioner, Connie Saltonstall)."

When asked if he would run for office on a write-in ticket, Patrick said, "No comment."

Patrick was beat 194 to 175 by Joel Evans.

Dennis Jason, who was de-

feated 189 to 127 by Boh Drechenstedt, said he hasn't yet made up his mind.



Dennis
Jason

"I'm not planning on it right now, but it's something to think about, and I've been giving it more thought lately," Jason said. "I think the turnout

was pretty pitiful in the primary election, and about six or seven or even eight percent of the registered voters could well possibly determine what the election results are."

He added, "It takes quite a while to learn the system, and I've been there long enough now where I think I understand it, so I think I can be a benefit to the residents of the district."

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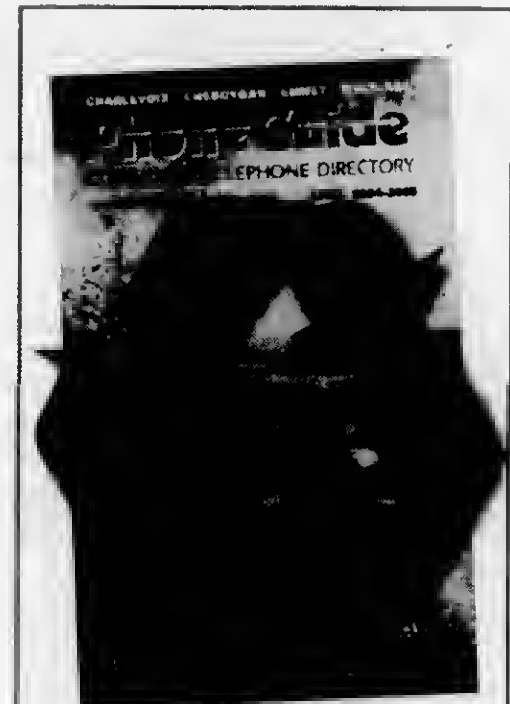
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The juror for the competition was Vitold Kobisz,

professor emeritus from Central Michigan University.

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CROP walkers to hit the streets Sept. 30



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Jill Washburn of Charlevoix gives an excited wave during the 22nd Annual CROP Walk. This year's event will take place on Sept. 30. Walkers will meet at Charlevoix Middle School and will travel to the Ironton Congregational Church. The walk is one of Church World Service's main fund-raisers and is aimed at fighting hunger worldwide.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Some people have no problem walking all over Charlevoix — for the twenty-third year in a row.

Crop Walk officials hope to beat the \$13,351 they raised last year by the 119 walkers who attended the annual event.

"Saturday, Sept. 30, we will meet at Charlevoix Middle School at 8:45 a.m. and leave about 9 a.m.," said John Young, Charlevoix area Crop-Walk coordinator. "We'll be walking to the Ironton Congregational Church. We'll have a light lunch there, it ends up being about a six mile walk one-way."

The CROP Walk is one of Church World Service's main fundraising efforts.

"(Church World Service) is an ecumenical Christian relief organization that helps in times of emergencies both nationally and internationally," Young said. "They also provide the long-term development assistance in areas of need and refugee care."

Young said 25 percent of funds raised are returned for use in local charities such as food pantries.

CROP Walkers from Boyne City and East Jordan will meet with those from Charlevoix.

Young said this walk is for

the 4-1-1

Who: Church World Service
What: 23rd Annual CROP Walk
When: 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30
Where: Leaving from Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St. traveling six miles to the Ironton Congregational Church

anyone of any age who, "Would like to help make a difference in the lives of people either here or abroad in times of disaster or hardship."

He added, "In terms of enjoyment, I would say you get good exercise, good fellowship and a good feeling."

Young suggests people dress for the weather conditions and wear good walking shoes.

"The only time we would cancel would be in case of a thunderstorm," he said.

While there is no minimum dollar amount required to participate, Young said walkers need sponsors. Registrations will be allowed right up until the walk on Saturday, Sept. 30.

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County commission agrees to maintain new trail

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Board of Commissioners reversed itself Wednesday, Sept. 13 and voted 5-1 to accept county ownership and maintenance responsibilities for a 14-mile non-motorized trail between Boyne City and U.S. 31.

The vote means that another government entity, such as the city of Boyne City, can apply for a grant to fund the project, which county planner Larry Sullivan estimated would cost about \$3 million, most of it from federal "enhancement funds."

Sullivan said that to apply for the funds, the applicant, which could not be the county, must designate a governmental entity, such as the county or a city, to assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

In August, despite favorable recommendations by the county parks committee and planning commission, the board refused to adopt a resolution to take ownership, with commissioners Shirley Roloff, Ron Reinhardt and Vic Patrick

voting against it and Connie Saltonstall, Randy Frykberg and Denny Jason in support.

But on Wednesday, Reinhardt asked that the resolution he returned to the table based on new information that Sullivan had provided after the August vote. Reinhardt said he was now convinced that costs of maintaining such a trail would not be excessive, and thus he could support a motion for the county to take responsibility for such a trail.

Patrick said today that he had changed his vote for the same reason.

Sullivan provided the board with detailed annual costs of maintaining the county's only non-motorized trail, which runs east from the city of Charlevoix along U.S. 31, at about \$2,150.

He said costs for a future Boyne City-U.S. 31 trail would be about \$3,440, which he said could be reduced substantially if volunteers could be found to mow the sides of the trails and pick up litter periodically.

"I believe we also must consider the fact that it takes a substantial amount of time to build each trail," Sullivan wrote. "I

envision that it could be five or six years before the Boyne City to U.S. 31 trail is completely constructed due to the need to obtain grants, raise local match, complete detailed engineering plans and construct the trail.

"I would not envision efforts to develop another trail would occur until the Boyne City-U.S. 31 trail was completed."

Roloff then asked that the vote be tabled until the next meeting to give her time for review, but the board denied her motion and voted 5-1 to accept responsibility for the trail.

At the August board meeting Sullivan and Scott MacKenzie, director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, said private groups had been working with local units of government to develop the non-motorized trail.

They said the trail would be separated from the roadway and would improve traffic safety, provide a recreational facility and promote additional economic activity within the county.

Sullivan said the county would be the obvious candidate to ensure oversight and maintenance of the trail because most of the trail would be outside the boundaries of incorporated cities.

He said that in his view, city tax dollars should not be used to provide services outside the city limits.

"If you're going to build a trail system, you've got to start somewhere, and not every place in the county can be first," MacKenzie said, emphasizing the economic benefits to the entire county of drawing tourists to recreational facilities such as non-motorized trails.

He said the highest use of the trails takes place in the spring and fall "shoulder seasons."

"It's a quality of life thing for all of us. And one of the desirable factors when businesses are looking to set up shop in our communities and in our county is our quality of life and the infrastructure."

Fred Gray can be contacted at (231) 439-9374, or fgray@petoskeynews.com.

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Maintainance costs

- Charlevoix County planner Larry Sullivan estimates the cost of maintaining the non-motorized trail along U.S. 31 east of Charlevoix at \$2,150 per year, which includes \$1,800 in labor, \$200 in materials and \$150 in travel costs.

- Sullivan estimated the cost of maintaining the proposed new Boyne City to U.S. 31 trail at \$3,440 a year.

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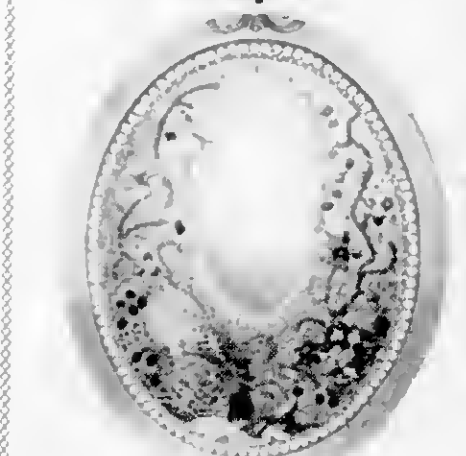
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Sealed Proposals will be received by the City of Charlevoix, Michigan at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, at 1:30 P.M., prevailing local time on October 11, 2006, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for the construction of Contract No 062693.

The work generally consists of constructing approximately 695 LFT of 8-inch Sanitary Sewer Main along the north side of the US-31 right-of-way, between Martin Rd. and Ance Rd. in the City of Charlevoix, connection to an existing manhole, construction of two new manholes, installation of service leads, and restoration.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after September 20, 2006, and may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, phone (231)547-3270, and at the Office of Performance Engineers, Inc., located at 406 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, phone (231)547-2121.

ed to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 2595.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod;

thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43" East 182.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said Northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" west 248.96 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of Section

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October 27, 2006

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 06-011018-DE

Estate of Isaac Lee Moerland, Deceased
Date of birth: September 24, 1927

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Isaac Lee Moerland, who lived at 9884 County Rd. 114-A, Wildwood, Florida, died March 31, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Timothy S. Moerland, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 15, 2006

Scott Beatty (P24202)
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Wednesday, September 20, 2006



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Members of the Char-Em United Way board of directors gathered Sept. 14 in East Park to celebrate a successful 3rd Annual Day of Caring and to kickoff the organization's 2006-2007 \$200,000 fund-raising campaign. Pictured above (from left) are board members Sabra Hayden, Ken Pallagi, Carol Elcoate, Donna Newton, Joanne Curtis, Martha Lancaster, executive director of the United Way, Tim Petrosky, board president, Brynne Klawuhn, Steve Andrae, Tim Parker, Gerry Ciszewski, Sam Clark, John Scholten and Jennifer Archambault.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix residents reach out

(Left) Elizabeth Drost, a 14-year-old Charlevoix High School student, scrubs the exterior of Sunnybank during the 3rd Annual Day of Caring. She was one of 16 freshmen at Sunnybank. Other students and area residents focused on dozens of projects in the United Way's two-county coverage area.

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Health department warns: Steer clear of bagged spinach

In conjunction with the Sept. 14 U.S. Food and Drug Administration alert to consumers about an outbreak of E.coli in multiple states, including Michigan, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is advising consumers not to eat fresh bagged spinach at this time.

While there are no reported cases in northern Michigan, individuals who have experienced symptoms of illness, including diarrhea and/or abdominal pain

within 10 days of consuming bagged fresh spinach, are urged to call their physician or health care provider. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

For more information, contact Mike Jones, Environmental Health District Supervisor, at (231) 547-7641.

Assembly of God Church hosts men's breakfast

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church is offering a free men's breakfast at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the church located at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix.

Special guest, Jim Kingma from Stonegate Sabbatical Ministries, will be speaking. A free-will offering will be taken for Kingma and his ministry.

For more information, call (231) 547-6430.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Charlevoix City Planning Commission

October 9, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor City Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to receive public input on a proposed ordinance amendment to Title V - Zoning an Planning, Chapter 51. The proposed amendment to insert the new City Sign Ordinance into the document commonly referred to as the Zoning Ordinance. Chapter 99 of Title VIII (existing sign ordinance) will be repealed.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Planner/Zoning Administrator's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planner's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

CHARLEVOIX briefs

Send your events to the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com

SEPT. 20 HOSPITAL GUILD

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will have its annual membership tea from 2-4 p.m. on Sept. 20 in the hospital cafeteria. Those interested in joining the guild are welcome.

SEPT. 21 SERENDIPITY DINNER

First Congregational Church will be hosting their monthly Serendipity Dinner and Discussion Group at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21. All ages are welcome for a pot luck dinner and a video by Ron Bell. A short discussion will follow. Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass. Sign up by calling the church office at (231) 547-9122.

SEPT. 23 HARVEST DINNER

Historic Greensky Hill Native American Methodist Church will be holding its annual harvest dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. Turkey, ham and all the fixings will be served. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds go to college scholarships and community service organizations. The church is located four miles north of Charlevoix off Old U.S. 31 North.

SEPT. 27 FREE GARDENING CLASS

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free Gardening and Wellness event at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27. The event will feature three mini-workshops including stretching for gardening, tips on what to do about the aches and pains related to gardening and caring for your hands.

Refreshments will be served. To register, call (231) 599-2824. Pine Hill Nursery is located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

SEPT. 25 LIBRARY REOPENS

The Charlevoix Public Library will be closed beginning Monday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 24. The library will re-open for service in its new home at 220 West Clinton St., on Monday, Sept. 25.

The library's hours in the new facility will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Patrons are asked to hold all book and item returns and questions until the week of Sept. 25.

For more information, call the library at (231) 547-2651.

SEPT. 30 NORTHERN LIGHTS

Charlevoix St. Mary School is preparing for its annual Northern Lights Celebration fundraiser.

The 2006 dinner, dance and auction will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 30 in the family center at the school.

The cost is \$75 per person and includes an open bar and dinner provided by Jordan Inn.

Raffles and live and silent auctions will take place and Class Act Productions will perform. A children's art gallery will be on display.

Those who would like to preview the auction are welcome to attend a preview night from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 29. Light refreshments will be served at the preview.

For more information or to order

tickets, call (231) 547-9441 or (231) 547-6652.

SKATEPARK HOURS

Fall hours for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark are as follows: From 3 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday (close at 5 p.m. for home football games); from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The site is located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

The Beaver Island Youth Consortium is sponsoring a care package drive for local men and women serving in our nation's armed forces. If you know someone who would appreciate a little bit of home in a box, contact Sarah at (231) 448-2067 with their name and address. Care packages will be sent out in early October.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" to the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

Fall and winter hours at the Harsha House Historical Museum are from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

GRANGE AUCTION

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in spring 2007 in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

LADIES ONLY SWIM

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The pool will be closed Aug. 23-30 for repairs. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRY

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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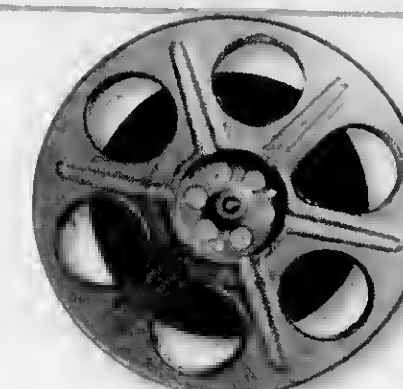
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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 22 and 23 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

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Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Avenue 6:30 p.m. Sept. 22 and 23 John Perry.

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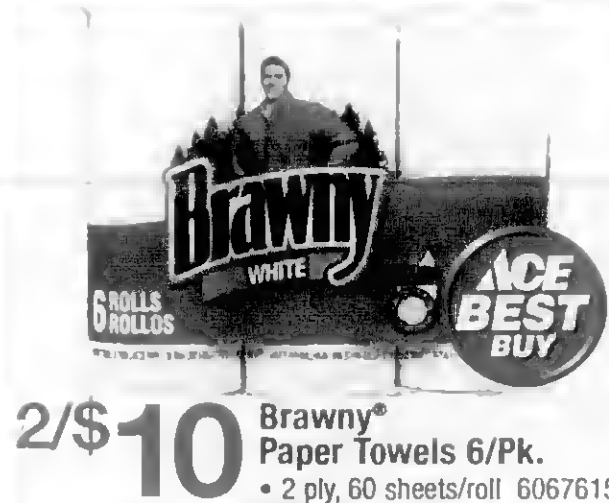
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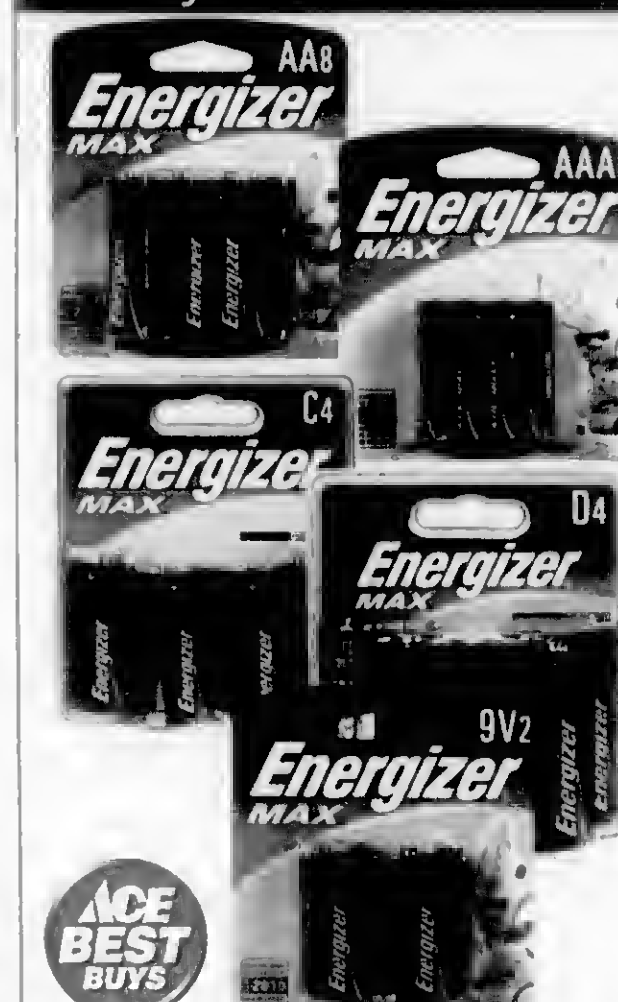


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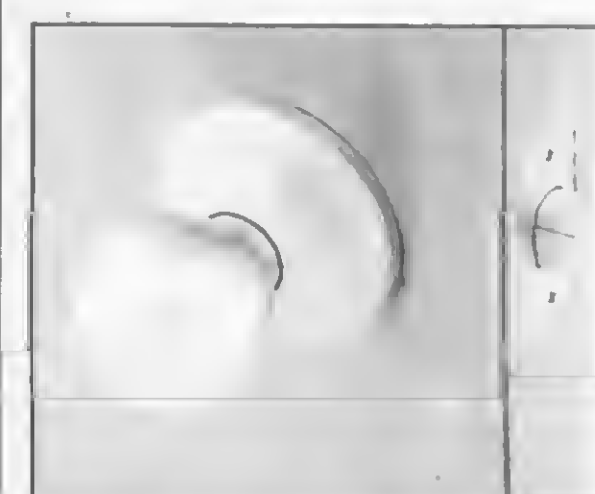
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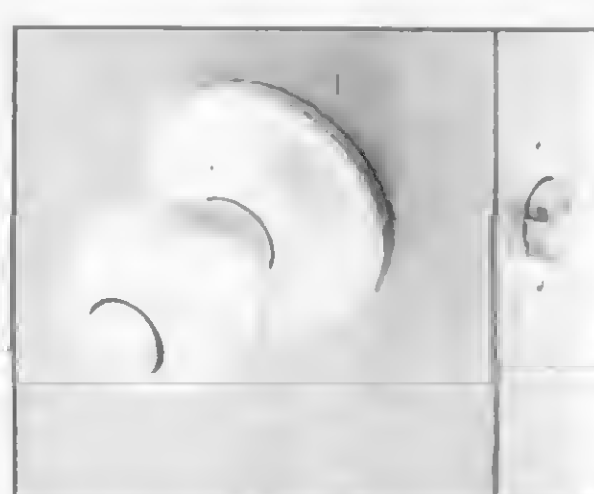
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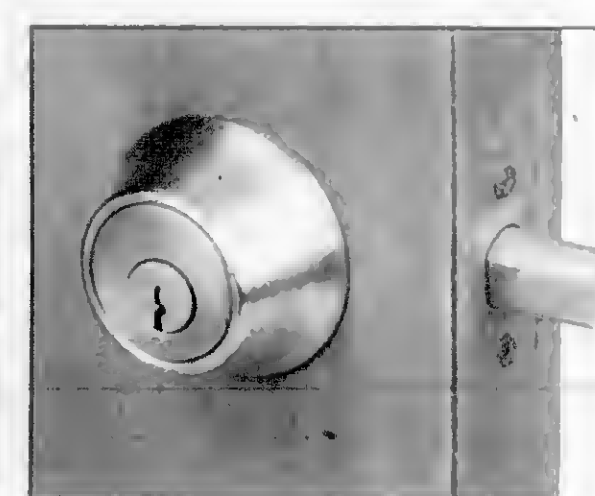
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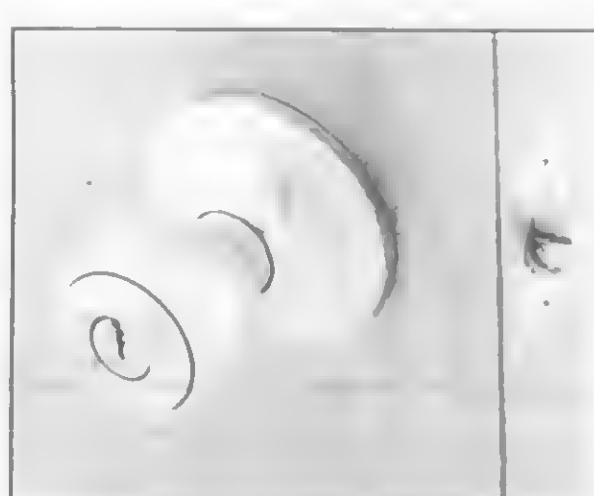
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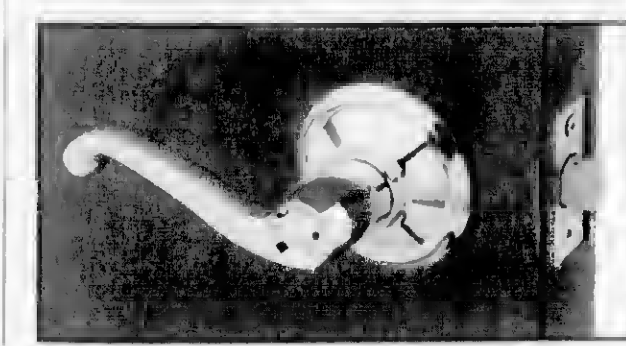
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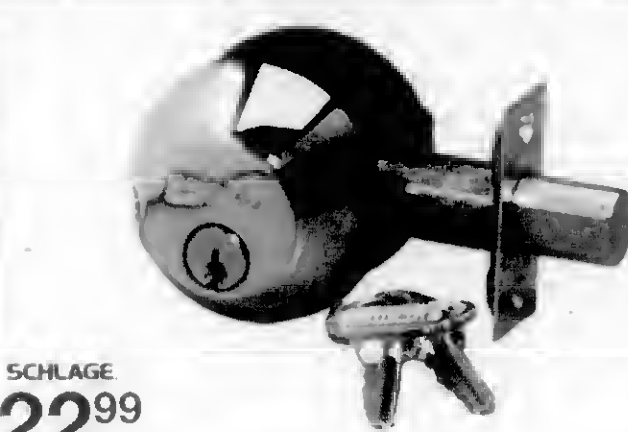
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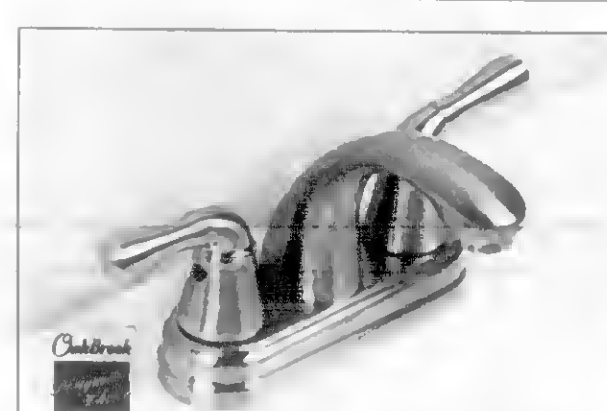
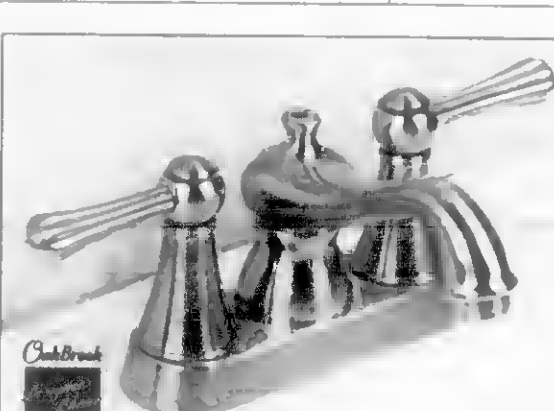
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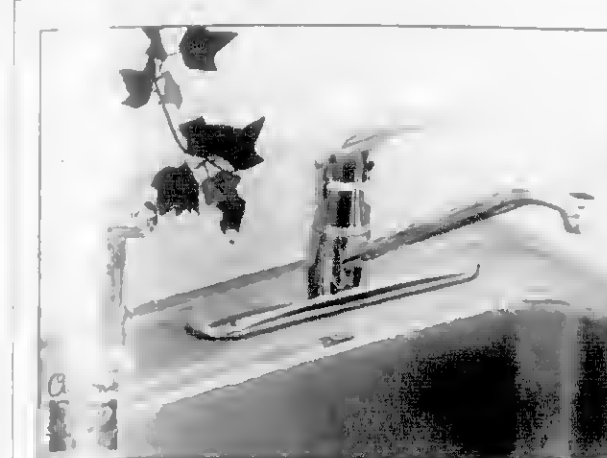
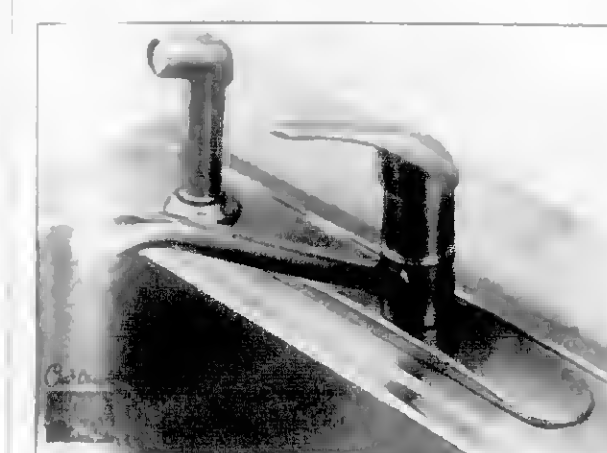
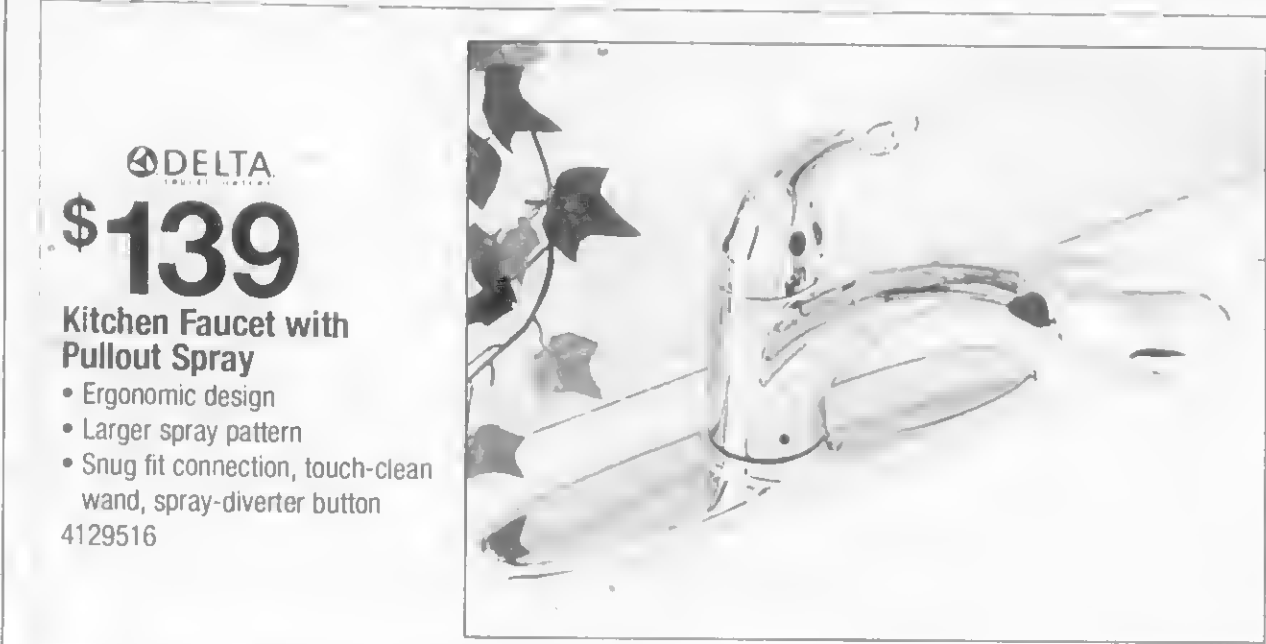
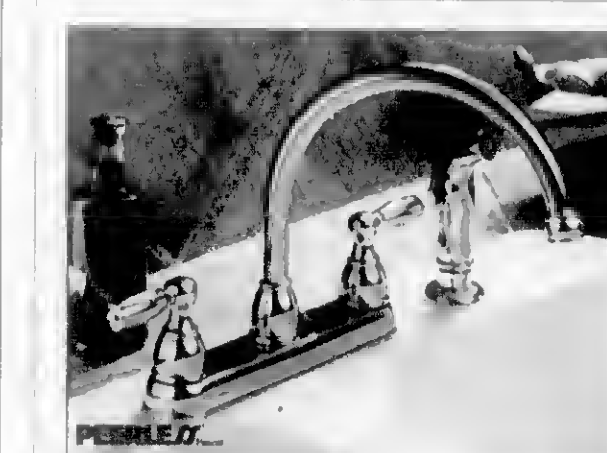
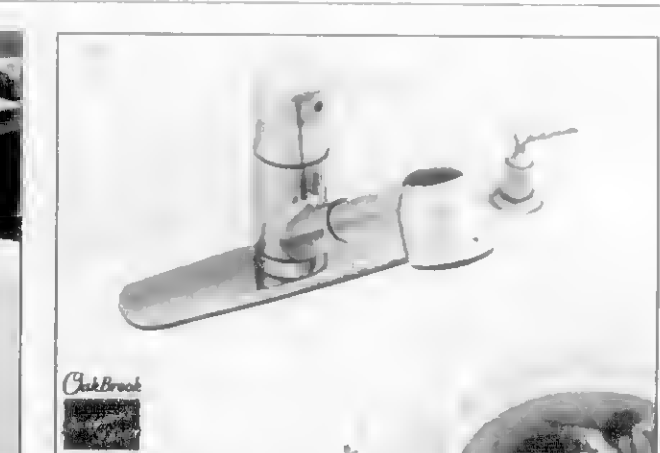
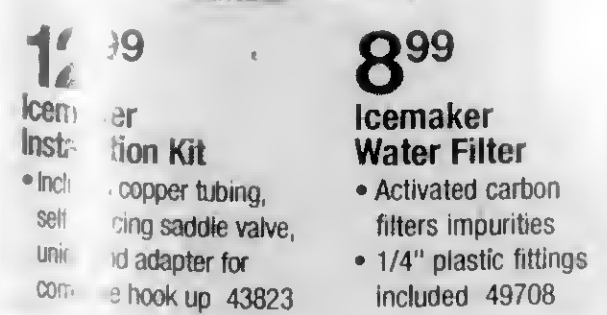
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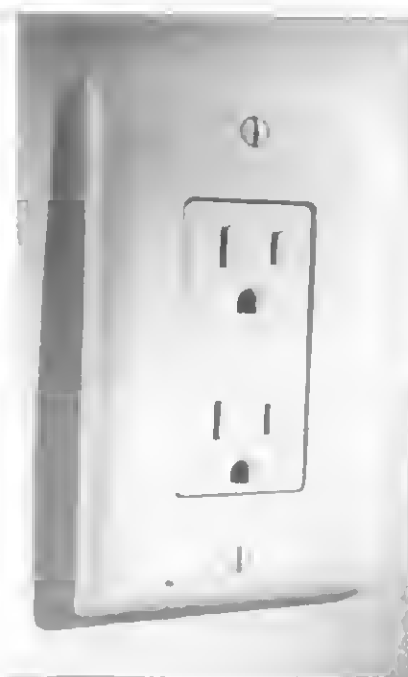
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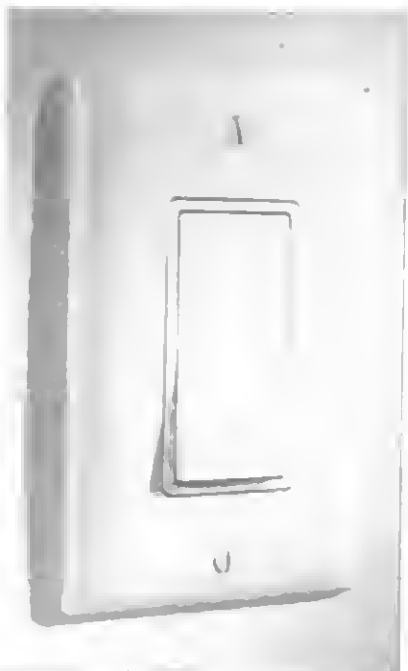
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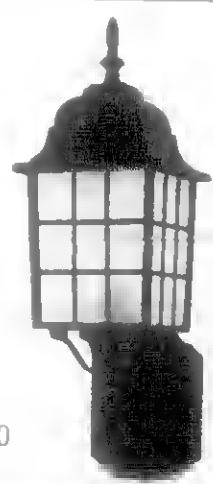


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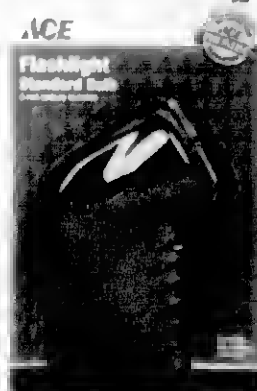
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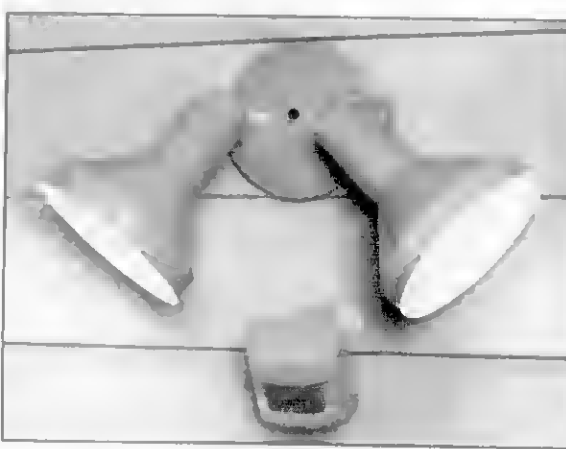


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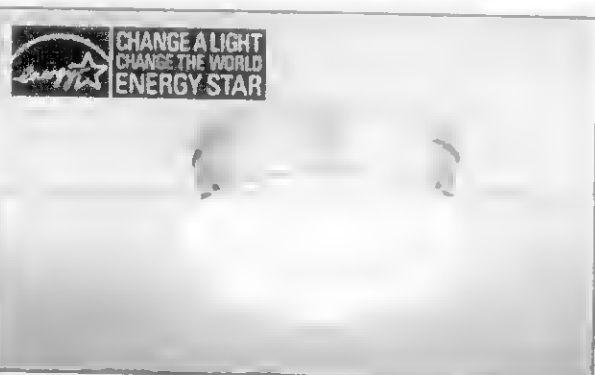


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The great salmon show

Dan Shearer of Battle Creek grins ear to ear while hauling in a fresh catch during a salmon fishing trip Sept. 18. The famed Medusa Creek salmon run has brought anglers from across the state to town for a piece of the action. For more information on the run, see the story on page 16.

Embezzlement case ends with stiff sentence

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Karla Lockman

"Thievery of epic proportions," is how Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge, Richard Pajtas, described Karla Sue Lockman's embezzlement of \$859,278.25, before he sentenced her, Friday, Sept. 22.

Lockman's attorney, Fred L. Gibson asked that his client have the weekend to get her affairs in order to which someone in the back of the courtroom shouted, "No" just before Pajtas said, "No, the sentence is immediate."

Lockman will spend between five and 10 years in prison for two counts of embezzlement of an agent or trustee of \$20,000 or more from Northern Preferred Title Company from Jan. 31 to May 17, 2005.

"I think he (Pajtas) exceeded

the guidelines because they don't take into account the amount of money embezzled (and) the guidelines don't take into account the number

of victims," said Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema. "I think it (sentence) acts as a deterrent to the public that they will be held accountable and punished for their actions and that it's not tolerated one bit."

Guidelines called for a sentence of 0 to 17 months, but in this case, Pajtas said, there were substantial and compelling reasons for the guidelines to be exceeded.

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Pharmacies weigh in on Plan B

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Local pharmacies will carry Plan B emergency contraception. Unofficial sources said it could be available over the counter as early as November.

Plan B, the emergency contraceptive which was recently approved for over the counter status may be controversial to some, but it certainly is nothing new.

As one pharmacist explained it, taking Plan B is similar to taking a large dose of regularly prescribed birth control pills, a practice of some doctors for decades.

All but one local pharmacist re-

fused to speak with the Charlevoix Courier about this matter on the record, however, they said the prescription version of the medication runs from \$19.70 to \$41.99 in Charlevoix. They also said the prescription price could have no bearing on the over the counter price.

"Sometimes the cost increases when a medication becomes over the counter, and sometimes it decreases," said Charlevoix Central Drugs owner and pharmacist of

nearly 40 years, John Ochs.

Ochs said he has carried the prescription version for many years because he doesn't feel it is his place to decide whether a woman uses it or not.

"When it (over the counter version) comes available, we'll have it here," he said.

The Kmart Pharmacy and Rite Aid of Charlevoix also carry the prescription form of Plan B, but phar-

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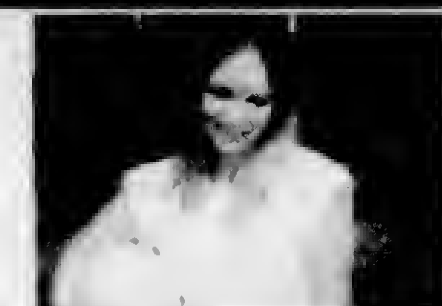
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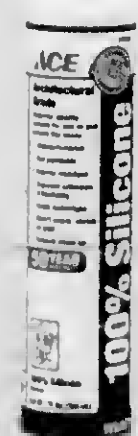
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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Nathaniel James George, 35, Mount Pleasant. Driving while license suspended-first offense. Serve 30 days in jail; \$1,500 in fines and costs.

Robert Louis Pentecost, 31, Charlevoix. Use of vicodin; operator license suspended/revoked/denied-second offense. Serve 43 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 40 days in jail; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Rachel Star Mohlo, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession-alcohol, third offense. Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$300 in fines and costs.

Robert James Huiskens, 41, Alpena. Driving while license suspended; and unlawful use of license plate. Serve 40 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 37 days in jail (released after 20 days upon payment of \$600); fines and costs totaling \$600.

Jason Donal Gephart-Irons, 31, Boyne Falls. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 20 days in jail, serve 14 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 12 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Tyler Patrick Kahlfleisch, 19, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve five days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Jessica Michelle Malfroid, 22, Traverse City. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling \$250.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Frederick Alexander Wiser Jr., 19, Charlevoix. Attempted breaking and entering-a building with intent (probation violation); alcohol-purchase/consumption/possession by a minor (probation violation). Sentenced to 30

days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail.

Kristin Kay Goldsmith, 20, Petoskey. Controlled substance use (narcotic/cocaine/methamphetamine/ecstasy). Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve two days in jail; serve 12 months probation; \$430 in fines and costs.

Raymond Claude Westphal Jr., 51, Lansing. Operating while under the influence of liquor-third offense. Sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for two days, to serve 270 days in jail, serve 480 hours of community service work; serve 24 months probation; \$1,570 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Ryan Hereto, 23, Ellsworth. Larceny-\$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000. Sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for 63 days, to serve 180 days. Breaking and entering-illegal entry. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 63 days, to serve 93 days; serve 24 months probation; \$1,355 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jones Drywall Service, 712 Circle Drive, East Jordan. hy Michael G. Jones

Spare Time Gaming, 536 Jersey St., Boyne City, hy William M. Rock, Benjamin R. Kroondyk and Jacob D. Wilson

Let It Snow-Snow Plowing & Ice Removal, 03171 Aspen View, Boyne Falls, hy Camen Church

Murphy Kennel, 7552 Rogers Road, East Jordan, hy Conny El Day

Harwood Heritage Gold, 00061 Parsons Road, Charlevoix, hy David W. Parsons and Therese C. Parsons

Quality Auto, 11366 Ellsworth Road, Ellsworth, hy Charles Ward

Mary Jo Walker's Sewing, 222 West Carpenter, Charlevoix, hy Mary Jo Walker

Heavenly Helpers Home Health Care, 05191 M-66 North, Charlevoix,

hy Shawn McCraney

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joshua John Strzyzewski, 33 and Noelle Renee Whaley, 22, both of Charlevoix

Richard Edward Dale, 35 and Kimberly Anne Kelly, 35, both of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Michael Joseph Olivier, 24 and Rachel Ann Deuman, 26, both of Boyne City

James Peter Maier, 26, Charlevoix and Jenny Marie Murray, 26, East Jordan

Nicholas Ross McLane, 24, Boyne City and Jamie Carol Barber, 21, Indian River

David Edward Campbell, 38 and Eve Marie Reinhardt, 33, both of East Jordan

Thomas Walter Browe, 62 and Wendy Ann Withey, 53, both of Charlevoix

Ryan Paul McConnell, 35 and Jeanne Marie Haberer, 33, both of Charlevoix

Shawn Michael Kelley, 29 and Tiffany Marie Patten, 29, both of Boyne City

Richard Anthony Hallman, 28, Pellston and Sherri Virginia VanAtta, 29, Boyne City

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Chad Culver vs. Michelle Culver

Jody Charles Clapper vs. Deborah Clapper

Richard Hudson vs. Emily Chulick Hudson

Judith Kline vs. Richard Kline

Dawn Felton vs. Mark Felton

BIRTHS
Nadaya Starrie-Skie Justice weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born on Sept. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christopher Justice and Kimberly Barton of Mancelona. Her siblings are David, Emma and Keegan.

Dominic Lucas Klopschinski weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Sept. 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kevin Klopschinski and Michelle Rohling of Bellaire.

Alicia Sky Ennik weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Sept. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael Ennik and Melinda Rake of East Jordan. Her siblings are Shawn, Alexia and Morgan. Her grandparents are Sheila Inel of East Jordan, the late Mark Rake, Michael Ennik Sr. of Pellston and Debra Bailey of Coldwater.

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Judge Pajtas sentences Lockman to prison

LOCKMAN

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Lockman will spend the first leg of her new journey at the intake center in Jackson. She was ordered to receive mental health treatment while behind bars.

Lockman may appeal because she was found guilty, and because the sentencing guidelines were exceeded.

Her attorney, Fred Gihson, who had asked for a term of probation with mental health counseling for his client, refused to give any comments in the minutes following the judge's decision. Before the decision, he reminded Pajtas more than one expert in psychology said Lockman was mentally ill, and said how

rare it was for a state forensic examiner to find someone legally insane.

"I don't know how in four short hours they (the jury) were able to ignore all that evidence," Gihson said. "To punish Karla Lockman or place her in incarceration would be out and out punishment. It could be argued that it would be cruel and unusual punishment."

Gihson said in the dark ages, people with mental illness were put in the basement, chained to the wall and fed bread and water.

"We don't do that anymore, but we do put them in prison," he said.

Before learning her fate, Lockman sobbed uncontrollably while reading the first half

of her nearly 20-minute statement wherein she apologized to everyone harmed by her actions, and said of her alleged bipolar disorder, "I feel like a person who has cancer."

Lockman gave a short list of people she helped during her lifetime and said, "Recently, a friend told me I was too nice to a fault."

"I know it is very difficult for people to accept mental illness," she said, before reading her version of the events which transpired during the time leading up to and during the embezzlement of funds and spoke of shopping in places far from where she lived to avoid the embarrassment of seeing people she knows.

John Taylor, part owner of Northern Preferred, was with

his family at the Indy 500 when he initially heard of the embezzlement.

Doing his best to fight back tears, Taylor said for all intents and purposes he had been, "Blackballed."

"She had done such a good job creating a financial nightmare, a certified public accountant couldn't reconcile them," he said.

While he once was active and enthusiastic about being involved with the community, Taylor said he is now withdrawn and has lost the comfortable lifestyle he worked for decades to acquire.

"Karla's actions have crushed my aspirations," he said.

While the majority of the criminal aspect of this case is

over, the financial crater and aftershocks of Lockman's actions remain fresh.

Jarema said currently there is approximately \$280,000 in Lockman's assets which can be divided among the victims.

"I would hope to get \$320,000 after the vehicles, horses and household items are sold," he said.

Pajtas has recommended that a receiver be appointed to identify all the victims involved and account for all property and assets purchased with embezzled funds so some sort of scale can be determined by which to reimburse, if only partially, the victims.

"It's a sad case for everyone, but I think justice was served," Jarema said.

Local pharmacies prepare for Plan B move to over the counter status

PLAN B

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macists from both would not speculate whether their corporate officials would OK the over the counter version when it comes available.

While some speculated the new FDA approved packaging for the over the counter version could be available as early as November, it could take until the first of the year before it is ready.

When the new packaging is ready, Plan B will be kept behind the counter. It will be available to women 18 and older without a prescription, and to 17-year-old girls with a prescription and identification.

Ochs said he isn't sure if men will be able to buy the product for their wives or girlfriends.

Plan B consists of two pills of levonorgestrel, the synthetic hormone found in birth control pills for nearly four decades and progestin, in a dose of .75 milligrams per pill. It should not, Duramed Pharmaceuticals Inc. emphasized, be confused with the abortion pill, RU-486, a mix of Mifeprex and Misoprostol that can end a pregnancy nearly 50 days after the menstrual cycle begins. Plan B is incapable, Duramed claims, of terminating established pregnancies.

"Plan B acts primarily by stopping the release of an egg from the ovary (ovulation)," stated FDA officials on the government Web site. "It may prevent the union of sperm and egg (fertilization). If fertilization does occur, Plan B may prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the

womb (implantation). If a fertilized egg is implanted prior to taking Plan B, Plan B will not work."

Plan B works best if the first pill is taken within 72 hours after unprotected sex. A second pill must be taken 12 hours later.

The Duramed Web site stated, "Plan B can, when used correctly, reduce the risk of pregnancy by 89 percent after a single act of unprotected sex."

Neither spokesmen from Plan B's parent company Duramed, a subsidiary of Barr Pharmaceuticals

or Planned Parenthood of northern Michigan returned calls before press time.

A bill introduced into the Michigan House of Representatives on Oct. 18, 2005 HB 5311 called for all emergency contraception to be available only by prescription. The bill is currently in Health Policy Committee.

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Charlevoix's highs and lows exposed

EDITORIAL

Charlevoix residents continue to leave us smiling one minute and forcing back bloodcurdling screams the next.

Here comes the Courier's second installment of "Thanks and spanks"—a collection of praises for those that have made life in town more livable. And busts on those that have us shaking our heads.

We'll start with the good and move on to the bad and the ugly.

Topping the list of shining stars is the new Charlevoix Public Library which opened Monday in the renovated, historic former Charlevoix Middle School. This project has progressed as promised—on time and on budget. Not only did the library group deliver exactly as they pledged, the community now has a breathtaking building that is truly an investment in Charlevoix's future and a preservation of its past. Don't miss the facility's grand opening celebration at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The United Way board of directors and its Day of Caring organizers are also due a high five. During the Sept. 14 3rd Annual Day of Caring, hundreds of volunteers tackled dozens of community service projects. This is a great opportunity for students to interface with local business people in a community-wide outreach effort.

The final thanks goes to Beaver Islanders who were gracious hosts during the 2nd Annual Celtic Games on Sept. 16. Residents were more than willing to offer a helping hand or sit down and chat about the controversial issue of island law enforcement. Michigan's Emerald Isle is a unique destination that everyone should experience first-hand.

Our first slap goes to the Charlevoix County Commissioners for not handing over budget reports at the Sept. 6 Committee of the Whole budget hearing. When asked for the thick but public document your excuse, "It's still a mess." The clerk's excuse, "You'll have to FOIA." One of the commissioners or the clerk could have handed it over at the meeting, a few photo copies later the problem would have been solved. Instead we were forced to go through the Freedom of Information Act request process. It's unnecessary paperwork for us and stalls the process of delivering public information to readers.

Next in line—the United States Coast Guard. We approach this one carefully as the proposal is for Coasties to be able to use the local station as one of 34 firearm training zones on the Great Lakes. Beaver Island Boat Company reps have expressed concern as the zone lies in the ferry course between Beaver Island and Charlevoix. This deserves more debate. Send comments to The Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 East Ninth Street, room 2069, Cleveland, OH 44199. Or fax them to (216) 902-6055.

Closing out the spanks is a shot at myself for cutting off the name of Charlevoix resident Phil Pachulski at the end of what looks to be the final letter from readers angered by the St. Mary story (reference page 10 of the Aug. 9 edition of the Courier entitled, "St. Mary Church endures year of turmoil"). Pachulski is not affiliated with the newspaper. I apologize for any misunderstanding the error may have caused.

Get in the water for the best fishing of the year



EAR TO THE GROUND
Roger Knutson

With the passing of the fall equinox, the salmon season is pretty much over. You remember the equinox.

That's when all over the world everyone has almost exactly 12 hours

between sunrise and sunset. It is also the time when a sunrise and sunset the new or fading light streams directly down east-west running streets like Antrim, Clinton or Mason. But back to the salmon.

This has been a fine and even memorable salmon season. In August I was able to take my adult daughter out onto Lake Michigan and help her find a 21-pound salmon. She had never fished before and was thrilled with the whole experience. There was that moment when the fish jumped and she saw for the first time how large it was. She called her emotion at that time fear. She was briefly afraid of the fish—a worthwhile part of the experience of nature. We should probably be afraid more often. This is not a fish story, we have pictures.

For just a few selected days around the equinox, fish that were released some years ago in the small creek near St. Marys Cement, swim up into near-shore water only two or three feet deep. During those few days it is possible to wade out a few yards from

shore, cast a lure and get hooked up with fish that might weigh more than 20 pounds. It is my favorite way to catch salmon.

Somehow it almost seems unfair to go out after salmon with a large boat, thousands of dollars worth of downriggers and rods, several companions, fish finders, temperature gauges and gigantic landing nets. Fishing for salmon in the shallow water for those few fall days gives the salmon considerable advantage. The lone fisherman has only a rod, reel and 12-pound test line with a lure and a hook on the end of it. Waders are nice but not absolutely necessary. The angler has rocks to stumble over, cold water to contend with and most often, no landing net. The fish has vigor, strength and almost all of Lake Michigan to frolic in after being hooked. I am not sure whether fish feel what could be called pain when hooked, but I must confess I don't think much about that when one of them is on the end of the line.

Not many people fish for salmon in that shallow water. Most seem to think salmon prefer to hang out in deeper water. Some salmon do that. I like to believe that the more adventurous ones swim in close to shore. I'd rather catch an adventurous fish any time.

Hooking and landing a 20-pound salmon under those circumstances is a world away from the usual trolling experience. It's so much fun it probably ought to be illegal. A good-sized hooked salmon will commonly run out into Lake Michigan for 100 or 150 yards and leap out of the water a dozen times before begin-



Photo by Roger Knutson
Anne Knutson of Minneapolis, Minn., the daughter of Courier columnist Roger Knutson, recently participated in the exciting sport of salmon fishing and caught this 21-pound salmon.

ning to tire. And when both fish and angler are tired, the fish must be led through the rocks to the shore to be unhooked—it's fate either to be returned to the lake or become filets on the grill.

I do not fear that touting the extreme pleasures of our local shallow water salmon fishing will result in hundreds of people standing shoulder to shoulder in Lake Michigan. Apparently not many people want to do that. But the fun per amount of necessary equipment is greater than any fishing experience I have ever had. Remember, it happens at about the equinox, a potential world holiday.

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LETTERS to the editor

"THANKS" BAND SUPPORTERS

Editor:

The music stands at Charlevoix Middle School and high school are lined up neatly in their new carts donated and designed by Harbor Industries. The carts are very well built and actually hold more stands than ones you can buy in catalogs. The idea came from senior band member Kyle Smith and his father Robert Smith who works for Harbor Industries. The carts are perfect in helping to move stands when setting up for concerts as well as keeping our band rooms neatly organized.

Another special thank you goes to Judy and Ron Willey for donation of band director podiums and jazz band risers. Judy designed and built riser boxes for jazz band trumpet players the beautiful podium at the high school. The unique hexagon shape and carpet covering makes it attractive and sturdy.

Other much needed donations to the band department have included instruments from John Werner, Diane Penfold, Kay Wasilewski, Leah Kelly, Janet Freidinger, Betty Henne, Karen and Jeff Bakker, Judith and Bill Ivan, Ann Gomey, Jim Early of Grand Rapids and others. Other financial donations for uniforms have been received from the Newcomb family, the Wanek family, the Schuiling family and many others.

If you have an instrument that you would like to donate to the band department, please contact at (231) 547-3234. Thank you to a wonderful and supportive community.

Jayne Bennett
Director of Bands
Charlevoix Public Schools

DAY OF CARING BOOSTS VFW

Editor:

We would like to thank Gail Cherry and the Charlevoix High School administration for participating in the "Day of Caring" program. This program sent 20 Charlevoix High School students to the VFW Post 1153 on Sept. 14, who worked like beavers to help our post.

They washed windows, mopped floors, swept the drive and parking lot, picked up stones left by the construction, mowed and raked the lawn.

They did everything asked of them in one hour and did it right.

As many of you know, the post is still in the process of recovering from recent tragedies. This physical assistance, provided by these young people, was outstanding and deserves our members' heartfelt thanks.

Charlie Butcher
Commander
Charlevoix, VFW Post 1153

PULL PETUNIAS

Editor:

I am sad to say the petunias in Charlevoix look terrible and have all summer. Time to get rid of them.

Also, time to fix the parking problem. Put in a parking garage on the side street. The old library site or in place of the parking lot across the street. People and visitors are used to paying for parking. Take parking off Bridge Street. Make four lanes of traffic like the rest of U.S. 31 both north and south of the business district.

Nancy Flood
Charlevoix

BOUCHARD'S CHARLEVOIX TOUR

Editor:

Mike Bouchard recently brought his "Results With Mike" tour to northern Michigan to talk about his plan to renew Michigan's economy. I had the chance to meet him at our Charlevoix County Republican headquarters.

He said he was making stops all throughout the fingertips in Alpena, Roger City, Cheboygan County, Petoskey and Charlevoix—talking about his plan to get results and create jobs. He said that he'd also be in Traverse City and Cadillac.

At our headquarters he spoke with about 40 volunteers who were making voter advocacy calls to support Republican candidates. He said that Michigan's economy was in the tank and that we had to turn this ship around.

To do so, he showed us his eight-point plan which can be downloaded from his Web site, www.MikeforMichigan.com.

He said his plan focuses on embracing policies that would allow Michigan's job creators to compete and expand, including reducing the

high cost of health care. He said that health care should be affordable, accessible, and patient-centered and that we need to empower small business owners with the creation of association health plans.

He also spoke about the importance of preserving the Great Lakes and of encouraging our tourism industry.

I agree with Mike Bouchard and I'm going to support him because it's time for Michigan to start getting results. After all, I want my grandchildren to enjoy the same life that I have.

Phyllis R. Haggard
Vice-chair
First Republican District
Charlevoix

SINGLE BUSINESS TAX FACTS

Editor:

Lou Ann McKinney, a prominent local Democrat whose husband lost an election almost 2 to 1 against Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer in 2004, wrote a letter to the editor complaining that Kevin's vote to end the Single Business Tax (SBT) was "gambling with...our children's education." (Reference letter to the editor entitled "Elsenheimer vote irresponsible" printed on page 4 of the Sept. 6 edition of the Charlevoix Courier.) She needs to get her facts straight.

First, the SBT was scheduled to end in 2009. The tax is not 10 percent of the state budget, as McKinney states, but rather \$1.8 billion out of a nearly \$43 billion annual budget. Every government official, including the governor, wanted to end the tax. The legislature with the support of over 300,000 Michigan voters, who signed a petition, moved the end date to 2007.

More importantly, the SBT has nothing to do with the state money that educates our children. School money comes from our sales taxes. Rep. Elsenheimer has led efforts to increase equity payments to our lower-funded northern Michigan schools over the last two years, and the Michigan House has budgeted more money than the governor for K-12 education than the governor each year Elsenheimer has been in office. That's not gambling, that's being effective.

It's the political season, and we should all expect Democrat (and Republican) leaders to write letters in support of their party's candidates. But we should also expect that they get their facts right before doing so.

Dennis Kusina
Charlevoix

KEEP CARNIVAL DOWNTOWN

Editor:

I am writing in regards to the current discussion of relocating Charlevoix's Venetian Festival from the downtown area to the Castle or other areas outside of town.

The festival brings many tourist and surrounding area people to our town. Most of the people return year after year to help us celebrate.

The festival causes congestion of our streets and inconveniences our local citizens for a week. Even a few headaches for the business owners, due to hiring, training new employees and long hours. But the benefit of this festival is far more prospering than the line at the bridge or taking the back way through town.

Businesses in and around the downtown area depend on summer tourism and Venetian to survive their winters. For some businesses,

Venetian week, is their highest week of the year and others the income means the entire year. To move Venetian would be devastating to downtown's economy.

The carnival can cause some parking hassles, but just look at the people it draws downtown. Yes, there are food vendors and games to play but the majority of the tourist's money is spent in downtown businesses.

The music and fireworks in the park can sometimes be a little louder than we'd like, again look at the people these events draw downtown. Let's not forget the onlookers of the boat parade or the casual "Let's see what's going on" foot traffic.

If the festival is moved outside of town or to the Castle how much money would be lost to our businesses? Do you really think a tourist would want to return downtown through out the day to grab something other than carnival food to eat? Would they come back to town to buy a sweatshirt or jacket because the weather turned a little chilly? Probably not.

We fought to keep Wal-Mart out of our town because of the effect it would have on our local businesses. The same thought process needs to be given to this issue.

Let's keep Venetian where it belongs—downtown.

Terry Amick
Charlevoix

CORRECTION

On page 5 of the "Letters to the editor" section published in the Sept. 20 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, the name of the "Change is business decision" letter writer was cut off. Phil Pachulski of Charlevoix wrote the letter.

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Beaver Island will host the Bite of Beaver Island event on Oct. 7. The event will feature a 5K run/walk, island cuisine, kids games and an apple pie contest. Prizes for the top two bakers will be given away and an auction of their pies will take place, with proceeds to benefit their favorite island charity.

Bite of Beaver Island offers food, games and entertainment

The 5th Annual Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival brings a weekend packed with fine cuisine and fun-filled activities to a unique destination.

Beaver Island, the largest inhabited island in Lake Michigan, will host the Bite of Beaver Island event on Oct. 7.

Festivities will kick off at 10 a.m. on Saturday with the Island Boodle, a 5K run/walk along the beautiful harbor of Paradise Bay. Medals for first through third place for assorted age categories will be given out at the Shamrock at the conclusion of the Boodle, along with t-shirts for all participants. Advance registration forms may be downloaded from the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.beaverisland.org.

From 1 to 5 p.m., Holy Cross Church Hall will be the site of the Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival, where professional and amateur chefs sell small portions of their favorite fare. Last year's sellouts included rack of

lamb, grilled shrimp, escargot, and a wide variety of scrumptious desserts. Beer, wine and soft drinks are also available at the festival where live entertainment will perform.

The island's Youth Consortium will oversee autumn crafts for children along with demonstrations on how to use an old-fashioned cider press. There will also be an apple pie contest, with prizes for the top two bakers and an auction of their pies, with proceeds to benefit their favorite island charity.

Later in the evening, head to the Shamrock for live music.

Beaver Island, located 33 miles from the mainland. To get there select either the ferry service (a 2 hour 15 minute cruise) or charter air service (a 15 minute flight). The Beaver Island Boat Company, Island Airways and Fresh Air Aviation are located in Charlevoix.

For more information, contact the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505 or visit www.beaverisland.org.

Horton Creek property donated to Little Traverse Conservancy

Thanks to the generous donations of the J.A. Woollam Foundation, Michael and Rhea Dow, and the Dula Foundation, the Little Traverse Conservancy has protected an additional quarter mile of Horton Creek.

The meandering creek bisects this 40-acre property which is comprised of both upland and wetland forested habitats in Horton Bay. Horton Creek is a direct tributary to Lake Charlevoix and the protection of the property will further ensure that the water quality of the lake remains high.

"As we walked the narrow path to the river on a peaceful summer afternoon, one couldn't help but think the land must be much like it was in Hemingway's time when he loved to fish for trout on this creek," said Conservancy field representative, MaryKay O'Donnell.

Hemingway mentions Horton Creek in "The End of Something," "On Writing," "The Indians Moved Away" and other writings. Horton Creek is likely the model for creeks mentioned in many of his other works.

The Conservancy is also grateful to Dan and Martha Mishler for offering the opportunity to purchase the land at a discounted price.

"Our original purchase of the land was an investment for our retirement and we had planned to develop the property," Dan



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Thanks to the generous donations of the J.A. Woollam Foundation, Michael and Rhea Dow, and the Dula Foundation, the Little Traverse Conservancy has protected an additional quarter mile of Horton Creek pictured above.

explained. "But as time went on, the beauty of the land got the best of us. We are very pleased that by selling to the

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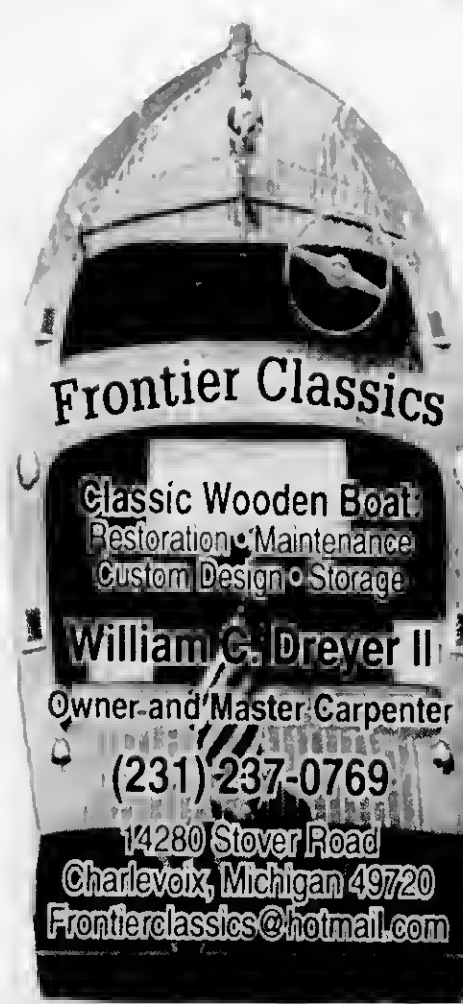
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Masons donation

Colleen Wilcenski, Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star chapter 72 of Charlevoix, donated money and new clothing to help four area school children in need to Charlevoix-Emmet Community Resource Coordinator, Shirley Gillespie of the Department of Human Services.

St. Mary School Sept. 30 Northern Lights event

St. Mary School will host the 11th Annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction this weekend.

The theme this year is "Celebrating 100 years! Past, Present and Future." The event will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the parish center, located at 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

Dinner will be catered by the Jordan Inn. The live auction with the help of Scott Mackenzie and live entertainment performed by Class Act Productions.

Featured items include Mackinac Island packages, Sue Bolt original art, condo packages, a Children's Art Gallery, a private Grey Gables dinner for six couples, a wine tour at Chateau Chantal, theme baskets, sports items and more.

St. Mary is also sponsoring a variety of raffles. The Women's

Corner is a year-round Shanty Creek package. The Men's Corner is a NASCAR package for the Daytona 500 to take place this February. Raffle tickets are on sale now and are \$10 each.

A free preview of auction items will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 29.

Tickets for the auction, dinner and dance are \$75 per person and include all beverages. Northern Lights is the largest fundraising event for the school. All proceeds going directly to the school operational budget.

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Historical Society fall potluck and historic streets program

Discover the answers to some of Charlevoix's most compelling questions at the Charlevoix Historical Society's annual potluck Oct. 3 at the Depot.

The event theme is Charlevoix's historic streets. The program, which will delve into the origin of the city's street names, will be presented by Charlevoix Historical Society past president, Dr. Jack Mackenzie.

The program will be preceded by the society's annual fall harvest potluck at 6 p.m. Guests are invited to bring their favorite dishes, a serving utensil, plus their own tableware and cutlery. The society will provide napkins, beverages and drinking cups. Those who do not wish to attend the potluck are welcome to attend the program at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Phyllis the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.



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State Street, pictured above, used to be a boulevard. Interesting facts about the history of Charlevoix streets will be the focus of the Charlevoix Historical Society's Oct. 3 program following the group's fall potluck.

Auditions open for Northwest Michigan's Got Talent event

The East Jordan Rotary Club is sponsoring a regional variety show "Northwest Michigan's Got Talent" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 in the community auditorium at East Jordan High School.

Auditions for the show will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 4. All types of entertainment

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OBITUARIES

Roger Sievertson: Feb. 17, 1947 - Sept. 18, 2006

Roger B. Sievertson passed away from this life on Sept. 18 after courageously battling cancer of the pancreas for one-and-a-half years.

Roger was born on Feb. 17, 1947 in Sault Ste. Marie and later moved with his family to Roseville, and later to Union Lake, where he began his lifelong love of sailing. He held positions at Children's Hospital in Detroit and Straith Memorial Hospital in Southfield before accepting a position as vice-president of support services at Charlevoix Area Hospital 23 years ago. He loved his work and over the years was the project manager of several successful facility expansion projects, including Boyne Area Medical Center, Boyne Rehab, Jordan Valley Rehab, and the various phases of expansion and de-

velopment on the main campus of Charlevoix Area Hospital. He continued to work between treatment and surgeries until a week before his passing.

Roger served for four years as a member of the board of trustees of the Hospital Purchasing Service, was a member of the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge, as well as a past member of the Scottish Rite Masons Grand Rapids Chapter, and was a member of the Ironton Congregational Church and the Charlevoix Lions Club.

Roger faced every challenge with determination, honesty, and a positive outlook, and his smile and sense of humor with he especially missed by all. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Maureen, and his two sons Joseph Sievertson at home, and Paul (Christina)

Sievertson of Southfield; grandchildren, Andrew and Alex of Southfield; his mother, Sarah Sievertson of Charlevoix; brother, Ron (Sue) Sievertson of Luzerne; cousins, Cheryl Farmer, M.D. of Ypsilanti and Kathy Becker of Empire, Don and Dottie Farmer of Hawaii; parents-in-law Karen and Larry Hitchcock of Florida; as well as many good friends and acquaintances.

Roger wished to be cremated and a memorial service celebrating Roger's life took place on Sept. 23 at the Ironton Congregational Church.

Roger has requested that in lieu of flowers, people wishing to remember him may direct contributions to the Charlevoix Area Hospital CT Fund or to the Ironton Congregational Church operating fund.

DEATH NOTICE

Martin O. Bohn, 89, of Charlevoix passed away on Saturday, Sept. 23. Arrangements are pending at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Time to Share and Remember infant loss program is Oct. 9

The Safe Crossings Pregnancy and Infant Loss Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is providing a "Time to Share and Remember" on Monday, Oct. 9.

The event will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church located at 501 E. Mitchell St. in Petoskey. This informal gathering is be-

ing offered to remember those infants who have died through miscarriage, premature birth, stillbirth or death after birth. These brief, but precious lives have touched each of us in very special ways. The evening will conclude with a brief service of remembrance.

You are invited to bring a memory of your child or preg-

nancy or a photo of your child to be placed on the memory board for the evening. Memory cards will also be available at the meeting.

Refreshments will be provided following the service.

To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Grief support group offered through hospice Safe Crossings program

The Safe Crossings program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will offer a six-week support group for those coping with a loss.

The group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Emmanuel Episcopal

Church located at 1020 E. Mitchell St., in Petoskey.

The support group is sponsored by the Safe Crossings program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and will be facilitated by a family counselor.

All Safe Crossings services are provided free-of-charge. For additional information about other Safe Crossings programs or to register, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit www.hospiceltb.org.

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Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455
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Church School 9:00 a.m.	Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.	Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161	Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
BELTOWNE REFORMED CHURCH 8033 Church Road, Ellsworth	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH M-66 (across from Post Office)
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Divine Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446	
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.	101 State St. (at Park Ave.)
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.	Early Worship, Lake MI Beach 8:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300	Church Office 547-9122
CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 104 State Street	FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	Wednesday Services 6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 1003 Bridge Street
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The great Beaver Island debate

Law enforcement: By the book or tailored for the island?

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Beaver Island law enforcement has become a contentious issue for islanders and visitors.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater said he has received complaints of over aggressive island policing. While some claim the local police presence is just right others say the cops have gone overboard and are driving away business.

"This is one of those divisive issues, like politics," Steve West, director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, said. "There are some people on Beaver Island that wish everything would be like it was in the old days — that's not going to happen. We need to preserve what's best about the old days. But driving while intoxicated isn't high on the preservation list."

Some of the concerns voiced by residents include alcohol related arrests, but many say that the crackdown more closely resembles harassment than community policing.

"It's been harassment more than law enforcement — pulling the same person over multiple times. It's been pretty tough on all the businesses," said Dana Hodgson, a Beaver Island native and owner of the Shamrock Bar and Restaurant. "Drunk driving shouldn't be tolerated and no one is insinuating that. But I have people who have one drink with dinner and are afraid of being pulled over."

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The following is a period comparison from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office revealing the number of incidents and arrests on Beaver Island:

May 1, 2005 through Aug. 31, 2005 Peaine Township 32 incidents, one arrest for obstructing police
Number one: Traffic stops — seven
May 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2006 Peaine Township 56 incidents, no arrests
Number one: Traffic stops — 30
May 1, 2005 through Aug. 31, 2005 St. James Township 87 incidents, one arrest for burglary
Number one: Traffic stops — 23
May 1, 2006 through Aug. 31, 2006 St. James Township 125 incidents, one arrest for operating while intoxicated
Number one: Traffic stops — 66

She said her customers are leaving early out of fear.

Information provided by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office shows the number one item reported by island deputies during the period from May through August isn't drunk driving arrests, it's traffic stops. This held true in 2005 as well (see the associated sidebar). However, the number of stops more than doubled in 2006.

Bill McDonough, owner of McDonough's Market and a fifth generation Beaver Island native, said, "It has come to the point where people are being pulled over for minor things. The solution — discretion. There are enough things

over here that deserve attention. The deputy doesn't need to go looking for stuff."

Island deputy John Heise, with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, said he's not out to harass.

"Everyone thinks I go out looking for people — harassing people. I really don't. Enforcement has stepped up for island standards. But it hasn't been stepped up specifically for the island. I'm not going to change the process or do the head turning. If it comes out that I don't make any friends, OK," he said.

Island resident, Phyllis Moore, whose father Phil Gregg was a former island deputy, said this spring

marked the first time islanders were consistently pulled over for not wearing seatbelts or cruising with expired plates.

"I'm glad to see there is some law enforcement being done. The majority think this is Beaver Island, we don't need rules. But we have more and more people coming — if we don't have rules, what's going to happen?" Moore said.

Joanne Cashman, who has lived on Beaver Island for 34 years supports a stronger arm of the law as well.

"He's being fair with people," she said. "If they keep the drunks from driving, good."

One time of particular concern is Homecoming Weekend, the second weekend in August. This year it took place Aug. 12 and 13. This event features a softball tournament at the Bud McDonough field. It tends to

bring hundreds of visitors and cash to island businesses.

It also brings two Michigan State troopers from the Petoskey post. According to John Ferguson, a trooper who has policed the Homecoming event over the past three years, some years are crazier than others and this year was

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40 Women Participated in the 7th Annual Mustang Triathlon Open

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Maize and blue winners

An alumni club awarded scholarships to three local high school students at a recent gathering of students, parents and alumni. The University of Michigan Club of Little Traverse Bay presented \$500 scholarships, each, to entering freshmen Shannon Dibble, of Charlevoix, Eric Hansen, of East Jordan and Doug Johnson, of Petoskey. Each of the students has attained high scholastic honors and were active in sports, school government or community service. Funds for the scholarships come from donations made at a recent golf outing or directly from alumni and friends of the University of Michigan. The University of Michigan Club sponsors a variety of events and activities throughout the year. Membership in the club is open to alumni, friends and supporters of the university. For more information, please call Jill Gordon (231) 348-8408.

Char-Em ISD offers AmeriCorps jobs

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is seeking 10 AmeriCorps members to serve at local school districts during the 2006-2007 school year.

AmeriCorps is commonly referred to as "the domestic Peace Corps." Char-Em ISD is entering its ninth year of the AmeriCorps program, which focuses on mentoring at-risk youth in our schools.

The 10 AmeriCorps members will be assigned to one school within Charlevoix, Emmet or northern Antrim counties. The 10-month commitment is full time and calls for completing 1,700 hours of service during the year. Each member receives a stipend of \$10,900 and single subscriber medical/dental insurance, if qualified. Upon completion of the year, AmeriCorps members receive a Federal Education Award of \$4,725 which can be used to pay off previously approved student loans or used for future education expenses such as tuition, books, fees or supplies.

Members must be at least 17-years old, have a high school diploma or GED certificate, and be free of any criminal convictions.

Those interested should contact Linda Johnson at Char-Em ISD at (231) 547-9947. Interviews will begin immediately. Char-Em ISD is located at 08568 Mercer Boulevard in Charlevoix.

Official Notice

Charlevoix County has openings on several County Committees. If you are interested in either being appointed or being reappointed to any one of the following committees please respond in writing to the Charlevoix County Clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The Committees with openings are: Community Mental Health Board, Commission on Aging, Road Commission, Parks Committee, Planning Commission, Family Independence Agency, Veterans Affairs, Workforce Development Board, Economic Alliance and the Fair Board. Please submit your response in writing NO LATER THAN October 19, 2006.

Sheriff to decide new island deputy this week

DEPUTY

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When the application period opened, Heise threw his hat in the ring. He said he has since withdrawn his application.

Heise said his personal life was part of his decision and the community response to his presence has made his job difficult.

"It's a tough place to be a police officer. I just wanted to come here and do the same job I did on the mainland," he said. "I can tell people aren't happy with me. Everyone here waves and once in a while someone won't wave. I can tell they aren't a fan. I would hope people know it's a business thing. Not a personal thing."

This is where the great divide exists — many say Beaver Island isn't the mainland and should be policed in a unique manner while others say Beaver Island is subject to the same laws as the rest of the State of Michigan and those laws should be applied.

Sheriff Lasater feels the law is the law, but Beaver Island is certainly unique.

"It's one of the more challenging law enforcement positions in the State of Michigan," he said.

Because the deputy is stationed on an island, there is no

"It's a tough place to be a police officer. I just wanted to come here and do the same job I did on the mainland."

John Heise
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, BEAVER ISLAND

backup close at hand and there is no jail — serious arrests require a plane trip while less serious offenders are handcuffed to a couch at the substation.

"It's a great opportunity for someone that doesn't need a lot of supervision," Sheriff Lasater said.

Heise's advice for an incoming full-time deputy — "Go with your own instincts and make your own decisions. It's overwhelming, the feeling you'll get, when you have to make a decision that will cause strife in the community."

While the job's down side appears pretty stacked, sheriff

Lasater said there are perks including paid lodging and well appointed police equipment including a vehicle and boat.

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Teen awakes from coma, prepares to return to school



BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

When a loved one is involved in one of the nearly 100,000 car crashes that occur in Michigan each year, many thoughts go through people's minds.

For Heather Wise, the mother of Charlevoix High School freshman, Hannah Wise, it was thoughts of utter disbelief.

"This is something you read in the paper or see on TV. After that, you close the paper or turn off the TV and your life continues on. Our lives have for the most part stopped," Heather stated in an e-mail response to questions from the Charlevoix Courier.

Hannah and two other passengers were riding in a 1990 Subaru sedan driven at excessive speeds by 19-year-old Matthew Alan Guldbrandsen of Ellsworth, according to the Antrim County Sheriff's accident report of Tuesday, Aug. 22.

"Driver appears to have been driving too fast, loses control of the vehicle and goes off (North Dennis Road). The car turns around and begins sliding sideways through the ditch. The front left tire/wheel breaks free and initiates the car rolling. Then the car flops into a tree," the report stated.

Hannah suffered a traumatic right

side brain injury, broken right femur and left ankle. She spent 10 days in a coma before her first awakening for a total of 17 days in intensive care at DeVos Children's Hospital and was transferred on Sept. 7 to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital.

"(Tuesday, Sept. 26) we'll be here five weeks. It feels like a lifetime," Heather said. "It's amazing. Everyday she's able to do a little bit more, but she's still struggling with her right leg and broken femur. Everything is out of whack."

Hannah can already support herself with a walker, and her father, James Wise, said Hannah's wish is to be well enough to attend the final Raydars football game of the season.

"Not to participate, but she wants to wear her cheerleader uniform. We're just trying to get Hannah home," he said. "It looks like the second week of October we'll be

bringing Hannah home."

Hannah's doctors have speculated it will take a year for her to heal from the brain injury.

"Her lifestyle will be different. I have not had the heart to tell her this yet," Heather stated. "We hope to bring her home walking and she is also working for that same goal. Since the brain injury was on the right side of her brain, it affects the left side of her body."

She added, "She reminds me of someone who has suffered from a stroke. Her short-term memory is also affected. We don't know the complete extent of her brain injury as she is unable to have an MRI done as she has a steel pin in her right leg."

Hannah also believes she will be able to return to school as soon as she gets home, but there may be

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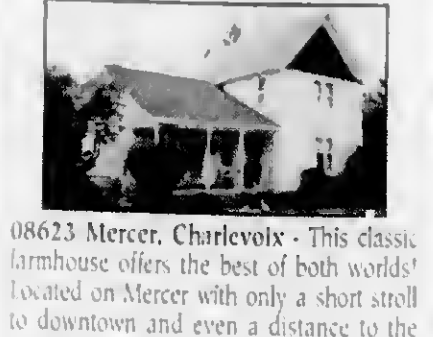
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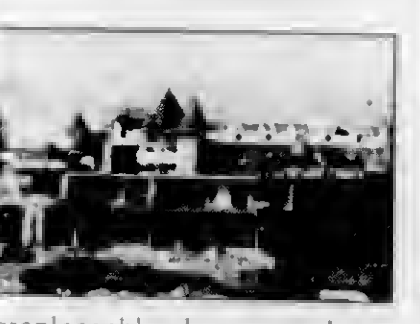
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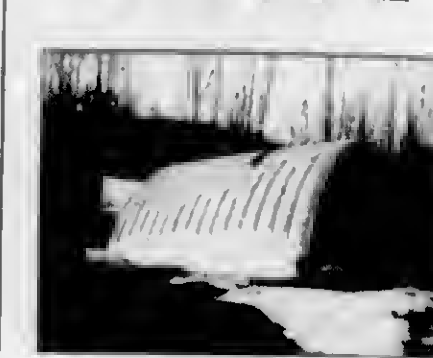
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Rehabilitation may slow accident victim's return to school

HANNAH

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some complications.

"In order for her to go home, she has to have a team like the one here (consisting of) brain injury specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and a psychologist," Heather stated. "We will also have to possibly modify our home so that she is safe and able to get around. We try to plan, but it is difficult to make any type of plans until we know how Hannah will be."

She added, "The miracle is, she has life. If you have never experienced anything like this, you wouldn't believe it. 'Thank-you' isn't enough to everyone who has prayed for Hannah and provided support and encouragement for all of us. For now it is all I have — thank-you."

Hannah's friend, 16-year-old Stephanie Milazzo, has known Hannah since seventh-grade.

"I was actually shocked because I was supposed to go and pick her up the next day for (cheerleading) practice, and the person that called me was freaking out and was trying to get a hold of me really bad — I

thought it was a joke," she said. "My sister called my cell phone telling me to get home right away, so I went home and she gave me a number to call."

Knowing how difficult high school is in the first place, Milazzo said this year for Hannah will be even more challenging.

"I think it's going to be difficult for her to start," she said. "It's usually hard for anyone to start after summer, but after being involved in a car accident, it's going to be hard to get into the swing of things."

Milazzo, who hasn't seen her friend since the accident, said, "I'm just looking forward to visiting her as much as possible when she's out."

If she takes one thing away from this incident, Milazzo said, it is that teenagers need to avoid reckless behavior.

"They're (teenagers) not invincible, and just because they have their ear, they shouldn't speed to impress their friends," she said.

The Hannah Wise Benefit Fund has been established to aid Hannah's recovery. Anyone interested may donate to: Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Artistic blend

The following Charlevoix Public Schools students submitted original artwork to be used on the cover of the Rayder Cookbook published by the Charlevoix Public Schools Enrichment Foundation. Of the 500 copies printed, 180 have been sold so far. Pictured above are (front row, from left) Pam Newcomb, foundation trustee, Janay Drost, Andrew Potter, Krista Pischner, Pam Barnes, foundation chair person, (back, from left) Sam Eakes, Grace Whitley and Shelby Robinson.

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The finish line for Chinook salmon

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Chinook salmon swim furiously upstream to reach their final resting place — but the Medusa Creek weir, the place they call home isn't last call.

For the past five years, the Charlevoix Department of Natural Resources Great Lakes Fisheries Research Station has partnered with a West Coast company called American Canadian to harvest the salmon meat and eggs.

According to Jeff Stevens, a trades helper with the Department of Natural Resources Great Lakes Fisheries Research Station in Charlevoix, some of the meat is used for animal consumption, while fish in good condition are filleted and sold to grocery stores.

No eggs from the Medusa Creek harvest are used for hatcheries, they are sold for bait. Charlevoix gets its eggs for spring planting from the Little Manistee River in Manistee, the Boardman River in Traverse City or Swan River in Rogers City.

In 2005, American Canadian harvested 9,936 fish weighing a total of 80,934 pounds from the Medusa Creek Weir. In 2004, they brought almost 15,000 salmon out. The contract they have with the Department of Natural Resources has them paying one cent per pound, per fish.

"They (American Canadian) are responsible for labor and equipment. We couldn't do it by ourselves. It would be a phenomenal amount of money and manpower we don't have," Stevens said.

This year's harvest started Sept. 15 and will end around Nov. 1. Harvest numbers are high this year. During a Sept. 25 harvest, 2,500 salmon were removed from the weir for processing at a plant in Bear Lake.

"We've taken as many as 2,800 at one time. We have to get them out before we lose fish," Stevens said.

The harvest schedule tapers off to once a week in October. Stevens said anglers have also enjoyed a healthy "salmon run." There have been times during the run that Medusa Creek, located off Lake Shore Drive, has turned black with fish.

"This year, starting July 1, the salmon fishing has been

fantastic. There have been 120 boats every morning and every evening fishing. And bringing money into town," Stevens said.

Dan Shearer of Battle Creek was in town Sept. 18 to fish the famed salmon run. He said he has made the trip to Charlevoix for four years. The fishing he said is fantastic.

"There were 10 a minute coming through this morning," he said smiling as he dragged in his quota of three fish for the day.

With the state only bringing in about \$1,000 on the complicated fish deal, some may wonder why isn't the Department of Natural Resources allowing the salmon to spawn naturally?

The fish swim up the man-made Medusa Creek, which runs along the east side of the St. Mary Cement property, into Lake Michigan. The creek is made entirely from water pumped from the cement company's quarry. They then make their way into a man-made weir, their eggs and meat are harvested by humans and then new fingerlings from hatcheries are planted in the spring.

About 300,000 are planted in the weir in early May, where they stay for about three to four weeks before they are released into Lake Michigan. Stevens said this time is critical as the water is imprinted in the fish so they know where they will return at the end of their life

cycle to reproduce.

Of those fish that are planted, about 200,000 of them are tagged in their nose so once they return, about three to five years after being planted, they can be examined. About 15 percent of the tagged fish are returned during the harvest and the local fisheries station spends the winter studying them.

"Last four to five years this creek has had the best return of any plant site in Michigan," Stevens said.

Stevens said the reasons man has intervened in a natural process are simple — the carnage of the dead fish on the shores of creeks would be disgusting and there would be a huge cost to the state to tackle the cleanup.

"It helps us out because these are fish leftover sportsmen don't catch. If we don't have this harvest 10,000 dead fish would be lying on banks of area creeks," Stevens said on Monday before removing all the fish from the weir for the second time this month.

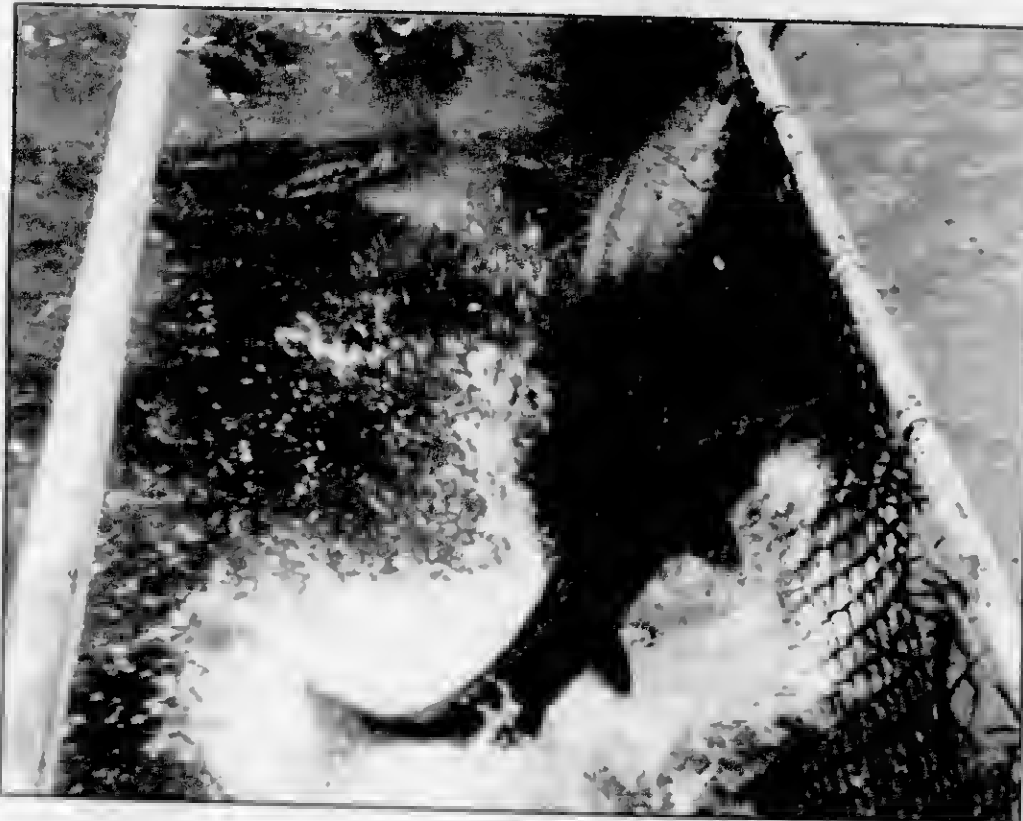
"I don't think it's wrong, you would have a tremendous mess out there. And the money goes back into the salmon system (tagging program)."

To see the salmon run first hand, travel down Lake Shore Drive, along the shores of Lake Michigan bordering Charlevoix Area Hospital, until it comes to a turnaround. Park and enjoy the fascinating show the fish are performing.



Photos by Julie Witthoft

(Above) Representatives of American Canadian help drag in a huge net packed with feisty salmon on Sept. 25 from the Medusa Creek Weir. (Below) Salmon on a mission to spawn put on quite a show once they make it to the weir.



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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing on an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate is to be held before the Charlevoix City Council at 210 State Street, (Council Chambers, City Hall), Charlevoix, Michigan, on Monday, October 16, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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LexaLite parent company enters sale agreement

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

Spectrus-LexaLite and its parent company, Summa Industries, are in the process of being sold to Habasit Holding AG, a privately held Swiss company, for \$15 per share in cash.

"It will eliminate expense and work that's required by being public," said James Swartwout, chairman of the board and chief executive officer for Summa Industries. "Habasit will be a good parent corporation for Summa Industries. With financial strength, global reach, world-class manufacturing systems, and a culture of innovation and outstanding customer service, Habasit will support continuing growth and operating improvement at Summa."

According to Swartwout, Habasit and Summa entered into the merger agreement on Aug. 31. Summa stock holders are now being asked to tender their shares individually. If over 50 percent of them agree by Oct. 6, the end of the tender period, Habasit will

take over the company.

As of Aug. 31, there were 3,907,127 Summa shares issued and outstanding.

Summa directors and executive officers hold 18.6 percent of those shares. Swartwout is the primary Summa executive shareholder with 402,882 shares. Summa Industries is based in Torrance, Calif.

In a press release, Swartwout states that under the terms of the agreement, Habasit acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Summa at a price of \$15 per share. The buyout represents a 76 percent premium over the Aug. 31 closing price of \$8.51 per share of Summa common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market, and a 62 percent premium to the average of the high and low prices of Summa common stock for the three month period ended Aug. 31.

In connection with the transaction, Habasit assumed approximately \$21 million in existing indebtedness of Summa.

Currently, Summa Industries employs 650 people in six states — California, Michigan, Tennessee,

Mississippi, Pennsylvania and Florida.

Summa purchased LexaLite, the Charlevoix-based plastic injection molding manufacturer, in 1996. Shortly thereafter, Summa purchased Plastics Specialties Inc. (PSI) and Genesta, two companies also involved in the plastics lighting industry. In 2001, the three merged into Spectrus Inc.

"Spectrus is the leading designer and manufacturer of lenses and diffusers for the commercial and industrial lighting industry," Swartwout explained.

When asked what the benefits and opportunities of the buyout might be for Charlevoix, Swartwout said, "I think it's neutral." He added that the ownership change, "Should have no effect on where Spectrus is operating."

The local Spectrus operation was recently expanded when the company's Taylor Road manufacturing facility was reopened.

This facility will house manufacturing operations of Genesta Inc., the Canadian arm of Spectrus. The move brought 20 new jobs to

Charlevoix and resulted in the loss of 30 jobs at the Genesta plant in Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Swartwout said the Genesta shift is unrelated to the Habasit purchase.

"Certain operations of Genesta are in process of moving to Charlevoix to gain efficiencies and better serve customers. It's totally unrelated to Habasit," he said.

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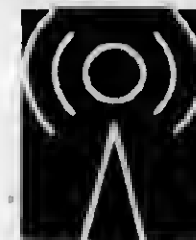
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Who: Friske Orchards
What: Harvest Festival
When: Saturday, Sept. 30
Where: Friske Orchards Farm Market, 10743 North U.S. 31 in Atwood.

Friske Orchards will be celebrating the fall harvest at their annual Harvest Festival, Saturday, Sept. 30.

From viewing antique tractors and farm machinery to feeding barnyard animals, there'll be something special for all ages to enjoy.

Begin the day with a pumpkin pancake breakfast. Take a wagon ride through the orchard. Go out to the fields and pick your own pumpkins and apples. Bring your hie overalls or jeans and flannel shirts, and have your family portrait taken by photographer, Michael Cole. Enjoy foot-stomping, old fashioned, blue-

grass/gospel music by the group, One Accord, from Elk Rapids. Let Alho the clown entertain you, and don't miss the old fashioned kids' carnival from 1 to 3 p.m.

Local Boy Scouts will be serving refreshments on the grounds.

Friske Orchards is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix in Atwood.

LexaLite reopens its Taylor Road manufacturing facility

LEXALITE

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said, "We will continue to support all Canadian customers and continue to sell under the Genesta brand."

Summa is a natural business venture for Habasit which Swartwout described as a, "Manufacturer of technical products for various markets."

Habasit's principal products being conveyor belting, mechanical drive belting and power transmission gearboxes.

Giovanni Volpi, chairman of Habasit, said, "I am delighted to be able to expand the U.S. opera-

tions of Habasit, particularly in the conveyor belt products, where Habasit is the global leader."

Summa-owned KVP is a leading manufacturing of plastic modular conveyor belting for the food processing industry.

"All of the management of Summa Industries and its subsidiaries will remain in place and existing U.S. operations will continue. We intend to invest to im-

prove operating efficiencies and customer service and to strengthen relationships with Summa's customers and distributors," Volpi said.

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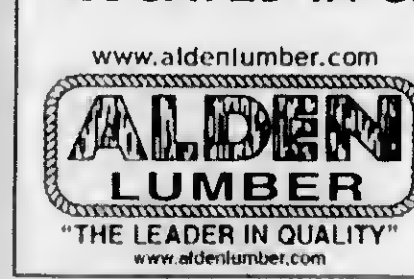
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders defeat Ramblers 34-14 Bartling takes medalist honors

BY STEVE FOLEY
SPORTS WRITER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW

The only real disappointment for the Charlevoix Rayders and their fans may not have been what happened on the football field Friday, Sept. 22.

Well, maybe it wasn't a huge disappointment, but the dance following the game was canceled because of technical difficulties.

There weren't too many technical difficulties for the Rayders at Kipke Field however as they racked up 242 rushing yards and took advantage of some good early field position in defeating Boyne City, 34-14, in a Lake Michigan Conference football game.

The victory leaves the Rayders 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the league, one game behind co-leaders Traverse City St. Francis and Grayling. The Rayders play at much-improved Elk Rapids on Friday, Sept. 29.

After nine straight losing seasons, Elk Rapids is 4-1, 2-1 after a 25-0 victory over East Jordan on Friday. The Rayders have won nine straight over the Elks.

The win over Boyne City, 3-2, 1-2, kept the Rayders in the hunt for the league title, and it was another step toward the required six wins for a playoff berth. It also came against a team that has long been among the league's best teams, along with St. Francis and Grayling.

"It's a huge win for us," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said. "Boyne City is a great team and they're very well coached, but I thought our kids really came to play and it was a total team effort like it's been all season."

"I was really happy with the way everybody did their job on every play."

Senior quarterback Chris Waha finished 12-of-19 passing for 162 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Rayders by Boyne. Waha also kicked four extra points and field goals of 30 and 35 yards.

"He played really well," Boyne coach Dave Hills said of Waha. "Our inability to get quick pressure on him allowed him to find open receivers. We tried a couple of different things,

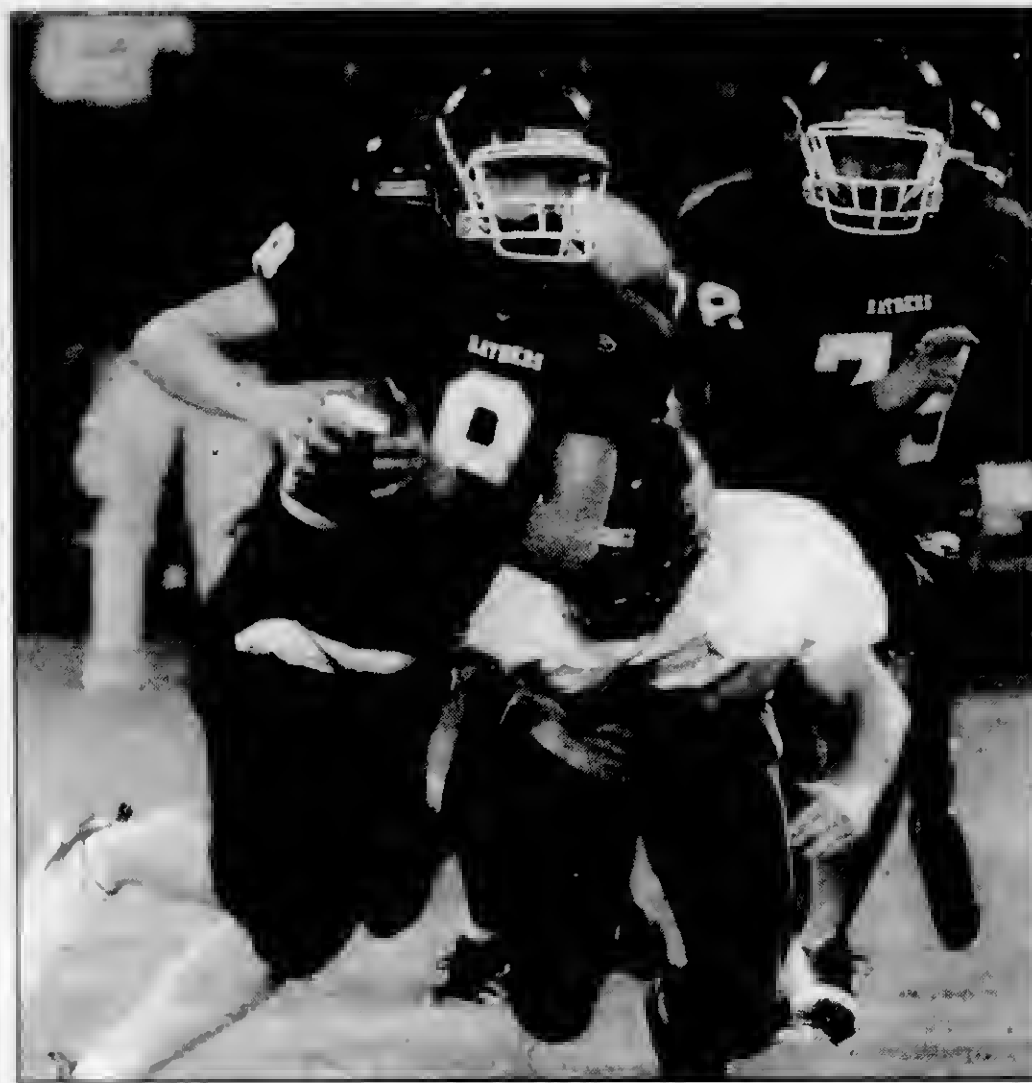


Photo by Scott Richards

Charlevoix quarterback Chris Waha protects the ball on a quarterback option play for a big gain in the first half of the Sept. 22 Rayder win over Boyne City.

but we just weren't able to get to him and make him move around.

"They have fast receivers as well and if you can get them the ball in space, they can make things happen."

"It's a great feeling, it's a big run," the 6-foot-3, 200-pound Waha said. "Our entire team played an awesome game and our offensive line was able to push and keep them off."

"Tonight, everything clicked. Our timing was there and we did what we wanted and kept moving the ball and kept scoring."

Waha's 35-yard field goal broke a 7-7 tie with 2 minutes, 17 seconds left in the first half and gave the Rayders the lead

he kicked a 30-yard field goal to close the scoring with 2:28 left.

"In the second half, their size started to take an affect on us and we started grabbing for some things that maybe weren't there," Hills said. "They're a good football team, they're very well balanced and they can hurt you in a variety of ways once they get going."

"They had some momentum going into half-time and we just weren't able to get back on track and establish some momentum on our side."

Drew Klooster made 13 tackles to lead Charlevoix's defense, while Kyle Jones and Svenor added eight each, and Brad Cyr and Ray Jones had six apiece.

"It's so nice to have a defense like ours," Jess said. "Our linebackers and our secondary are fast and you mix that in with some tenacity, it's a great combination."

Boyne got its first TD on a 35-yard run by Robbie Jensen, which capped the game's opening drive, a 12-play, 65-yarder. Jensen finished with 108 yards on 19 carries.

Waha tied the game with a 22-yard TD run on fourth-down and 12.

Munson led the Rayder receivers with five catches for 70 yards, while Matt Kanine added

Bartling takes medalist honors

Charlevoix senior Kris Bartling shot 37 to capture medalist honors in a nine-hole Lake Michigan Conference boys' golf tournament at The Mallard on Sept. 20.

Elk Rapids, behind Andy Paulosky's 38, shot 156 to win the tournament, edging Traverse City St. Francis, which finished with 157. The Gladiators are ranked No. 1 in Division IV by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

Charlevoix finished third with 159, followed by Harbor Springs, 162; Kalkaska, 171; Grayling, 174; East Jordan, 186; and Boyne City, 192.

Charlevoix is ranked 12th in Division III.

Other Charlevoix scores: Chase Beatty, 39; Woody Nitchman, 41; Kyle Smith, 42; J.D. Speigl, 46; Tyler Munroe, 48.

Charlevoix played in the Lake Michigan Conference championship at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Results from this match were not available by press time.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lady Rayder basketball posts back-to-back wins

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders posted two road victories in girls' basketball last week, defeating St. Ignace, 64-38 and Harbor Springs, 52-30.

The Rayders have now won three straight after opening the season with a 1-2 record.

St. Ignace led Charlevoix 24-21 at the half before a furious rally put the game away for the Lady Rayders.

"We didn't play well at all in the first half," coach Keith Haske explained. "I was very disappointed at half-time."

Charlevoix outscored the Saints 20-6 in the third quarter and 23-8 in the final period.

"I have to blame that start on the Mackinac Bridge," Haske joked. "It seems like every time we take a team up there, we have problems. I've taken some great teams up there (to the Upper Peninsula) and we always have problems."

There must be a troll or something underneath that bridge."

Lori Zimmerman led the Rayders in scoring with 14 points and added four steals. Sasha Spenceley contributed 10 points and six steals, including a perfect 8 for 8 night from the free throw line. Robin Petzak had 10 points and three steals.

Against Harbor, the Rayders shook off another slow start, trailing 9-4 after one quarter. A 22-6 second quarter advantage for Charlevoix led to a 26-15 lead.

After leading 35-24 after three

quarters, a 17-6 margin for the Rayders in the final quarter pushed the game out of reach.

Zimmerman again led the Rayder scorers with 10. Becca Madison scored nine and Petzak chipped in with eight. Bethany Pearson pulled down 10 rebounds.

Charlevoix (4-2 overall, 2-0 Lake Michigan Conference) hosted Ellsworth on Sept. 26. Results were unavailable at press time. The Rayders host Grayling in league action on Thursday, Sept. 28.



Photo courtesy of Petoskey News-Review

Run like the wind

Charlevoix's Alina Dhaseleer (above) won the girls' 11-12 grade race and the Rayders' Alex Buday was first in the boys' 9-10 race Saturday Sept. 23 at the Petoskey Cross Country Invitational at Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga. Dhaseleer's winning time was 20 minutes, 8 seconds. Buday's was 17:40. Led by Dhaseleer, Charlevoix took first in the 11-12 grade girls race with 37 points. Charlevoix was first overall in the girls' meet. The Rayders were fourth in the boys' meet.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Monday Men's Senior League Sept. 18, 2006				Church League - Sept. 20, 2006				Has Beens				Charlevoix Foot Clinic			
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St. Mary's of Charlevoix	5	3		R & C Roofing	111	39		Past Timers	5	7		7000's Food Store	2	10	
J Arnold Painting "A"	5	3		State Farm Insurance	100	50		Half & Half	4	8		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
Seigh Trucking	5	3		Mark White Paint & Stain	90	60		Mesites	3	9		Marlene Evans	562	241	
Paul Bunyan Lanes	5	3		Paul Bunyan Lanes	88	81		Irish Rollers	3	9		Jane Holm	519	192	
J Arnold Painting "2"	4	4		Lutherans	52	98		St. Mary's	3	9		Cathy Sullivan	539	192	
Bud's Buds	1	7		Lakeshore Tire	30	120		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Gutter Gals - Sept. 21, 2006			
The Flight Deck	1	7		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Mo Dixon	481	191		W	L		
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Chris Putman	636	221		Don Bamback	445	179		Burger King of Charlevoix	40	20	
Scott Blechel	636	221		Gordy Seigh	613	220		Ralph Kibson	441	170		Laural & Company	36	24	
John Fiedorek	621	223		John Fiedorek	626	216		Tuesday Night Ladies - Sept. 19, 2006				Argonne Supper Club	22	38	
Del Hart	609	221		Patty Browe	613	220		Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	9	3		Paul Bunyan Lanes	22	38	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Mick Luchenbill	613	220		Paul Bunyan Lanes	8.5	3.5		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Young At Hearts - Sept. 21, 2006				Central Drug Store	6.5	5.5		Annette Hosler	590	211	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				W	L			Jane Holm's Team	6	6		Jane Holm	524	186	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Spartan	12	0		Mary Ann's Takeout	6	6		Mary O'Brien	501	185	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Annette Hosler of the Gutter Gals League had an actual Series of 590 with a high game of 211.

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The five-day workshop, offered by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, will be held Oct. 4, 5, 6 and 26, 27. The sessions are held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Char-Em ISD offices in Charlevoix.

LSCI offers adults who work with youth an array of tools to respond to a child/student's chronic pattern of self-defeating behavior.

According to LSCI co-trainer James Marquait, the foundation of LSCI is based on developing a caring relationship with the student/youth.

"It all stems from the belief that a student in crisis — regardless of how angry, depressed, fearful, or anxious — wants to tell his or her story and be understood and respected. Once this occurs, the

opportunity for personal insights, new skills, and responsibility can follow," said Marquait, former principal of Char-Em ISD's Onon School, a center-based program for students with severe behavioral issues.

More than 250 people have been trained in LSCI throughout the ISD, said Nancy Koehler, a co-trainer for the workshop. Koehler has been an educator for more than 20 years with 11 years experience teaching severely emotionally impaired youth. She is currently a behavior specialist to local school districts through Char-Em ISD.

"Having a focus outside the superficial behaviors of troubled youth has given both staff and children a feeling of hope and severely limited the unending cycles of conflict that seem to surround many of these children," Marquait said.

To register for the workshop, call Julie Hersha at (231) 547-9947.

Charlevoix County Republican Women to meet Thursday, Oct. 5

The Charlevoix County Republican Women will meet from 8:30 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5 in the Round Lake Room at the Weatherone Restaurant in Charlevoix.

The featured speaker is Nola Rae Batch, president of the Republican Women's Federation

of Michigan. Batch will officially present the group with their charter. Membership in the Charlevoix County Republican Women also includes membership in National Federation of Republican Women which was founded in September 1938 in Chicago, Ill.

Local Republican candidates will be on-hand at the meeting. Cost to attend meeting is \$5 which includes hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available.

For more information, call Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

Moms and Tots Benefit Banquet

The Sixth Annual Benefit Banquet for the Moms & Tots Pregnancy Resource Center will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church Hall.

The center serves the needs of pregnant girls and single mothers in southern Charlevoix and northern Antrim County. A free sumptuous feast including homemade pies will be served followed by an enjoyable and informative program including music and testimonies.

A free-will offering will be received. For information or to make a reservation, call (231) 588-2200.

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Senior Center seeks Meals on Wheels drivers

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Those interested should contact Linda Johnson at Char-Em ISD at (231) 547-9947. Interviews will begin immediately. Char-Em ISD is located at 68568 Mercer Boulevard in Charlevoix.



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And the winner is...

The winner of the 2006 Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce car raffle, Grace Hater, of Charlevoix, accepts the keys to her new Pontiac Solstice convertible from chamber board chairman, Jim Berlage. Hater's big win was announced at a Business After Hours event Sept. 14. Cash prizes were awarded to Charlie Winn of Charlevoix (\$500), James Doig Jr. of Northville (\$250) and Steve Vink of Grand Rapids (\$250).

City PD investigates tire slashing incident

The Charlevoix Police Department is investigating a series of malicious destruction of property (MDOP) complaints that occurred early Sunday morning, Sept. 24.

At least 14 vehicles had their tires cut. Most of the vehicles were parked in an assisted living housing complex on West Garfield Avenue.

Investigators are reviewing security video from the complex but are requesting anyone with information to contact the Charlevoix Police Department at (231) 547-3258.

A reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS Monday, September 18, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed accepting the bid from Jess Construction for the construction of the Northeast Access Walk in the amount of \$11,560.
- Motion passed authorizing the FAA grant for updating the Airport Master Plan for \$23,282.
- Resolution 2006-09-03 adopted, approving Lexalite's application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.
- Resolution 2006-09-04 adopted, setting a hearing on the application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from DCL, Inc. on Monday, October 2, 2006.
- The Mayor called a special meeting/work sessions on Monday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. for an on-site visit and discussion of the Eaton Street public access.
- Council went into closed session to discuss CWA union negotiations.

Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Synopsis - September 13, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on September 13, 2006. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the August 9, 2006 meeting as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #06-059, Extension Director, Dean Solomon effective September 1, 2006.

Motion approved Resolution #06-060, Grandvue Operating Transfer and authorized Treasurer to make this transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #06-061, Project Authorization Transit Section 5309 Statewide Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute the same.

Motion approved Resolution #06-062, Section 5311 Capital Surface Transportation Program and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute the same.

Motion approved Resolution #06-063, Section 5311 Revised Operating Project Authorization and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute the same.

Motion approved Resolution #06-064, Adopt Farmland & Open Space Preservation Ordinance.

Motion approved Resolution #06-065, 2006/07 Child Care Budget and authorizes Chairman Patrick to sign said document.

Motion approved Resolution #06-066, 2006/07 Child Care Budget and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign the amended budget.

Motion approved Resolution #06-067, Agreement Between Charlevoix County and The Charlevoix Senior Center and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #06-068, 2006/07 September Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #06-069, Snowmobile Grant and authorized the Sheriff to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #06-070, Amend Crime Victim's Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #06-071, 2006/07 P.A. Grant Application and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #06-072, Waste Hauler Agreement.

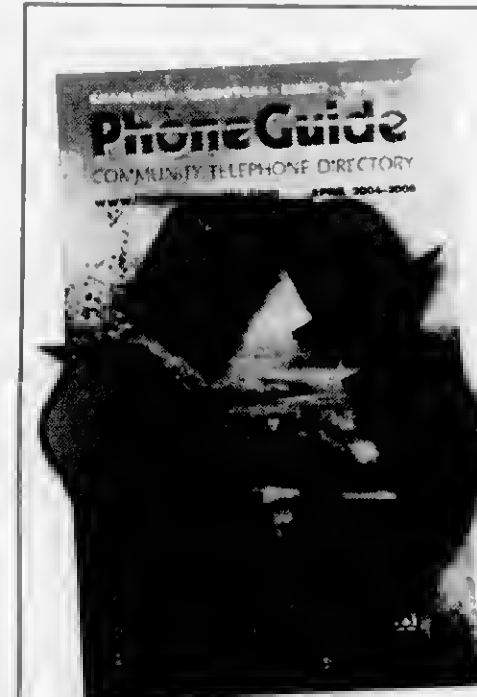
Motion approved Resolution #06-073, Bikeway Maintenance Agreement Commissioner Roloff voting no.

Motion approved Closed Session.

Motion approved agreement between Ms. Baemon and Charlevoix County.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Janet E. Brannon County Clerk



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SERVICES AVAILABLE 084

ARE YOU a Displaced Homemaker? Have you lost the income of a family member through Divorce, or the Death of your spouse? Have you been out of the work force and need assistance with a resume, or interview skills? The Women's Resource Center offers the Displaced Homemaker program. The DH program provides free career advising and guidance to help you market yourself for employment. Tuition assistance may be available for those who qualify. For more information, contact the WRC at (231)348-6699.

(09-27-1-084)

AFFORDABLE STONEWORKS of Charlevoix. Fireplaces, chimneys, retainer walls and decorative landscaping. Call (231)437-0159.

(09-13-3-084)

INSURANCE

Charlevoix Agency Inc. Locally owned and operated, A+ Companies, A+ Service (231)547-4441

(8-19-11-084)

EMPLOYMENT 086

MAMMOGRAPHY X-RAY Tech needed for busy Petoskey Radiology Office. No nights. No weekends. Send resume to Image North, 1114 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey, MI 49770.

(09-27-3-086)

In memory of Bernie Holtzman

April 11, 1952 - September 27, 2002

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. It broke our hearts to lose you. But you did not go alone for part of us went with you the day God called you home. Now all we have is memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping. We always have you in our hearts. Rest in peace, Bernie, rest in peace. God bless Bernie's soul.

Love and Hugs,
Brother, Bob Holtzman &
Mother Stella Holtzman Pearl

EMPLOYMENT 086

THE CHARLEVOIX Public Library has moved into a brand new 30,000 sq. ft. facility. We need an energetic person to join our team to assist in maintaining the facility. This person will be responsible for building and equipment maintenance, ordering supplies, opening facility for before & after hour meetings, and meeting room set-ups. Visit our website to see the job description, www.charlevoixlibrary.org. Send a letter & resume or stop by the library for an application, 220 W. Clinton St. Application deadline is Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

(09-27-1-086)

GRANDVUE MEDICAL Care Facility: Grandvue will be starting a new nurse aide training class on November 6. If you have an interest in helping others, this is your opportunity to start your medical career in a state-of-the-art facility. Training is paid after 3-day probationary period, with hourly wages ranging from \$9.25 - \$9.46 depending on time off benefit plan selected. Upon receiving CNA certification, hourly wages increase to \$9.48 - \$10.05 per hour. Positions will be available on the afternoon and mid-night shifts. Apply in person at 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan. Call Jane Korthase at (231)536-2286 with any questions.

(09-27-2-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

Big Brothers Big Sisters AmeriCorps position! Work throughout Charlevoix County on current mentoring program, recruit new mentors, build community support. Required: live in Charlevoix County, 2 yrs college, outgoing, great organizational skills, computer knowledge, independent worker, excellent presentation and communication skills, committed to serve at least 1 yr. Compensation: living allowance of \$10,900, health insurance, \$4,725 education award. Mileage, supplies covered. Start October 23. Fax resume to BBBS, (231)932-7820 or 856 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, MI 49686.

(09-20-2-086)

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS Pre-school/Sunshine Club is looking for an enthusiastic, responsible caregiver for afternoons. Some cleaning required. If interested call (231)547-3220.

(09-13-3-086)

GARAGE & RUMMAGE SALES 100

YARD SALE, Sat. & Sun., Sept. 30 & Oct. 1st, 9-6. Furniture, antiques and general household items. 602 Second Street, East Jordan.

(09-27-1-100)

BERGMANN CENTER, \$1.00 Bag Sale, September 28th and 29th from 9 am - 3 pm.

(09-27-1-100)

GARAGE & RUMMAGE SALES 100

GARAGE SALE, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1st from 9 to 5. 114 Eaton St., Charlevoix. Dishes, small appliances, luggage, record player, records, furniture & more!

(09-27-1-100)

YARD SALE, September 29th, 30th & Oct. 1st from Dawn to Dusk. 906 1/2 Bridge St., Charlevoix. Please park on side street.

(09-27-1-100)

MOVING SALE, every Friday & Saturday, 8AM - ? until September 30th. Everything must go! 414 State Street in Boyne City.

(09-13-3-100)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

PRE-FINISHED FLOORING on sale - 3" Rustic Maple and 3" Rustic Birch for \$3.49 sq.ft. Pre-finished 3 1/4" Natural Hickory for \$4.39 sq.ft. Northern Michigan Hardwoods, (231)347-4575.

(09-20-2-134)

PRE-FINISHED EXOTICS - 3" Brazilian Cherry for \$5.25 sq.ft., 3" Tigerwood for \$7.35 sq.ft. Northern Michigan Hardwoods, (231)347-4575.

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ALL WIDTHS of Natural Hard Maple on sale for \$2.29 sq.ft. Northern Michigan Hardwoods, (231)347-4575.

(09-20-2-134)

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS

Sales professionals needed for our Charlevoix and other dealerships. Salary plus commission - earning potential \$60,000+. Health care and retirement available. If you are an individual with integrity, good organizational skills, and a successful sales background, then we want to see your resume. Send to: ICC, P.O. Box 146, Acme, MI 49610.

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

DESIGNER FURNITURE Sale, beautiful walnut dining table w/6 chairs. 60 x 80 w/leaf \$850. Stunning Limestone coffee table \$650. Heavy wood nook table, w/4 upholstered chairs \$925. Leather sofa \$1,200. Lamps, pictures, rugs and miscellaneous. Call (231)237-9043.

(09-13-3-134)

FUEL & FIREWOOD 137

SEASONED HARD Maple firewood. \$60.00 face cord delivered. Leave message. (231)547-0845.

(09-20-3-137)

CONDOS FOR SALE OR/RENT 158

EDGEWATER INN, luxury 1 BD, 2 BA, washer/dryer. No Smoking/No Pets. Water included. Lease plus deposit. \$750/month. Call (517)881-5938.

(09-13-3-158)

VACATION CONDO, Captain's Watch, Park Avenue, Charlevoix. Newly furnished, 2 BR, 2 BA, fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer. NS/No pets/No children under 8yrs. Sleeps 4. \$900/month October - June. \$500 damage deposit. Call (248)224-9632.

(09-13-3-158)

EDGEWATER INN, 1 bd, 2 ba. Month to Month lease. No pets, no smoking. All utilities, plus cable included. Lease plus deposit, \$900.00 per month. (517)719-8637.

(06-14-11-158)

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. (231)881-3528.

(3-9-11-158)

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE 162

CHARLEVOIX, MOBILE home on Land Contract. Quiet area of Lake Terrace Park. Lower level near lake. \$1,500 down. Call (313)582-1898.

(09-13-3-162)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX nice 2nd floor office room, \$300 + util. - Call Aila (231)547-7916.

(09-13-3-168)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169

CHARLEVOIX, NORTHPOINTE, 1-BR Duplex on Lake Michigan. Private entry. Newly remodeled. Washer/Dryer hookup. No Pets/No smoking. \$525/month plus utilities. Call (231)547-0279.

(09-20-3-169)

CHARLEVOIX, 1/2 OFF Security Deposit till September 30th at Lake Harbor Apartments. Clean, friendly community. Call before gone. EHO/Barrier Free. (231)547-6870.

(08-16-7-169)

APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT 169

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX large one bedroom, remodeled, new appliances. \$550 plus utilities, no pets. Call (231)547-6715, evenings. (05-31-11-169)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000, weekly rates available. Phone (989)463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-11-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

INSIDE STORAGE Charlevoix Area. Boats, RV's, Autos, \$1.50 sq. ft. Call (734)646-9345.

(09-20-6-174)

BELLS BAY, Charlevoix, 20 x 45 x 20 high with 20 x 20 loft, 20 x 20 door. Inside separate boat storage available. Call (231)547-5671.

(08-02-6-174)

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call (231)547-6445.

(9-15-11-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

(3-31-11-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. (231)547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-11-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

(8-27-11-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed, Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

(8-27-11-181)

AUTOS FOR SALE 191

1987, 4 door Buick Station Wagon. Good condition. \$1,000. Call (231)547-2958.

(09-27-3-191)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIP. 203

TWO JET SKIS w/trailer, '92 Seadoo and '93 Kawasaki, Shorelander trailer w/storage box and more. \$3,450. Call (586)786-7342 or (586)707-1047.

(09-13-3-203)

BIDS WANTED 209

NOTICE OF BID

North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) is seeking bid proposals for Specialized Residential Bed Day for adults with mental illness. Services would include specialized residential care and supervision in a specialized residential licensed facility accessible to NCCMH clinical staff. All interested parties should contact Carol Balousek, Administrative Secretary, at (231) 347-9605, Ext. 3048 to obtain a bid packet. Or, you may click on the "Notice of Bid" link on the NCCMH website at www.norccommh.org to print off material. A pre-bid conference will be held on October 6, 2006 at 10:00 AM at the administrative offices of NCCMH, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, to address any questions regarding the bid packets.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE

BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Timothy R. Hastert and Rose T. Hastert, husband and wife, to Raymond W. Wallick and Victoria B. Wallick, husband and wife, dated February 20, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 20, 2002, in Liber 459, Pages 263 through 265 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of \$100,461.73 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of eleven (11%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises

being situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Beginning on the West line of Section 8, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, 999.00 feet South 01 degrees 25'20" East from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence East parallel with the North line of said section 1313.87 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence South 01 degrees 26'50" East along said eighth line 333.0 feet; thence West 1314.02 feet to the West line of said section; thence North 01 degrees 25'20" West 333.0 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period, as made and provided by

unless presented to Kenneth G. Whitley, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 19, 2006

Barron & Engstrom, PLC
Daniel B. Barron P35659
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9950

Kenneth G. Whitley
311 W. Lincoln Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-6454

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE TIME NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004; and a second mortgage dated the 8th day of December, 2004; respectively and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, page 137 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 20th day of July, 2006 in Liber 756 of Charlevoix County Records, Pages 886-895, respectively on which mortgages there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Fifty One Cents (\$395,656.51), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs,

charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 2595.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43" East 182.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwestern line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwestern line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said Northwestern highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" West 248.96 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated:

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee
Howard & Gupta, P.C. (P-45739)
Ajay Gupta
Attorney for Premier Realty

Group, Inc.
1020 Springwells
Detroit, MI 48209
(313) 849-0567
L(09/20, 09/27, 10/04, 10/11, 10/18)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 15, 2004, by Lori Brzezckowski, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on November 30, 2004, at Liber 653, Page 397, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$61,299.56 principal, \$1,331.92 interest, and late fees of \$30.00; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, October 27, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL B:

Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet), along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 01°08'55" East 531.00 feet; thence North 01°06'04" West 319.87 feet; thence North 89°00'12" West 112.68 feet; thence North 01°28'58" West 200.00 feet; thence South 89°00'12" East 405.63 feet; thence North 88°31'02" East 468.60 feet

to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" East 50.00 feet (recorded as South 01°30'24" East); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

(recorded as North 88°29'36" East), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" West 150.00 feet (recorded as North 01°30'24" West); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the West line of said Section 4; thence along said West line, South 01°08'55" East 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East), to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO AND INCLUDING: a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet), along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence South 89°00'12" East 823.43 feet, along a line not intending to be on the East & West 1/4 line; thence North 88°31'02" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" West 170.00 feet (recorded as North 01°30'24" West), to the centerline of a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement; thence the following courses and distances along the centerline of a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement: thence South 79°17'03" West 111.99 feet; thence North 86°39'06" West 361.85 feet; thence North 80°13'52" West 333.92 feet; thence South 38°12'55" West 293.10 feet; thence South 24°33'35" West 257.31 feet; thence South 07°43'24" East 290.00, to the Point of Ending.

PARCEL C: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet), along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 01°08'55" West 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East), for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said West line, North 01°08'55" West 572.97 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 89°58'37" East 659.83 feet; thence South 01°08'48" East 305.62 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 88°28'16" East 160.84 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East); thence South 01°28'58" East 200.00 feet (recorded as South 01°30'24" East); thence North 88°28'16" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East), to the centerline of Maple

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, South 01°28'58" East 50.00 feet (recorded as South 01°30'24" East); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO AND INCLUDING: a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet); along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence South 89°00'12" East 823.43 feet, along a line not intending to be on the East & West 1/4 line; thence North 88°31'02" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" West 170.00 feet (recorded as North 01°30'24" West), to the centerline of a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement; thence the following courses and distances along the centerline of a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement; thence South 79°17'03" West 111.99 feet; thence North 86°39'06" West 361.85 feet; thence North 80°13'52" West 333.92 feet; thence South 38°12'55" West 293.10 feet; thence South 24°33'35" West 257.31 feet; thence South 07°43'24" East 290.00, to the Point of Ending.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 7.0% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: September 20, 2006

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Potoskey, MI
49770

Joel D. Wurster
(P48708)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Duane R. Skop, a single person, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 30, 2002 and recorded May 2, 2002 in Liber 468, Page 895, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 79/100 Dollars (\$109,212.79) including interest at 5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 27, 2006. Said premises are located in the Township of South Ann, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a three-fourths inch rod at the East quarter corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence South 0 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds East along the East line of said Section and along the center line of Ranney Road 497.18 feet; thence North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 34.79 feet to a one-half inch rod on the West line of said road; thence continuing North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 1346.87 feet to a one-half inch rod on the East eighth line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 58 seconds West along the East eighth line 111.37 feet to a one-half inch rod on the East and West quarter line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds West along said East eighth line 661.19 feet to a one-half inch rod on the North line of the South one-half of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast fractional quarter of said Section; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East 51.05 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Southwest line of Flagg Road; thence continuing South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East along said center line of Flagg Road; thence South 31 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 663.61 feet; thence continuing South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East along said center line 663.61 feet; thence continuing along said center line on a curve to the left 238.67 feet (radius of said curve is 242.54 feet and the chord bears South 59 degrees 53 minutes 35 seconds East 229.16 feet) to a point on said East and West one-quarter line; thence along said centerline South 88 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds East 74.52 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East one-half of the East one-half of fractional Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. **TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: September 27, 2006

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88 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds East along said East and West quarter line and along the center line of Flagg Road 673.56 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. Excepting there from: Commencing at a three-fourths inch rod at the East one-quarter corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West one-quarter line of said Section North 88 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds West 599.04 feet to a point in the centerline of Flagg Road; being the point of beginning of this description; thence South 05 degrees 08 minutes 22 seconds West 33.05 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Southerly line of said road; thence continuing South 05 degrees 05 minutes 22 seconds West 279.39 feet to a one-half inch rod; thence North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds East 719.14 feet to a one-half inch rod on the East one-eighth line of said Section; thence along said East one-eighth line North 00 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds West 651.19 feet to a one-half inch rod on the North line of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast fractional one-quarter of said Section; thence along aforementioned line South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East 51.05 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Southwesterly line of said road; thence continuing along aforementioned line South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East 34.61 feet to the center of said road; thence along said centerline South 31 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 663.61 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the left 238.67 feet (radius of said curve is 242.54 feet and the chord bears South 59 degrees 53 minutes 35 seconds East 229.16 feet) to a point on said East and West one-quarter line; thence along said centerline South 88 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds East 74.52 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East one-half of the East one-half of fractional Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. **TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

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SEPT. 25 LIBRARY REOPENS

The Charlevoix Public Library re-opened for service in its new home at 220 West Clinton St., on Monday, Sept. 25.

The library's hours in the new facility are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call the library at (231) 547-2651.

SEPT. 27 NORWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Norwood Area Historical Society will host a presentation by Chuck Cleland at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27 in the Norwood schoolhouse in the village of Norwood. Cleland's topic will be "The Treaty of 1836 and how the U.S. acquired Northern Michigan." Cleland, a resident of Norwood, is a well-known figure in American archaeology and an expert in Native American history.

SEPT. 30 NORTHERN LIGHTS

Charlevoix St. Mary School is preparing for its annual Northern Lights Celebration fundraiser.

The 2006 dinner, dance and auction will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 30 in the family center at the school.

The cost is \$75 per person and includes an open bar and dinner provided by Jordan Inn.

Raffles and live and silent auctions will take place and Class Act Productions will perform. A children's art gallery will be on display.

Those who would like to preview the auction are welcome to attend a preview night from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 29. Light refreshments will be

served at the preview.

For more information or to order tickets, call (231) 547-9441 or (231) 547-6652.

OCT. 1 CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsals for the annual Charlevoix Area Community "Christmas" Choir will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

Presentation dates are at 6 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10 at the Community Reformed Church.

OCT. 2 YOUTH POOL PROGRAMS

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool offers fall "Youth Get Involved" programs.

Junior Lifeguarding for students 10 and older. Students will be introduced to safety skills including ring toss, reach and throw rescues and pool rules. Students will learn how to perform a chemical test on the pool. Upon completion students will be able to volunteer at the pool as a Junior Lifeguard and receive an official Junior Lifeguard T-shirt. The program will take place from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Mondays from Oct. 2 through Oct. 23. The cost is \$20 for district residents and \$25 for non-district residents.

Swim Lesson Instructor Aids program is for kids 12 and up. Students will be introduced to safety skills including ring toss, reach and throw rescues and pool rules. Students will learn hands on how to assist a swim teacher with swim lessons, students will demonstrate skills and assist the teacher with swim classes. The program will take place on two Monday nights between Oct. 2 and Oct. 23.

and six Saturday mornings between Oct. 28 and Dec. 9. The cost is \$20 for district residents and \$25 for non-district residents.

Lifeguard Training Class is offered to students ages 15 and up who can swim 500 yards continuously, submerge seven-feet to retrieve a 10-pound brick and tread water for two minutes just using legs. This includes CPR for the professional rescuer and First Aid. Classes meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday nights from Oct. 30 through Dec. 18 and from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 4.

To register or for more information, call (231) 547-0982.

OCT. 13 FRIGHT NIGHT

The Charlevoix Children's House presents Fright Night at the Castle. The event will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Master Card and Visa accepted. Costumes are encouraged. Silent auction, dinner by Grey Gables, music provided by A+ Digital DJ, costume prizes awarded. Purchase tickets at Charlevoix Screen Masters. Call (231) 547-5111 for more information.

OCT. 14 BIG ROCK EXHIBIT CLOSURES

The Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant exhibit at the Depot will close at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14. It is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at the Depot. Almost 1,300 visitors have seen it. For more information call (231) 547-0373.

NOV. 13 HOSPITAL CONTEST

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is pleased to announce that their "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" is now open.

Visit the hospital gift shop, read the information and win a \$100 gift certificate if your gift shop name is chosen. Entrants need not be present to win.

The gift shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The contest deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Judges will choose the best gift shop name on Nov. 13.

SKATEPARK HOURS

Fall hours for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark are as follows: From 3 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday (close at 5 p.m. for home football games); from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The site is located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

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HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

Fall and winter hours at the Harsha House Historical Museum are from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

GRANGE AUCTION

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in spring 2007 in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

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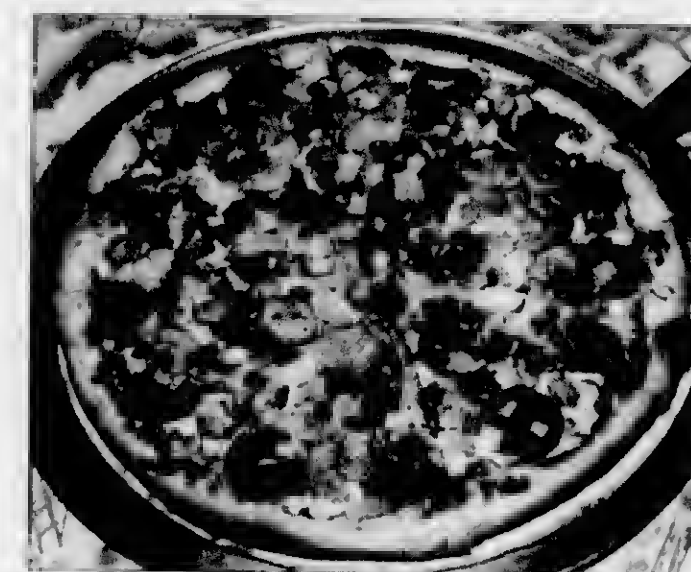
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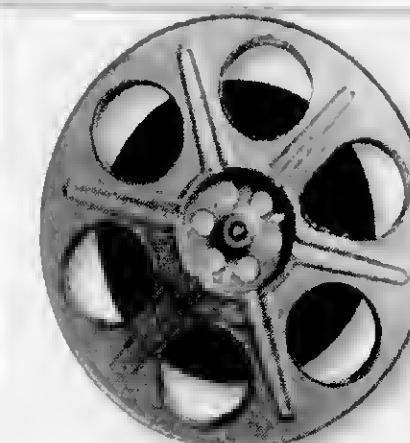
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The 2006 Charlevoix High School Homecoming court includes (front, from left) Christina Bourassa, Meagan Sell, Zita Anderson, Emily Heffling, Robyn Petzak, Lindi Edger, (back row) Dustin Arp, Jacob Wimmer, Billy Roloff, Derek Friske, Brad Cyr and Matt Kanine. The king and queen will be crowned at half-time of the Rayder, Kalkaska matchup, Oct. 6 at Kipke Field. For homecoming events information, see page 13.

Petitioners seek signatures to oust township treasurer

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Petitioners looking to recall Eveline Township treasurer, Debra Jason, will hit the streets the week of Oct. 14 asking residents to support her removal.

"This township needs to get things straightened out and move forward," said Susan Parks, an Eveline Township resident and petition circulator. "We need a qualified person who is going to do the job correctly and efficiently."

At a Sept. 27 clarity hearing, the Charlevoix County Election Commission certified the recall petition wording submitted by Nancy Ferguson on Sept. 18 to the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office.

A group of at least 10 circulators now need 164 signatures supporting Jason's removal to get the request on the Feb. 27, 2007 election ballot.

"I feel pretty confident we can do that. It's important for our township that we do it," Ferguson said.

Two of the three election com-



Debra Jason

mission members were present at the clarity hearing — Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, and 7th Probate Judge, Frederick Mulhauser, County clerk.

Jane Brammon, was absent.

The wording makes several allegations concerning Jason including her failure to pay \$276,000 from the township tax account to Charlevoix Public Schools in 2004, her decision to close a post office box in spite of an auditor's recommendation to keep it open, her failure to deposit checks totaling not less than \$70,000 from the township tax account to the township general fund in 2006 and several others regarding the township's finances.

While the petition wording is packed with allegations, Jarema

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The community will celebrate the completion of the Charlevoix Public Library at a grand opening celebration Oct. 7. The library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

Library hosts grand opening

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

"Pretty darn good," is how Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, feels about the library's new 34,000 square-foot location.

The library is currently open to the public, with the grand opening ceremony occurring, 12:30

p.m., Oct. 7 at the new facility at 220 West Clinton St.

"Two years ago, it was hard to really see this point, but we've been working pretty (hard) toward this, so it's nice that we're here," Meyerson said. "We (library staff) were looking at a DVD, that we're looping during the grand opening of the whole construction project, and looking

back at where the building was a year ago. I can't believe it ever looked like that."

She added, "It's remarkable." Staffing numbers and the operating budget have doubled since the move from the old library.

"Which is pretty good considering we've quadrupled our size," Meyerson said.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court.

Casey James Fortune, 45, Boyne Falls. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for three days; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; not to enter Glen's Markets; \$300 in fines and costs.

Michael Robert Delaney, 38, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated, second offense; driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed; open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day; serve 60 days in jail; serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device; 214 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; \$1,630 in fines and costs.

Angela Lynn Rostar, 24, Charlevoix. Motor vehicle-operate without security. Serve 10 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Steven Richard Cosgrove, 27, Grawn. Use of methadone; driving while license suspended-first offense. Serve 18 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,060 in fines and costs.

Ann Luyckx Ottenhoff, 44, Grosse Pointe Park. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend alcohol awareness program and VIP; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Dennis Robert Mailloux, 33, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day; serve 10 days in jail; 30 days on an electronic monitoring device; 72 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$300 in fines and costs.

Mildred Bernice Sherwood, 57, Charlevoix. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve 46 days in jail with credit for one day; serve five days in jail; 40 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; not to enter Glen's Markets; \$350 in fines and costs.

Patrick Kelly Collins, 45, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day; to serve 12 days in jail; 157 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; \$500 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Leigh Ward, 44, Elk Rapids. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling \$550.

Wade Russell Leist, 22, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day; 77 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test;

not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse meetings; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

Jacqueline Marie Goodenough, 39, Alba. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied. Serve eight days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Michael Joseph Lepoudre, 21, Boyne City. Motor vehicle, operator without security. Serve six days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Raymond Dean Kleinschrodt, 17, Petoskey. Embezzlement agent/trust greater than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 40 days in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; curfew 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.; letter of apology to victim; \$850 in fines and costs.

Joseph Allen Lesniak, 19, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

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Election commission certifies Eveline recall petition wording

RECALL

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said the election commission's only duty is to make sure it is clear to those who read it — determining its accuracy is not part of their responsibilities.

Kelly Chesney, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of State, said according to Article 2, Section 8 of the state constitution, "The board's role does not extend to the accuracy of statements. The clarity hearing makes everything a public record as to why the recall is underway."

Jason, who currently has two years remaining in his term, did not return calls by press time regarding the accuracy of the recall wording.

Parks said the reason for the recall is simple.

"We need a qualified person who is going to do the job correctly and efficiently," she said. "I wish she hadn't withdrawn her resignation. It would have saved everyone a lot of time, effort and money. And would have saved the township the unpleasantness of the recall. No one is anxious to do a recall."

Jason withdrew her resignation on Sept. 14, two days after agreeing to step down in

the face of pressure from the township board and some residents.

Earlier, at that same Sept. 12 meeting, township clerk Don Hayden offered his resignation in writing, which the board accepted. On Monday, the board selected Michelle Johnson, one of seven candidates, to replace Hayden.

But Jason's verbal resignation wasn't enough to seal the deal. And she said in the days following she received "a great deal of support" to stay in office from many township residents.

This is the second recall initiative in Eyeline Township in just over three years. The last one culminated with a vote in May 2003. At that time, voters supported keeping former township supervisor Dan Skreczkoski and Hayden on board. Petitioners who worked to bring the issue to a vote claimed they wanted to unseat Skreczkoski and Hayden because they weren't "responsive to the people."

"I would hate to see this fail after all the effort. I feel this one is necessary and has more support," said Parks, who was also a petition circulator during the Skreczkoski/Hayden recall.

BIRTHS

Jackson Jeffrey Crouse weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces was born on Sept. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeff and Sarah Crouse. His grandparents are John and Elizabeth Carnes of Frankenmuth and Phil and Edna Crouse of Stanwood.

Twins, Alexis Ann and Alivia Ann Bacon, weighing 5 pounds, 10 ounces and 5 pounds, 4 ounces respectively were born on Sept. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Steven Bacon and Angela VanBrandt of Bellaire. Their siblings are Jessica, Nichole, Brianna, Steven and Cameron. Their grandparents are John and Lois Holder of Skidway Lake, Robert Bacon of Bellaire, Nancy Bacon of Bellaire, Marvin and Sandy VanBrandt of Brown City and Merida VanBrandt of Brown City.

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Oct. 7 grand opening at Charlevoix Public Library

LIBRARY

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Meyerson urged the entire community to attend the grand opening, where there will be live music, a ribbon cutting ceremony, local veterans will present a flag, an elder from a local Indian tribe will bless the building and there will even be a treasure hunt for the kids.

"Once we open (approximately 1 p.m.), we'll be doing different demonstrations of the different technology," she said. "We have extended programming, more technology training, meeting and conference room space, quiet reading space, brand new music collections, and we have expanded all of our other collections. We have a fire place in our periodical room, a special area for teens, we have vending machines and in the kids area, we have a specialty puppet stage and a story phone."

Up to eight people can simultaneously call 237-READ (7323) from anywhere or pick up a story phone and listen in at the library to be treated to a different children's story each week.

Other new programs include short classes on starting an e-mail account, using the library's catalog and using eBay.

"Then we'll have the college (North Central Michigan

College) coming in and doing more in-depth classes on word processing and basic computing classes," Meyerson said.

Visitors to the new library will be welcomed by the children's garden which features a large kaleidoscope and a pondless waterfall.

A cart for donations of books to the library is in the Mason St. lobby of the new building. The library's collection includes 8,000 new books.

Meyerson, who has been with the library for five years, said she already feels at home in Charlevoix's Goliath warehouse of information.

"I hope everybody comes and finds something they want," she

said. "If they think we're not meeting their needs and we don't have something they want, they just need to ask."

The Charlevoix Public Library Board recently went into closed session to discuss the sale of the 109 Clinton St. property. To date, two entities have bid on the property.

"That's going along pretty well," Meyerson said of the potential sale of the building. "We're awaiting a callback from the school."

Meyerson said, if all goes right, the property could be sold by the end of this year.

For more information on the grand opening or library programs, call (231) 547-2651.

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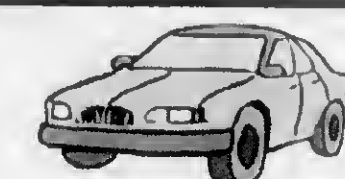
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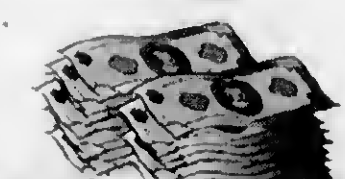
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Maturing with the library building



A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

The fire is lit in the fireplace and the gentle gurgle of bubbles can be heard in the pond. A fair-haired child is lifted from the pond as he is trying to acquire his catch of the day — a fish the color of sunset escapes from his eager little fingers. Class is about to start and the teacher has picked one of his favorite books. All is quiet and the pitter patter of little feet are now carefully tucked under their bottoms and they sit patiently waiting to hear a story from the person they regard so highly — their kindergarten teacher.

The story is over and now it's outside to play and take in

the sun, the northern Michigan sky, and look for little creatures scurrying among the rocks and trees. A game of marbles begins and the fair-haired lad grabs his bag of colored glass and joins his friends on the far corner of the building. Intent in his game he looks up occasionally so as not to miss the signal that recess is over and class is about to begin.

A whistle cuts into the air and while gathering his things he takes a quick glance upwards giving in one last view of the homes seated along the street that faces the security of his corner. He wondered about the people who inhabit them and what it would be like to live in a stately home such as those that quietly grace this shaded neighborhood.

Thirty years pass and the young man, Lyle Gennett, is living in one of the homes he admired as a small child playing marbles with his friends on

that very corner of the building. He's married now and with two daughters. Time quickly passes and it's time to watch the girls wave good-bye and wish them luck as they venture forth into the realm of middle school.

Fall turns to winter and the schools track area is flooded with water by men who look older than their years with ice forming on their hats and eyelashes. Skating season has begun under the stars in an area lit by a lone telephone pole that seems to heckon the area residents to take part in the activity below. The snow flakes drift around the girls as they swing their heads back to catch them on their tongues while they twirl.

Spring would arrive and the baseballs flew at great heights. If this white orb made it over the fence the sounds of children cheering could be heard echoing off the brick walls encouraging another home run. Spring faded into summer and practice would

begin for another season of recreational softball. Parents would come and go, checking in on the plays and visiting with other parents whose children had joined the team. Fall returned and soon structures resembling farm equipment encased with tissue paper would line the streets for another homecoming parade.

Then, one day the building would close its doors and all would be quiet. The bustling street became dark and silent. An occasional skateboarder would peek in the windows and wonder what was inside this large ominous building. It sat quiet for what seemed a very long time.

On a cool and sunlit morning the neighborhood was awakened by equipment bright and yellow making loud noises and letting dust plumes fly high in the air. This stately building was left naked for the world to see its many notes and murals painted in the caverns and corners making up its very existence. The

crews were busy washing and preening her for a special day. The fair-haired lad, who played marbles outside in the corner, now 50 years later, would look in astonishment at this wonderful building. It had taken on a new life, looking much as he remembered it in his youth.

The structure stands tall and proud and better than ever. It is no longer a school but still a place providing education for the entire community — a library.

Come and celebrate the opening of this beautiful historic building as she opens her doors and welcomes you. This is truly a place where your imagination takes flight. The official grand opening is at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 220 West Clinton St.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

Public libraries are family friendly



BEHIND THE NEWS

Edith Gilbert

Oh, the times. Oh, the mores. I couldn't believe my ears, but this conversation really took place on Bridge Street. A friend told me about a complaint from a couple of visitors to our beautiful new Charlevoix library. It seems they objected

to a sign stating "Adult Reading Room" because they thought this meant visitors could check out pornographic literature.

Since when has the word "adult" taken on this veiled new meaning? Yes, I know there are Adult Book Stores, but there are also Adult Day Care Centers.

Looking up the word "adult" in the dictionary, I learned it means, "Having arrived at maturity or attained full size or strength, an adult age." Why then should adult literature be confused with erotic literature? And what labels do these people suggest be given instead to the children's reading room, the young adult

reading room, and the adult reading room?

Labeling reading rooms in libraries today seems just as difficult as labeling television programs. For example CBS feels it has the right to tell parents they should be responsible for the raunchy language that is broadcast into their living rooms. The network's participation in a \$300 million industry ad campaign to teach parents about "parental controls" is even more proof of how out of touch CBS is with American families, according to the Parents Television Council. In a lawsuit, CBS currently thinks it has the "right" to air the F and

S words on the public airwaves and flaunt any decency laws. No wonder standards have become blurred. Is what is acceptable on the air, acceptable in the library? In your home? Do all families have the same standards?

If the cable industry really wants to give parents "complete control" over their televisions, they should endorse the one solution that will give parents that control — cable choice. The cable industry is scrambling now to clean up its act by spending hundreds of millions of dollars on this advertising campaign. But they aren't cleaning up anything. They want parents to do all the

work it's the same old song and dance, just repackaged in commercial form.

For all those whose minds seem to be in the gutter, let me re-iterate that all public libraries are family friendly, do not stock pornographic literature and do their best to control what is available on the Internet. The fight to control smut on the Internet is being fought now in Congress and these hills deserve our support.

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LETTERS to the editor

NO-KILL SHELTER?

Editor:
The question is simple and we are asked it nearly every day. "Are you (Charlevoix County Humane Society) a no-kill shelter?" The answer is not so simple, there's no easy "yes" or "no."

We do not have a set time limit for any animal in our care. As long as their health, behavior and temperament remain stable they have a place with us. The responsibility we have to the animals in our care and to the public can be enormous. The question we ask is, "If the temperament, behavior or health (mental or physical) make this animal an unlikely pet to be adopted should they be made to suffer in a cage?"

Animals require more than just food, water and shelter. Their need for affection and companionship is as real as our own. Even the best efforts of staff and volunteers can not change the reality that some animals can not be kennelled. To have them become depressed or aggressive because of a life sentence of confinement seems less than humane.

Who is responsible for the more than 13 million animals that are euthanized in shelters nationwide? Certainly not the shelter staff, all of whom have a love of animals or they wouldn't be doing such stressful work. The problem stems from the public perception of pets as dis-

posable and the inability of people to make a lifetime commitment to animals they bring into their homes. Un-spayed and un-neutered animals add to the animal population. Untrained animals become victims of their own bad behavior. Lastly, there are the puppy mills and backyard breeders whose main aim is to make a few extra dollars and take no other interest in the lives they have helped create once the money has changed hands.

Please do not criticize caring shelter staff for doing what they must. Remember that the public brings these "disposable animals" to the shelter's doorsteps because they will not, or can not, accept the responsibility for the care of their companion animals.

Martha Weiser
Kennel manager
Charlevoix County
Humane Society

THANKS UNITED WAY SUPPORTERS

Editor:
Char-Em United Way would like to thank all those businesses, groups and people who helped support our recent campaign kickoff event.

Our campaign is off to a great start with the help of these many generous donors. Their generosity will help us support health and human service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet

counties.

Martha Lancaster
Executive director
Char-Em United Way

COA CHANGES

Editor:
The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has lots of exciting new changes coming your way in October. We have been exploring ways to better improve meal delivery, quality and temperatures.

We are excited to announce that we have reached a working agreement with Charlevoix Senior Center and its staff so that they will begin providing meals both at their center and delivered in your home if you live in the Charlevoix area. Presently, both the Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix Senior Center are delivering meals in the Charlevoix area. Starting this month, participants will receive meals delivered by the Charlevoix Senior Center and at the same time benefit from the services provided by the Commission on Aging.

Charlevoix Senior Center meal participants will be asked to complete what is called a NAPIS reporting form, (East Jordan and Boyne Area centers are already doing this), this is a one-time form that the employees at the center will help you fill out and it collects confidential, statistical information about your age,

sex, etc. For those receiving home delivered meals under this program, a nurse will come and help you fill out the information and also help explain other services that you might be eligible for. These requirements are part of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan and our compliance is necessary to receive not only state reimbursement but also Federal USDA or now called NSIP funding for every meal that is served. This doesn't pay for the cost of the entire meal, but helps subsidize the taxpayer millage monies along with your continued contributions for the nutrition programs that we provide throughout the county. If you complete the paperwork and qualify for eligible meals you will not be charged for your meals but asked to contribute a donation of \$2 for home delivered meals and \$2 (under 60 is \$4) for senior center meals at East Jordan and Boyne Area. Charlevoix Senior Center is asking for a \$3 contribution for 60 and over and \$4.50 if under 60 at their center because they serve soup and salad daily. If you can't afford to make a donation you will still receive a meal.

Secondly, our new kitchen at the Boyne Area Senior Center will be

fully functional and ready to operate this month and we will be preparing meals for the Boyne Area seniors at the center and also delivering them from there to the Boyne Area Meals on Wheels participants. Boyne Area seniors are very excited to welcome an additional cook to their center. Andy Colyer, who has been working at the Charlevoix Senior Center, will be moving to the new Boyne Area Senior Center and will receive help from our Kitchen staff to provide hot, fresh, home-cooked meals. We are going to continue to cook meals from the East Jordan Senior Center and deliver to East Jordan area in home meal participants from the East Jordan Center.

We appreciate everyone's hard work and efforts in helping us see our changes become successes and are optimistic that this plan will work. Thank you all for your support and cooperation, we hope you enjoy the meals and appreciate your participation with the Commission on Aging and help from all of the senior centers in the county.

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County Republican Women to receive charter

The Charlevoix County Republican Women will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5 in the Round Lake Room at the Weatherlane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

The featured speaker is Nola Rae Batch, president of the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan. Batch will officially present the group with their charter. Membership in the Charlevoix County Republican Women also includes membership in National Federation of Republican Women which was founded in September 1938 in Chicago, Ill.

Local Republican candidates will be on-hand at the meeting. Cost to attend meeting is \$5 which includes hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available.

For more information, call Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

SEE-North presents glacial discovery tour Oct. 7

SEE-North will host its second annual guided bus tour of the moraines, drumlins, outwash deposits, and kettle holes left by glaciers from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 in the Petoskey Harbor Springs area.

The tour will begin and end in Petoskey, with frequent stops. The cost is \$15 per person for SEE-North members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required and space is limited.

To register or for more information, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700.

Bids for Blooms benefits KCB

Bids for Blooms, a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful fund-raising event, will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Belvedere Casino.

At the event, guests will enjoy a wide array of complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts donated by local merchants, live music provided by Yankee Station and a cash bar.

Highlighting the evening will be the silent auction. Items of interest include amazing vacation packages like a 2007 Masters Green Jacket Package for four, including four entrance badges on Saturday and Sunday, condo lodging and first-class airline transportation and a seven night Holland America Cruise to Mexico, the Caribbean or Alaska with airfare for two. Other items include a Symco Motor Scooter, wine tasting at the Rowe Inn for 30, autographed sports memorabilia, gift certificates, baskets and more.

Last chance to view Big Rock exhibit

The Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant exhibit at the Depot will close at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14.

It is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at the Depot. Almost 1,300 visitors have seen it.

For more information call (231) 547-0373.

Tickets are \$35 per person, and are available at the Inn at Grey Gables Bed and Breakfast and Charlevoix Camera.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2007. The group's primary project is purchasing, planting and watering the petunias that line Bridge Street. The petunia planting effort, called Operation Petunia, has grown to include 1,130 flats of flowers planted in one hour by approximately 1,000 volunteers under the supervision of 25 block captains. The group also donates 62 hanging baskets of petunias which hang from lampposts throughout the central business district. All of this is made possible by fundraising efforts like Bids for Blooms.

For more information about Bids for Blooms, call Erin Bemis at (231) 547-6498.

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The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra opens its 2006-2007 concert season with "Celebrating Mozart," two all-Mozart performances, on Oct. 7 and 8.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents Mozart performances

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra opens its 2006-2007 concert season with "Celebrating Mozart," all-Mozart performances in recognition of the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth.

The first performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. The second will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8 at the First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is beginning its sixth season of performances in northern Michigan and expects to perform before more than 3,000 patrons before the season closes next June.

"This concert season is perhaps our most challenging," said executive director, Dale Hull. "In November, we will perform a new piece of music commissioned by the orchestra and composed by award-

winning Michigan composer, Lynne Palmer Warren. In December, we will offer a special performance of Handel's Messiah, and at the end of the season, in June, we will celebrate the developing talent of emerging artists by offering a concerto contest for young northern Michigan musicians."

Tickets for Celebrating Mozart are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets are on sale now at the Crooked Tree Arts Center or they can be purchased at the door.

For more information, call the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at (231) 487-0010.

Charlevoix Children's House presents Fright Night, Oct. 13 at Castle Farms

Ghosts, goblins and ghouls will come together for a frightening fundraiser.

Fright Night at the Castle, a fundraiser which will benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13 at Castle Farms.

The costume party will include a buffet dinner catered by Grey Gables, a cash bar and music provided by A+ Digital DJ. A silent auction will be offered featuring an autographed photocard of Detroit Tigers player Craig Monroe, floral arrangements, gift certificates, candles, overnight stays and more.

Costumes are encouraged but not required. Best dressed prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple and are available at Charlevoix ScreenMasters, located at 12512 Taylor Road or at Charlevoix Children's House, located at 08700 Mercer Boulevard.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (231) 547-5111.



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Charlevoix's Children's House students, Kate Klinger and Jake Conway, make decorations for the school's upcoming fund-raiser, Fright Night at the Castle. The event will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13 at Castle Farms.

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OBITUARIES

Patsy VanSchoten: Jan. 20, 1932 - Sept. 22, 2006

Patsy Ann VanSchoten passed away Friday, Sept. 22.

She was born, Jan. 20, 1932 in Charlevoix, the daughter of the late Glenn and Ida (Curtis) Rose. Patsy graduated from Charlevoix High School and attended school in South Bend, Ind. becoming a dental hygienist. Later, she worked for NBD Bank in Ann Arbor retiring in 1997. She had been ill for

several years but always kept her beautiful smile and cheerful personality.

She is survived by her devoted children, Robert (Lori) VanSchoten, Glenn (Illia) VanSchoten, Cynthia Edwards, Laurie (Gene) Reece, Janet VanSchoten, Karen (Sean) Fosdick; one brother, Charles (Diana) Rose; one sister, Donna (Robert) Phillips; 10 grandchildren.

Melissa, Travis, Christy, Megan, Chelsea, Samantha, Rachel, Robbie, Zachary and Jenna; and all her friends at FMC West and Sequoia Place. All will miss her.

A funeral service took place on Sept. 26 at the Muehlig Funeral Chapel. Interment was in the Rose family plot in Charlevoix. Memorials may be offered to the FMC Kidney Dialysis Group.

Bruce MacLean: Dec. 6, 1937 - Sept. 23, 2006

Bruce Hamilton MacLean, 68, of Norwood, and formerly of Grosse Pointe, died Saturday, Sept. 23, at his home.

Bruce was born Dec. 6, 1937, in Detroit, to Kenneth H. and Virginia (Sands) MacLean. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, then joined the U.S. Navy Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 733, and served overseas during the Berlin Crisis. He then graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor of science. Bruce was employed by General Motors where he was an executive in marketing research. He retired in 1991 to his long-time vacation home

in Norwood.

Bruce enjoyed antique boats and cars, and taking care of his house and yard. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Commanders Club of Michigan. He was a former member of the Detroit Racquet Club and the Grosse Pointe Club.

He is survived by his wife, Christine M. (McPharlin) MacLean of Norwood; sons, Bruce Hamilton MacLean, Jr., James Joy MacLean, Christian Ford MacLean all of Harbor Springs; daughters Christina J. Rancilio of Dallas, Texas, Julia A. (Deano) Drost of Norwood; honorary

grandchildren Autumn, Tanner and Margaret Drost; brother, Kenneth H. MacLean of Grosse Pointe.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Norwood United Methodist Church where friends may meet with the family from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. The Rev. D. Michael Mauer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Father Fred Foundation, 826 Hastings, Traverse City, MI 49686, or the Norwood United Methodist Church, The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Clara L. Martin: May 18, 1927 - Sept. 28, 2006

Clara L. Martin, 79, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Sept. 28, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A funeral took place on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Rev. Larry Groeters officiated. Burial followed at Barnard Cemetery.

Clara was born May 18, 1927, in Charlevoix, the daughter of James Glenard and Mabel (Gregory) Cummings. She grew up in Charlevoix, graduating from Charlevoix High School in 1944. Clara graduated from Highland Park General Hospital School of Nursing in 1948, as a registered nurse. She married James A. Martin on Oct. 22, 1948, at Barnard Methodist

Church. Clara worked 21 years at Northern Michigan Hospital, retiring in 1982. Clara and Jim began wintering in Florida in 1984.

She was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Senior Center and the Barnard Grange. Clara played softball for over 25 years, and was a "bat girl" for a "70 and over" men's softball team in Florida for 13 years. Clara was also an avid bowler and enjoyed snowmobiling. Clara kept "Charlevoix beautiful" by picking up roadside debris along M-66. She also kept her Florida neighborhood streets clean. In 2006, she became a resident at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Jim preceded Clara in death June 24, 1997. She is survived by her daughter, Connie Martin of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; sons, James Allen Martin of Alanson, Greg (Betty) Martin of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Ketrina Martin, Chris Martin, Paul (Vanessa) Cunningham, Carrie (Brian) Titus, Adam Martin, Tommy Hendricks; great-grandchildren, Kamri, Kenzi and Mason Cunningham, Kyri Titus; and brother, Lloyd (Sara) Cummings of Charlevoix. Clara's brothers, Robert and Gordon Cummings preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix or to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Ida Richardson: April 27, 1921 - Sept. 28, 2006

Ida Richardson, 85, of Norwood, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 28, in Ellsworth. A funeral service took place on Monday, Oct. 2, at the Eastport Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerry Troyer officiated. Burial followed at the Lakeview Cemetery in Eastport.

Ida was born April 27, 1921, in

Ellsworth, the daughter of Gerritt and Ida (VanderVeen) Nicola. On Jan. 27, 1942, she married Doyle C. Richardson in Central Lake and he preceded her in death on Feb. 24, 2003. Ida was a member of the Eastport Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Ken (Linda) Richardson of Farwell, Sonja (John) Martin,

and Loretta Richardson all of Charlevoix; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; sisters, Sadie Brooks of Charlevoix and Betty LaRouche of Gaylord. Ida was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Eastport Baptist Church.

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Tuesday Intercession 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hanks 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Prayer Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
55835 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4301

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President Michael Robbins 588-2112 or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Huribut
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael App 547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry Call for Times
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Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office 547-9122

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12705 US-31
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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North
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Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
June, July & August 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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During the school year, the Charlevoix Courier publishes a Parenting page that runs the first Wednesday of the month. Headlining the section is a column written by area health practitioners and other kid experts. Also included is a child-focused event detailing low-cost ways to wipe the boredom away. Featured event submissions must include time, date and place, as well as an associated name and contact number. Send events and column ideas to news@charlevoixcourier.com or mail them to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117 Charlevoix, MI 49720.

New library promotes literacy from tots to teens



KIDS CORNER

Julie Witthoef

One thing parents have in common is the desire for their children to succeed.

At the heart of a child's success is literacy. For many, this word translates to one's ability to read. But there's a lot more to it.

Literacy is the basis of learning and includes a child's use of language as well as reading and writing skills.

These abilities are taught in school but parents are truly a child's best teacher. Most parents probably stopped reading there — how can I work instructor into my already full-time duties?

The answer is you may already be doing this. From counting apples at the grocery store, to curling up with a book at night, you are encouraging your child to explore the wonders of reading, writing and mathematics.

But, as we all know, there are plenty of things vying for your child's learning time and keeping learning interesting and exciting can be our greatest challenge.

Well, on Sept. 25, that mountain became a mole hill when the new Charlevoix Public Library opened its doors at 220 West Clinton St. with oodles of resources for parents and children.

The following is an age specific list of tools available at the library to assist parents in navigating the exciting new facility.

Charlevoix Public Library fall events:

- Treasure Hunt for families and youth at the library's grand opening from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the new library, 220 West Clinton St.
- Story Times: Lap Sit (ages birth-3) 10:05 a.m. Thursdays starting Oct. 12; Pre-K (ages 4-5) 10:30 a.m.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Julia Stout, 8, and her cousin Levi Kelderhouse, 3, both of Charlevoix, play in a wooden boat packed with imaginative possibilities in the preschool area of the new Charlevoix Public Library. The new library offers a host of activities for children off all ages.

INFANTS (AGES BIRTH-2)

In the preschool area of the youth department there are soft hooks, board books, stuffed animals, puzzles and puppets at floor level for little crawlers and easy chairs for parents. In the youth activity center there are pull toys at ground level and window seats with cushions.

TODDLERS (2-4)

In the preschool area of the youth department there are easy books, picture books, a story phone, computer games and books, puzzles, lacing boards, a train set and an expanded music area. In the youth activity center there are manipulatives like building blocks and magnets to help with muscle development and ultimately, writing skills.

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Julie Witthoef is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.



(Above) Sara Seeger, 10, of Charlevoix, works on one of the many computer stations at the new library. (Below) Charlevoix High School students (from left, to right) Christina Miller, 14, Julia Holdsworth, 15, and Rachel Melke, 15, gather in the Teen Room at Charlevoix Public Library after school. The room is packed with teen magazines and reference books, as well as computer work stations and group meeting spots.



Charlevoix Public Library fall family events lineup

Thursdays starting Oct. 12. Both meet in the Youth Activity Center.

- Lemony Snicket Party celebrates the release of "The End" with games, prizes and refreshments at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13.
- Playtime with Jill Haari will explore the work of play for young children in developing skills for literacy.

Parents and children are encouraged to attend at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

- Paws for a Story Kickoff with Betty Lewis, a therapy dog owner and trainer. Parents can discuss and explore the Paws program at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21.
- Infant Sleep and its difficulties will be the topic of a discussion led by Dr.

Craig Boss at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24.

- Paws for a Story brings school-age children together with trained dogs to read a story at 11 a.m., Saturdays from Oct. 28 through Nov. 18.
- Baby Signing program offered by Tanya Mann as an introduction to American Sign Language. Parents

and babies are welcome to the program which will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

- Family Fun Day an afternoon of story telling, holiday card crafting and holiday entertaining ideas from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.
- Sleepy Time Stories bedtime story hour at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

FOR ADDITIONAL OBITUARY

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OBITUARY

Clement Olach:

Feb. 4, 1920 - Sept. 30, 2006

Clement Frank Olach, 86, a Charlevoix native, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Born on Feb. 4, 1920, he was the son of Edward and Marie (Prekale) Olach. The Rite of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at St. Mary Church.

A veteran of the Army Air Force during World War II, Clem's activities included involvement in the VFW, Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, Charlevoix City Council and the Planning and Zoning Committee, Telephone Pioneers, Charlevoix Senior Center, Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels and St. Mary Parish.

Clem married Patricia C. Chambers on Nov. 27, 1946 in St. Mary Church, Charlevoix. He married Betty June Ryan on Dec. 28, 1993 at St. Mary Church.

Clem was preceded in death by his first wife of 44 years, Patricia, sons Edward P. Olach and Frank G. Olach, and granddaughter Julie M. Brewster. He is survived by his wife Betty June (Ryan); daughters Jeanie M. Olach and Sheila

E. Olach of Grand Rapids, and Theresa C. Trevorow of Owosso; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; sister Edith (Olach) Close of Charlevoix; brother and sister-in-law Vincent and Jan Olach of Ellsworth; many nieces and nephews; stepchildren James Ryan, Cathleen (Greg) Schmitz, Michelle Ryan Betty Jean (David) Ring, and Michael (Amelia) Ryan.

Clem leaves a legacy of a great sense of humor and a powerful faith expressed in his own words. "I hope that before I die, I will have the chance in some way to pay back for all the time I have spent on this earth. For I know I shall pass through this world just once. Any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show another human being, let me do it now, and not defer it. For I may never have another chance. For I shall not pass this way again. The good Lord put me here for a reason. The times I feel the best is when I am helping someone else."

Those desiring an expression of sympathy may consider St. Mary School.

Car accident claims life of Petoskey man

At approximately 9:57 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2, 20-year-old Robert Kuebler of Petoskey crossed the center line of U.S. 31 a quarter mile east of Burgess Road and slammed his Chevy truck head-on into a semi driven by 62-year-old John Roy of Brimley.

The semi's fuel tank exploded, engulfing the big rig

in flames. The pickup rolled, forcing the Charlevoix City Fire Department to remove Kuebler using the Jaws of Life. He was pronounced dead at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

After being briefly trapped, Roy freed himself from his semi, was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital and treated for an

injured ankle before release.

The Charlevoix City Police, Michigan State Police and Motor Carrier Division, Charlevoix County Road Commission and Charlevoix Township Fire Department assisted the Sheriff's office at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

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BY KRISTINA HUGHES
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF
WRITER

The Northern Michigan Review Inc. newspapers were recognized for their community coverage with several awards from the 2006 Michigan Press Association.

The Petoskey News-Review, the Charlevoix Courier and the Gaylord Herald Times were hon-

ored in all facets of coverage.

"I'm overwhelmed with the awards to our staff from the Michigan Press Association, especially the numerous awards to the display and classified advertising staffs for their work," said Doug Caldwell, Charlevoix Courier and Petoskey News-Review publisher and Northern Michigan Review president.

"The awards speak to the talent and creativity of the advertising

staffs and the graphic design department that all worked together on the ads and campaigns," he said. "It was also rewarding to see newsroom staffers honored for their stories and photographs."

The Petoskey News-Review and Charlevoix Courier's advertising departments swept the awards. The Courier won nine awards and the News-Review won 11.

"A single person sales staff

won nine awards. That speaks for itself," said Courier advertising manager, Kim Taylor.

The big winners also included the Gaylord Herald Times, which received first place in the General Excellence award competition.

"I'm really excited by the general excellence award that recognizes every facet of the newspaper," editor Chris Grosser said. "It is a feather in our hat for everyone who works here."

The staff is also a finalist for the Public Service Awards, for a series on the need for blood donations. The staff covered the issue and organized a blood drive.

The Courier took second place in the General Excellence category.

"We strive for excellence with every issue and it was nice to see the quality of the Courier rec-

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Courier earns 11 awards in state competition

AWARDS

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ognized," Courier editor, Julie Withthoef, said.

The Petoskey News-Review and Charlevoix Courier's advertising departments are thrilled with the awards. Petoskey News-Review advertising director, Christy Bur, believes the advertising department's future may be even more promising.

"Beginning today (Monday, Oct. 2), we are combining our sales staff and graphic design department into sales teams," Bur said. "Now each of our customers will have an entire team working for them. This process will offer the designers the opportunity to work closer with the clients to create even more award-winning ads next year."

Charlevoix Courier

Best Newspaper Promotion — First place, second place and third place

Best Spot Color — "Take a Seat."

Best Classified Real Estate Ad — First place Vacation Properties.

Best Use of Newspaper Art Service — Second place Lake Charlevoix Mariners.

Best Classified Ad Section — Third place

Best Multi Color — "Third place"

Petoskey News-Review

Best Classified or Real Estate Ad — First place: Little Traverse Realty; second place Nancy Johnson Realty and third place



File photo

The staff of the Charlevoix Courier was honored by the Michigan Press Association with 11 awards. Staff members pictured above are (front, from left) editor, Julie Withthoef and staff writer, Benjamin Gohs, (back, from left) classified advertising manager, Lisa Sladek and display advertising and office manager, Kim Taylor.

Kidd Leavy Realty.

Best Newspaper Promotion — First place for the "Were you ever?" campaign.

Best Multi Color — First place — Wilson's Garden; second place — Robert Frost and honorable mention — Phone Guide.

Best Ad Idea — First place Sturgeon River Pottery, third place First Congregational Church.

Best Classified Ad Section — First place

Best Newspaper Promotion — Third place, "Share Joy with a Toy."

The editorial departments also won several noteworthy honors. The following is a listing of the award winners.

Charlevoix Courier

General Excellence — Second for a Class D Weekly

Newspaper.

Spot News Story — Benjamin Gohs, third place for "Norwood Planners Unseat Secretary."

Petoskey News-Review

Enterprise Reporting Class D — Honorable mention for "Start of Something" a piece highlighting people's retirement stories by Fred Gray.

News Picture Daily — Second place for Steve Zucker's "Fire Destroys Harbor-Area Home."

Sports Writing Daily — First place for Andy Sneddon's "A prayer answered."

Gaylord Herald Times

General Excellence — First place for Class C Weekly newspapers.

Finalist in the MPA Public Service Award — Chris Grosser.

"Drop in for Life."

Spot News Story — First place — "Shock and Grief" a story by Mike Jones, Peter Conings, Mary Jergenson, Chris Grosser. The piece covers a controversial plant closing. Grosser and Jones, third place for "Trip to cinema ends in tragedy."

Feature Story — Nicole Laskowski, second place for "Homeless for the Night."

Enterprise Reporting — Honorable mention for staff report "Over a barrel."

Editorial Pages — Second place

Editorial Writing — Peter Conings

Local Columnist — Chris Grosser

Sports Coverage Weekly — Gaylord Herald Times, second place.

Lifestyle Pages — Gaylord Herald Times, second place. Kristina Hughes can be reached at the Petoskey News-Review (231) 439-9348, or khughes@petoskeynews.com.

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CHS celebrates Homecoming 2006

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming celebrations will soon be upon Charlevoix High School students and their candidates for king and queen.

This year's 10 candidates are Meagan Sell, Christina Bourassa, Emily Heffling, Zita Anderson, Lindi Edger, Robyn Petzak, Jacob Wimmer, Dustin Arp, Derek Friske, Matt Kanine, Billy Roloff and Brad Cyr.

"I'm excited about it (homecoming)," said student council advisor, Gail Cherry.

This is the first year of Float Frency, Cherry said.

"It is Sunday (Oct. 1) at the football field (Kipke). All the classes are meeting and organized to create their floats all in one afternoon," she said. "Students get stretched thin because of their schedules and their sports, and this provides an opportunity for them to all enjoy it together."

Meagan is the daughter of Tracy and Christine Sell. She is on the tennis team as a player and secretary and is secretary and treasurer for the National Honor Society and for the senior class as well as participating with the Ragamuffin Theater group and 11th Hour Outreach Ministries.

Meagan plans to attend Hope College to study dance therapy.

Meagan will be escorted by Jacob, the son of Chris and Rebecca Wimmer, who has participated in cross-country, track and field where he won awards and on the wrestling team.

Jacob is a member of the National Honor Society and student council and is student body co-president. Jacob intends to study architecture at the University of Michigan.

Christina, who will be escorted by Dustin, is the daughter of Del and Linda Bourassa.

Christina is co-president of the senior class, a member of the National Honor Society, she runs for the cross-country team, is active in Ragamuffin Theater, the 11th hour Outreach Ministries and the Campus Prayer group.

Christina is considering either prep school or missionary work.

Dustin, the son of Michael and Carla Arp, is on the cross-country and track and field teams. He plans to study at Tennessee's Lee University.

Emily, daughter of Don and Karyn Sell Mallory and John and Kathleen Heffling, will be escorted by Billy.

Emily spent two years as yearbook editor and vice-president of the National Honor Society. She has played volleyball, basketball, she

CHS Homecoming 2006 events lineup:

Charlevoix High School Homecoming events:

- Spirit Week
- Wednesday, Oct. 4 — inside-out day
- Thursday, Oct. 5 — flannel pajamas and sunglasses day
- Friday, Oct. 6 — maroon and white day
- 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the Weatherhane restaurant is the Homecoming court dinner.
- 1:07 p.m. to 2:40 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, pep assembly at the high school.
- 5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6 parade begins at new library building and travels up State Street to Kipke field.
- 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6, Rayders vs. Kalkaska football game begins. The homecoming king and queen will be announced during half-time.
- 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, homecoming dance at Charlevoix Elementary School.

runs for the track team and broke Charlevoix's record for the 300-meter hurdles.

Emily plans to study physical therapy or oncology.

Billy, the son of Bill and Jane Roloff, has been on the Rayders' basketball, track and field, cross-country and tennis teams.

He worked in broadcasting for two years at the high school and plans to attend college.

Zita, the daughter of John and Zita Winn and Steve and Deb Anderson, will be escorted by Derek Friske.

Zita has played basketball, volleyball and soccer. She is also on her second year as yearbook edi-

tor. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serves on the Youth Advisory Committee and is 2006 Venetian queen.

Zita hopes to study at either Yale or Notre Dame.

Derek, the son of Neil and Joyce Friske, has played basketball for the Rayders and hopes to study at Michigan State University.

Lindi, a member of the National Honor Society and daughter of Todd and Mary Edger, will be escorted by Matt.

Lindi played basketball and ran for the cross country and track teams with record breaking results during her high school career.

Matt, son of Jim and Jane Kanine, has been a football and basketball player as well as competing on the track team.

Matt, who is co-captain of the varsity football team, is as of yet undecided about his future.

Robyn, daughter of Gordon and Vanessa Petzak, will be escorted by Brad.

Robyn is a member of the National Honor Society. She played basketball, volleyball, softball and ran for the track team during her time as a Rayder.

Robyn's post-graduation plans are yet to be determined.

Brad, the son of Roger and

Michelle Cyr, is on student council has played basketball, football and tennis for the Rayders and hopes to study criminal justice at Michigan State University.

At 5:30 p.m., Friday Oct. 6, the Homecoming parade will start from the Library at 220 West Clinton St and make its way down State Street to Kipke Field. Kickoff for the football game when the Rayders face Kalkaska is at 7 p.m. Crowning of the Homecoming king and queen is at half-time.

The Homecoming dance will occur from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 at Charlevoix Elementary School gymnasium.



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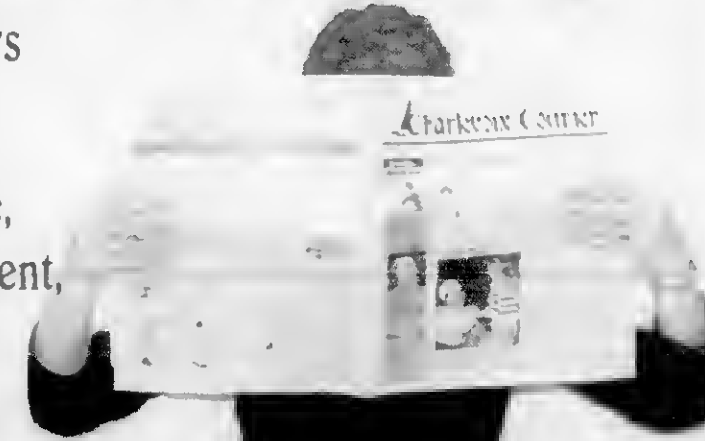
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Local man makes living from artistic flair

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A mild-mannered local man is crafting artistic creations using fire and steel on the southside of Charlevoix.

Ed Fralick's motto, "I can fix anything but a broken heart and build anything I desire," may seem like a boastful sound bite until you discover that he has spent a lifetime building cars, motorcycles, tools and one of a kind sculptures.

"I've done welding all my life, and my father was a tool and die maker, so we made all our own tools. I played around with my dad's machine shop. I can remember getting an old wooden pop crate, a Pepsi crate in fact and he had a lathe and I would stand on that Pepsi crate to run that lathe because I wasn't tall enough," he said. "I built hotrods since I was 14 years old."

He added, "My grandkids are doing that now. My one grandkid comes in here and he just loves to build."

As he spoke, Fralick pointed to a solid steel spider the size of a football which his granddaughter created.

"She made it for a school project when she was 6. She did all the welding," he said. "They like to come in here and do that type of thing and I encourage it."

The soft-spoken grandfatherly type excused himself for several moments during the interview to talk with a man and a woman from out of town who admired Fralick's sculpture of a man on a motorcycle that can be seen from



Photo by Benjamin Gohs
Local metalworking artist, Ed Fralick, welds solid pieces of iron together for the Depot fence sections he creates by hand. His most recent order for fencing totals 102 feet.

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Pretty soon the tattooed customer, who identified himself as a Harley-Davidson owner, his wife and Fralick were talking motorcycle festivals and museums.

When the couple left, Fralick said many people stop in to view and buy his merchandise after they see some of his sculptures from the road.

"I'm booked into next year," he said.

While he never spent any time working in clay, pastels, oils or

charcoal, Fralick has always created.

"I really consider most everything I built, go-carts, hot rods or a hat rack or whatever, a piece of art. I just don't know, but for some reason I have the ability to make things flow together and look proper," he said. "If I can make everything that's in my head, I'll live to be 200-300 years old — I'm building constantly. My brother and I built a boat when we were very young and we used to put it on our bicycles and wheel it down to wherever and put it in the lake and go fishing."

Fralick then wheeled a solid steel scooter from what appeared to be the 18th Century out from under a workbench.

"My granddaughter came up one time and she had one of those scooters. I wanted to go downtown with her and so I got up early in the morning and I made this scooter and I made it in one day," he said. "We went downtown and a bunch of people tried to buy it from me, they said, 'Where'd you get that?'"

Fralick then pointed to a low-lying sculpture the size of a car tire.

"My turtle's got a whale's tooth for a tail that I got in Alaska 30 years ago — I finally found a place for it," he said. "I just like to build things that nobody else built before."

Fralick, who is building a log

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original gate outward and then I did a small gate up near the building," he said. "This year they're having me do more fencing on the northside of the depot and it's a continuation of one side."

Fralick hopes to have the 400-pound sections totaling 102-feet of Depot fencing done by the end of September.

"I've got so many other projects, I've got to get her done," he said.

Of all the things he's built, Fralick is most proud of a fence he constructed which sported two life-size, three-dimensional bucks.

"I put two of these bucks into the gate along with thistle, cattails, and then I did a story about their family. It was quite the masterpiece, it was also quite the long winter project," he said. "The deer were facing each other, and when you closed the gate, I designed it where the horns locked together so it was like they were fighting."

While he has no plans to retire, the artist does plan to move his shop eventually.

"If I want to go fishing, I'll go fishing and if I want to work on a sculpture, I'll do that," he said. "I'm getting up there in age and I've had a couple heart attacks and you don't know how long your life is. You don't know when it's going to end, so I'm planning for the future."

But, he added, "I'll never stop building."

To see some of Fralick's artwork online, check out www.ebeyond200.com or to see his inventions, check out www.ebeyond2000.net.

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In response to reader concerns that the paper is arriving on Thursdays to their home in Charlevoix, we have changed

our press time from Wednesday mornings to Tuesdays.

This means that as of Oct. 11, news submissions and advertisements have to be entered with the Courier staff by noon on Friday for the following Wednesday paper.

While some adjustments will need to be made, the new press time brings numerous benefits to advertisers and readers.

The paper will be delivered late Tuesday afternoon which means advertisers will now be

able to reach the in-town, core market earlier. And subscribers, who may have in the past missed Wednesday events or important obituary information, will soon find satisfaction in the paper's delivery date matching its date-line.

For more information about the Charlevoix Courier's new Crisp Delivery Program, contact advertising manager, Kim Taylor or editor, Julie Witthoef at (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

U.S. 31 road construction will continue through Monday, Oct. 9

Rise Rasch, manager of the Michigan Department of Transportation's Traverse City service center, said road crews will be sealing cracks along portions

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These steel grapes, leaves and vine were handcrafted by local artist, Ed Fralick, one piece at a time to make them appear as real as possible. Fralick said the metal fruits are a popular addition to wine cellar doors and the gates on vineyards.

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THAT'S MY PHOTO!

The photos on this page taken by Charlevoix residents and visitors were submitted to the Charlevoix Courier for this monthly feature. Photos can be dropped off at the Courier office at 112 Mason Street or e-mailed to news@charlevoixcourier.com. Information about the photographer and photo, including when it was taken and a brief description of what is pictured must also be submitted.

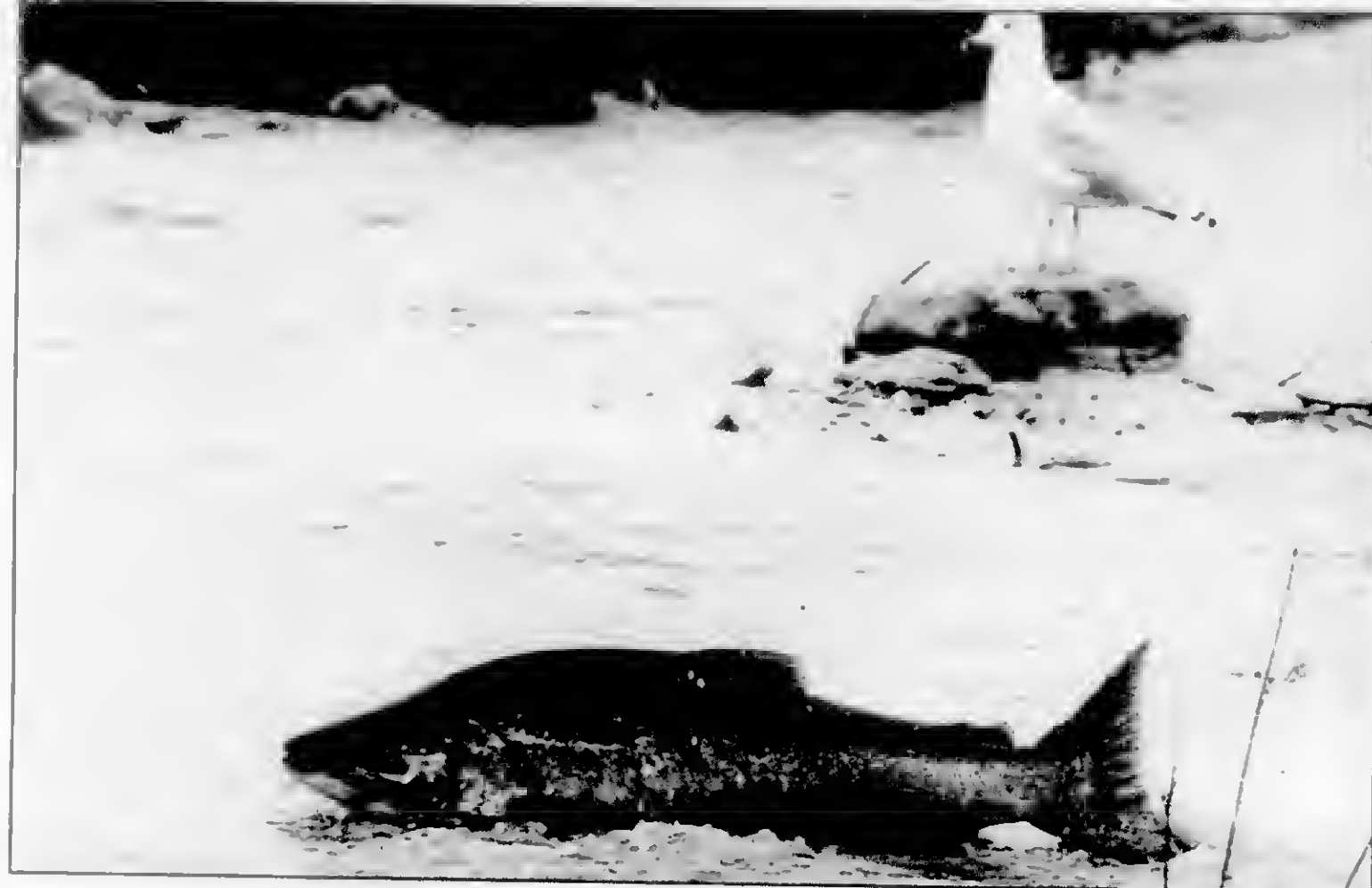


Photo by Julie Christiansen

(Above) Charlevoix resident Julie Christiansen snapped this shot of a salmon running up a creek near Charlevoix. Whether this fish will make its final destination is unclear as a gull looking for dinner looks on in the distance.



Photo by Sharon Reed

(Above) The fishing was good on Sept. 15 when Charlevoix resident Sharon Reed captured this moment of Rosalynde Johnston, 103, of Charlevoix, fishing on Lake Charlevoix with Sharon and her friends Don Brown and Robert Reed. After catching three perch Johnston said, "It just doesn't get any better than this."



Photo by Larry Killgallon

(Left) This photo taken by Larry Killgallon of Bryan, Ohio, was snapped in early August. Sammy, a 3-year-old boykin spaniel, takes his owner, Bill Lawson of Indianapolis and Charlevoix, cruise into Oyster Bay. (Right) Charlevoix resident, Bruce MacArthur, caught this end of summer Dairy Queen run on Sept. 24. His son-in-law, Charlevoix resident Bill Schuiling, foots the bill that day, the last day of service at the local Dairy Queen, for all customers. This was the third year he has donated.

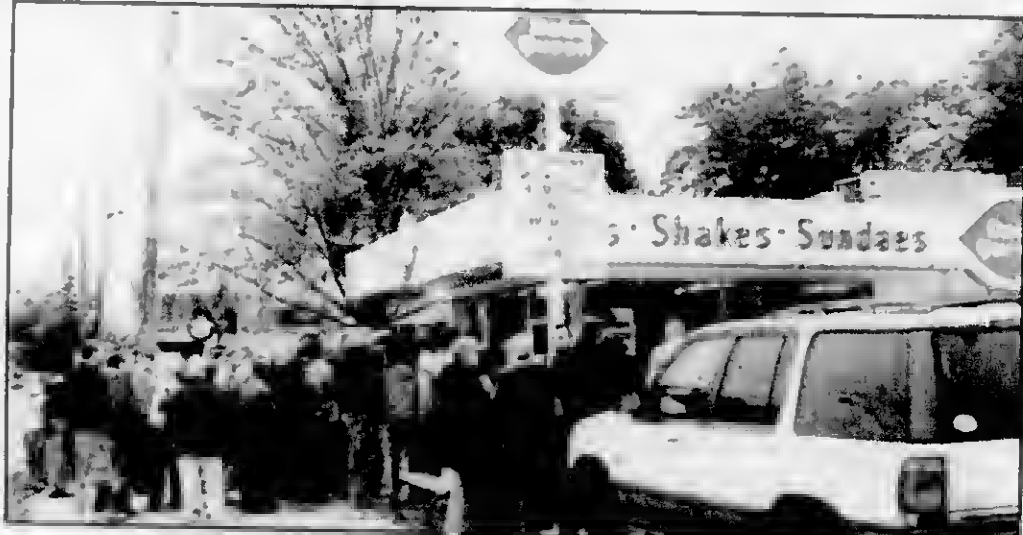


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(Above) Jeanne Bleasdale of Charlevoix snapped this breathtaking sunset this spring, just seconds before the sun set for the evening.

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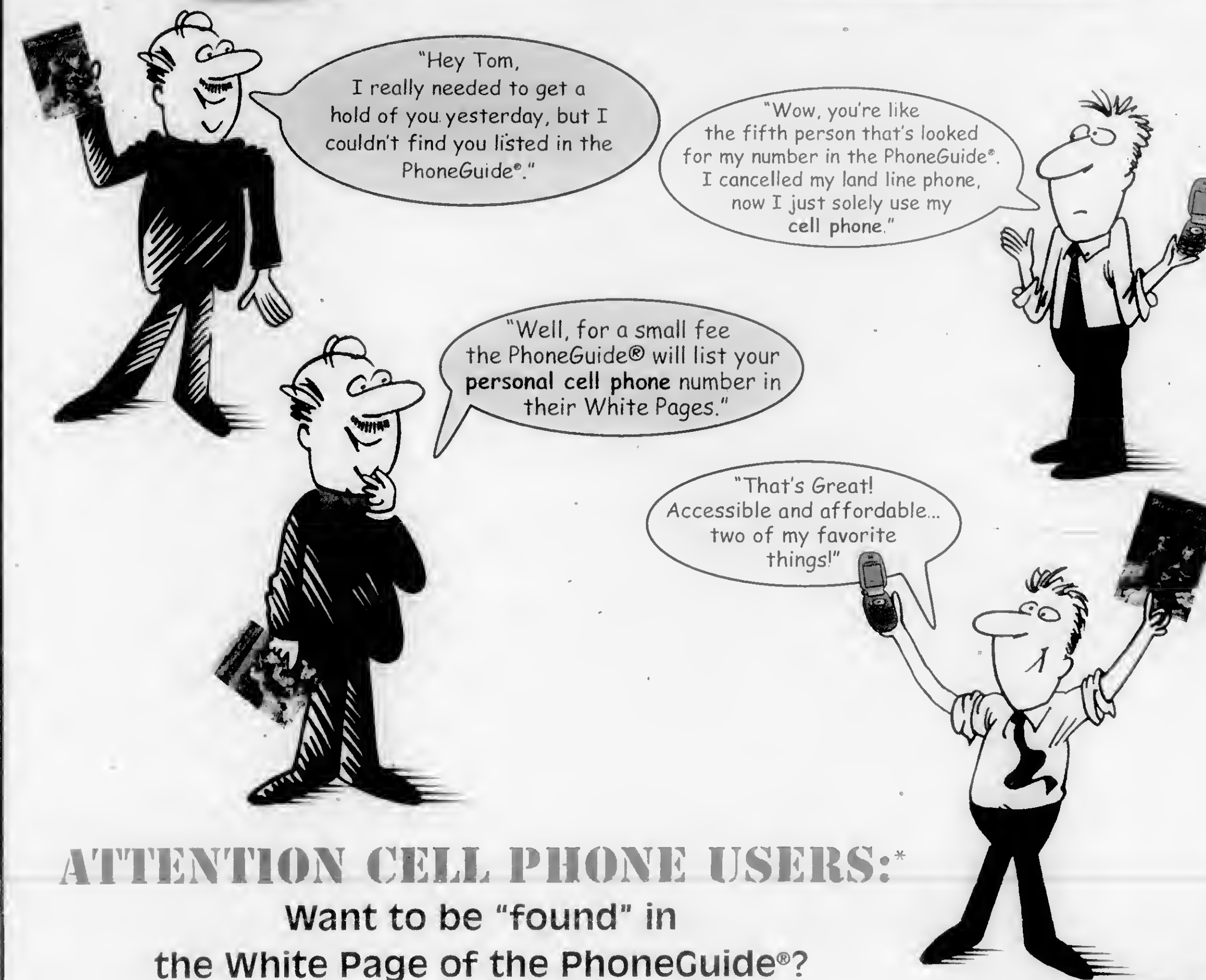
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Charlevoix blues band to compete in Memphis

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

A new face on the northern Michigan blues scene has claimed a chance to compete for the coveted International Blues Challenge crown.

Charlie's Root Fusion, a Charlevoix-based high energy blues band which was formed in June, took first place Sept. 17 in the 2006 Blues Challenge presented by the Mid-North Michigan Blues Society and the Farm House Music Organization at Streeters in Traverse City.

The win qualifies them for the world-renowned International Blues Challenge which will take place Feb. 1-3, 2007 at 13 clubs on Beale Street in Memphis, Tenn.

The challenge format included each of the six bands playing 20-minute sets. Bands included Charlie's Root Fusion and Mojo and the Boogieband from Charlevoix, as well as Code Blues of Traverse City, Bacon and Eggs of Interlochen, Matt Bessie Blues Band of Saginaw, and Blues Abusers of Oscoda.

Five judges using scoring criteria established by The Blues Foundation, coordinators of the International Blues Challenge, picked Charlie's Root Fusion.

"Charlie and his band had all the right moves. The performance was electrifying — that set them apart. They stepped up for the occasion," said Steven Soviak, emcee for the Mid-North Michigan Blues Society challenge and a society founder and former chairman.

This extra effort and unique fusion among the band members is what Charlie Witthoft, the band's front man and harmonica player, said will bring his band success at the upcoming International Blues Challenge and on local stages.

Last year, 96 bands competed at the international event. According to information posted on the International Blues Challenge Web site, www.blues.org, a similar turnout is expected this year.

Soviak said Charlie's Root Fusion has a good chance of making it to the finals.

"I think it's the performance given at that time that impresses or doesn't impress them (the judges). They're looking for something new, something that knocks their socks off. And he literally did knock his socks off, or at least his shoes," Soviak said laughing as he remembered Witthoft literally

losing a shoe during an animated harmonica solo.

The first place winner at the international challenge will take home \$1,500 in cash, promotional materials and a host of high profile gigs including a performance schedule aboard the Legendary Blues Cruise.

Another possible win is the Albert King Award which is given to the most promising guitarist among the acts competing in band division finals Saturday night, Feb. 3 at the famed Orpheum Theater in Memphis. The award winner will take home a Flying V Gibson Guitar.

"That guitar player absolutely has a chance (of winning the win Albert King Award). The kid's a real dynamo," Soviak said.

The "dynamo" is 28-year-old Jeremy Biggerstaff of Charlevoix.

"I would be honored immensely by something like that. But I wouldn't think about it much (before performing)," Biggerstaff said.

Biggerstaff said the Root Fusion edge is wrapped up in the friendships and mutual respect among the band's members — himself, Witthoft, drummer Fritz VonValtier and bass player Jamie Balousek.

"We all love the music. It's really easy for us all to be on the same page. Have them like brothers," he said of his band mates. "If they are looking for something fresh, we have our own style and sound."

While this is Charlie's Root Fusion's first appearance at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn., Witthoft, has been down this road before.

In 2003, he traveled there with his former band members in Mojo and the Boogieband. At that time, the six-piece blues band placed in the top eight of the best unsigned blues bands in the world.

Witthoft said he was pleased with the band's success and feels his new sound has an even greater chance of taking first place.

Root Fusion will pave the road to Memphis with upcoming fundraisers.

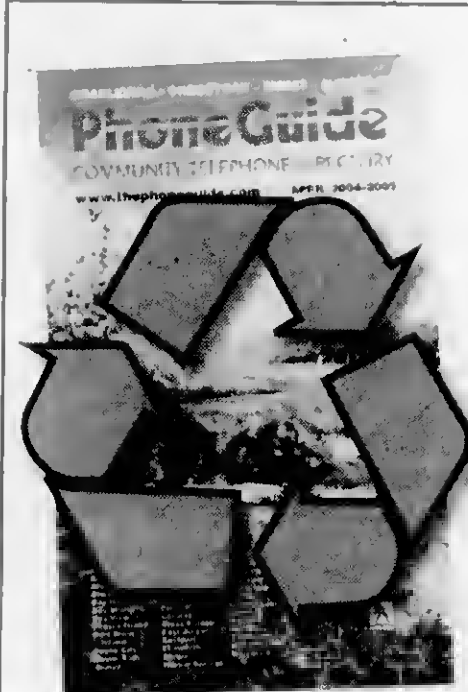
The band will perform this Friday and Saturday at Northern Lights Recreation, located at 8865 M-119 in Harbor Springs.

For more information, contact Charlie Witthoft at hipps@rice2000.com or visit www.charliesrootfusion.com.



Photo by David L. Fox

Charlie's Root Fusion, a Charlevoix-based high energy blues band which was formed in June, took first place Sept. 17 in the 2006 Blues Challenge presented by the Mid-North Michigan Blues Society and the Farm House Music Organization at Streeters in Traverse City. The group will compete at the world-renowned International Blues Challenge which will take place Feb. 1-3, 2007 at 13 clubs on Beale Street in Memphis, Tenn. The band, pictured here after their big win, includes Jeremy Biggerstaff, Fritz VonValtier, Charlie Witthoft and Jamie Balousek.



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DME downsizes: 35 employees let go

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Employees of Charlevoix's D-M-E were told Monday, Sept. 25, that 35 of them would likely be fired by the end of the year.

The 51-year-old facility located at 6342 Ferry Avenue is a subsidiary of Milacron Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio. One of six operations in Michigan, D-M-E employs 45 people who produce tooling components for the plastic injection molding industry.

"I personally notified them... I think that it was probably a surprise to most of them. But, nobody will receive less than 60 days notice," said David Lawrence, president of Global Mold Technologies of Madison Heights, which encompasses several companies including D-M-E. "It was not an overnight decision."

The longest serving employee to be fired had 30 years with the company. Workers will receive

a severance package and career transition assistance.

"We're going to focus the remainder of employees at that plant on specialty products — we're primarily focusing our manufacturing efforts globally," Lawrence said.

In a Sept. 25 press release, Lawrence said the reduction in employees was a difficult decision for everyone involved.

"But to ensure D-M-E remains a market leader, we have to be strategic about which products we manufacture ourselves and which we source from other providers," he stated. "A number of the standard products manufactured in Charlevoix have reached commodity status. When products can be made elsewhere with the same reliability at less cost, it makes strategic sense for us to focus our manufacturing resources on higher-value products."

Charlevoix mayor, Norman L. Carlson, was surprised at the news.

"Wow. I guess it's good a thing that LexaLite's here and opening a new division so hopefully it can help pick up some of those workers," he said. "We'll continue to work on getting more industry in Charlevoix — I hope that it all works out for the best."

According to Lawrence, D-M-E will focus on manufacturing specialty products in 2007 as well as being a warehouse and distribution center.

"The repurposing of Charlevoix reflects parent company Milacron's and D-M-E's shift to a more strategic approach to manufacturing and distribution," he stated. "It is one of many similar moves in a broader restructuring that includes D-M-E and Milacron plastics businesses in both North America and Europe."

Lawrence said, though Milacron's consolidated operations are not profiting, "We've had double-digit growth outside the U.S., primarily in Asia. D-

M-E is still the most recognized name in plastics in the world."

An Aug. 25 press release on Milacron's Web site stated, "(Milacron) has been noti-

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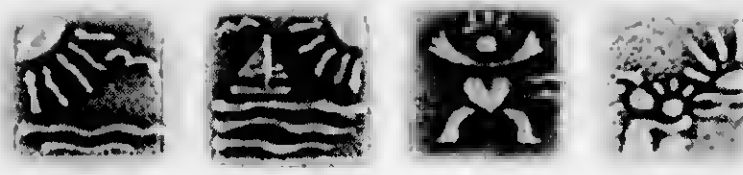


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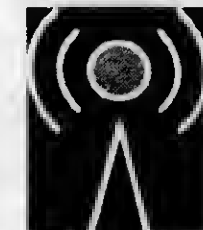
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mum share price. This standard requires that a company's common stock trade at a minimum average closing share price of \$1 during any consecutive 30-day trading period."

The company has six months from the time of notification to comply or face removal from the NYSE list, though Milacron's stock could still be traded.

"(Milacron) intends to remedy this non-compliance and is pursuing various solutions to satisfy the \$1 per-share minimum price condition, including the completion of restructuring initiatives in 2006, which are expected to generate \$15 million in annualized benefits and help Milacron achieve its objective of returning to profitability in 2007," the release stated.

Lawrence emphasized the restructuring at Charlevoix D-M-

E and Milacron's scramble to meet NYSE guidelines are two separate actions.

"This action is primarily a part of a restructuring plan we're putting into place," he said.

As of 10:06 a.m., Sept. 29, Milacron's stock (MZ) was worth 87 cents a share.

While none of Milacron's other companies are experiencing such drastic restructuring, Lawrence said, "We periodically review capacity."

D-M-E's policy is to offer job openings at other plants to qualified, displaced employees.

"We're not sure how many, if any, job openings will be available," he said. "But, we will communicate those openings, if there are any, to those impacted by this decision."

Management of D-M-E Charlevoix refused to speak with the Charlevoix Courier. No D-M-E employees could be contacted for comment by press time.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder golf wins Lake Michigan Conference title

Potential is one thing. Carrying it out, that's another.



Jim Glynn

J. D. Speigl shot 79 Tuesday to lead Charlevoix to first place in the Lake Michigan Conference boys' golf tournament at Antm Dells. The Rayders finished the 18-hole event with a 328 team score, one shot better than runner-up Traverse City St. Francis.

St. Francis, which is ranked No. 1 in the Division IV state coaches poll, won the overall league championship, while Charlevoix was second, Harbor Springs third, and Elk Rapids, fourth. The overall league standings are based on Tuesday's results, and results from season-long tournaments.

"I'm tickled," Charlevoix coach Jim Glynn said. "The kids played super."

Elk Rapids, playing on its home course, shot 330 to place third in the tournament, followed by Harbor Springs, 336; Kalkaska, 355; Grayling, 368; Boyne City, 392; and East Jordan, 399.

Speigl's 79 was his best 18-hole round of the season, while team-

mate Kris Bartling shot 80, Tyler Munroe shot 84, Woody Nitchman shot 85, Chase Beatty shot 91, and Kyle Smith shot 93.

"J.D. Speigl... played outstanding," Glynn said. "Kris Bartling had an outstanding match. Tyler Munroe, who's been my sixth man, came in and kind of won it for us with that 84."

"I'm really proud of the team. Really good effort moving on to districts and regionals. We end on a positive note, upbeat and with a lot of confidence."

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Cross country teams place at Carson City Invitational

The Charlevoix girls placed third at the Carson City Crystal Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Alina Dhaseleer, 19:31, turned in the Rayders' best time.

Allendale won the 23-team Class C portion of the meet with 78 points, while Clare was second, 103; and Charlevoix third, 138.

Elk Rapids won the boys' portion of the meet with 125, followed by Bangor, 133; Kalamazoo Hackett, 138; and Charlevoix, 144.

Also for the Charlevoix girls, Lindi Edger was 13th in 20:25, and Brittney Lamb was 14th in 20:33. Dhaseleer, Edger and Lamb all earned medals.

Other Charlevoix girls runners: 50-Ellise Smolenyak, 22:15; 64-Emily Westbrock,

22:41; 71-Caitlin Taylor, 22:53; 90-Kristina Alden, 23:35.

For the Rayder boys, Alex Buday was a team-best 13th in 17:02, while Scott Plude was 24th in 17:20 and Jacob Wimmer was 28th in 17:29.

Other Charlevoix boys' runners: 32-Nick Wimmer, 17:36; 47-Dustin Arp, 17:54; 60-Jacob Hunt, 18:14; 66-Zach Scharenbrock, 18:21.

Also on Saturday, Charlevoix took part in the Alpena Invitational and both the boys and girls teams finished third.

In the boys race, Billy Roloff led Charlevoix with a fifth-place finish in 19:39. Other Charlevoix boys: 8-Dan Myers, 19:59; 10-Ted Dilworth, 20:06; 19-Sam Balasz, 20:54; 21-Neil Salisbury, 21:29; 23-Johnathon Kelly, 21:38; 24-Doug Reynolds, 21:44.

Ken Mulka shoots hole in one at Charlevoix Golf Club

Ken Mulka of Charlevoix hit a 170-yard hole in one on Sept. 17 while playing the third hole at the Charlevoix Golf Club.

SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder girls' basketball win two on home court

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders rolled to two more victories last week, defeating Grayling, 66-18 and Ellsworth, 59-26. Charlevoix is now 6-2 overall and a perfect 3-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Rayders are tied for first in the league with Boyne City.

"It was a really good week for us," coach Keith Haske said. "We took a big step forward heading into the meat of our conference schedule. I was very encouraged."

A 27-0 first quarter put the game away early against conference foe Grayling. Haske emptied the bench with all 15 players seeing action in the first period.

"We passed the ball real well," Haske noted. "We got some very good looks at the basket."

Tammy Potter led a balanced Rayder effort with 12 points.

Kandis Way scored 11.

Another fast start was the story against non-conference opponent Ellsworth. Charlevoix led 15-4 after one quarter of play and 26-6 at the half en route to the easy win.

"Our defense played well," Haske commented. "They (Ellsworth) are a pretty good team but we held their star scoreless in the first half. Defense was really the key to the game."

Bethany Pearson was the game's leading scorer with 12 points. She also contributed four rebounds and three steals. Desi Faust had 11 points.

The Rayders play two conference road games this week, at Traverse City St. Francis and Kalkaska.

Charlevoix will look to avenge a loss last season at Kalkaska. The Blazers are 4-1 in the league and return all but one starter from last season.



Courtesy photo

Punt, pass, kick winners

Local football lovers captured first-place honors in their respective age groups at Charlevoix's annual NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition on Sunday, Sept. 17 at Kipke Field. First place finishes went to Skylar Herriman in the girls ages 8-9 division; Jacy Herriman in the girls ages 10-11 division; Tammy Potter in the girls ages 14-15 division; Garrett Lundteigen in the boys ages 8-9 division; Gunnar Lundteigen in the boys ages 10-11 division; Coby Herriman in the boys ages 12-13 division; and Robert Johnson in the boys ages 14-15 division. These finalists will now move on to the Sectional Competition to take place this Saturday, Oct. 7 at

Rayder football improves to 5-1

Charlevoix coach Don Jess issued two challenges to his offense.

Both were met with affirmative answers, and the Rayders took another step toward clinching their second straight playoff berth Friday, Sept. 29 with a 21-8 Lake Michigan Conference football win over improved Elk Rapids.

Charlevoix scored on its first drive, then responded when the Elks climbed back within a score in the third quarter to improve to 5-1 overall, 3-1 in the league. Elk Rapids is 4-2, 2-2.

"We hadn't scored on our opening drive all season and that was kind of our goal heading in," Jess said. "It was a pretty hostile environment and the kids really pulled through and did what they had to do."

Quarterback Chris Waha tossed a 7-yard touchdown pass to Daron Munson and a 4-yarder to Nate Golovich to give Charlevoix a 13-0 half-time lead.

Elk Rapids sliced its deficit to 13-8 when Charlie Smith capped the opening drive of the second half with a

1-yard TD run and Levi Martin ran for the two-point conversion.

Then, the Rayders responded. They marched 69 yards and seized command as Matt Kanine scored on a 4-yard run and Dan Swenor ran for the conversion to extend the lead to 21-8.

"After Elk Rapids scored, we challenged our offensive line to take care of the game and they just stepped up," Jess said, mentioning the group by name: center Zach Rankl, guards Pat Russell, Trevor Cole and Danny Waldron, and tackles Drew Klooster and Ray Jones, who paved the way to 251 yards rushing on the night.

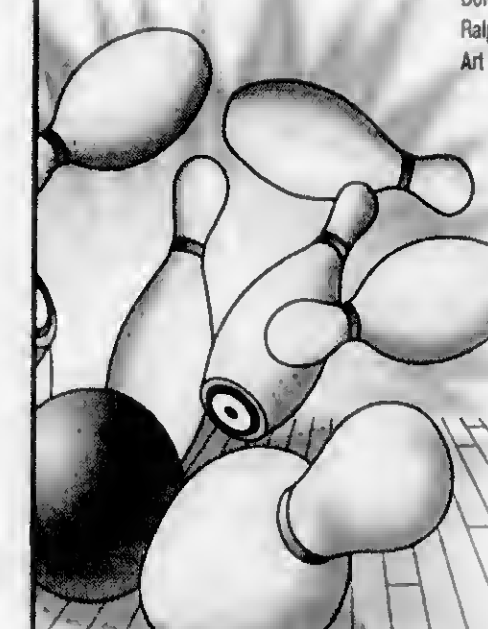
"The offensive line did a great job," Jess said. "We controlled the ball pretty much most of the game."

Kyle Jones was Charlevoix's top runner with 65 yards on 15 carries. Waha threw for 104 yards on 7-of-15 passing, and Munson finished with 100 yards on six receptions.

Klooster led Charlevoix's defense with 17 tackles, while Waha had 11, Kanine added eight, and Chris Jones had an interception.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE SEPT. 25, 2006				TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES SEPT. 26, 2006							
	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game			
Selph Trucking	9	3			John Fiedorek	604	217				
Paul Bunyan Lanes	9	3			Jeff Smith	605	217				
J Arnold Painting "Z"	7	3			Nick Cole	595	213				
B VanLoose & Sons	6	6			Chris Pullman	595	213				
J Arnold Painting "A"	5	7			CHURCH LEAGUE - SEPT. 27, 2006						
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	5	7			Ferguson & Chamberlain	144	56				
Bud's Budds	5	7			R & C Bowling	128	72				
The Flight Deck	2	10			State Farm Insurance	120	80				
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				YOUNG AT HEARTS SEPT. 28, 2006							
	Series	Game	W	L		Series	Game	W	L		
John Fiedorek	604	217	Spartanite	16	0	5	Paul Bunyan Lanes	44	36		
Jeff Smith	605	217	Has Beens	11	5	5	Mary Ann's Takeout	40	40		
Nick Cole	595	213	Irish Rollers	8	8	8	DM Construction	38	42		
Chris Pullman	595	213	Alley Cats	7	9	9	St. Mary Cement	7	9		
CHURCH LEAGUE - SEPT. 27, 2006				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
Ferguson & Chamberlain	144	56	Past Times	6	10	10	Leanne Mosonyak	530	194		
R & C Bowling	128	72	Half & Half	6	10	10	Doreen Burns	506	185		
State Farm Insurance	120	80	Mistis	3	13	13	Charlevoix Foot Clinic	6	10		
Paul Bunyan Lanes	102	98					Olson's Food Store	3	13		
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Series				Series			
Don Bambach	440	194	Twilighters	7	9	9	DM Construction	38	42		
Don Wells	483	164	Past Times	6	10	10	St. Mary Cement	7	9		
Ralph Kilson	447	171	Half & Half	6	10	10	Leanne Mosonyak	530	194		
Art Ruis	447		Mistis	3	13	13	Doreen Burns	506	185		
Series				Series				Series			
							Trina Houghton	181	181		
							Janice Thanasu	497			
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				GUTTER GALS - SEPT. 28, 2006				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
	Series	Game	W	L		Series	Game	W	L		
Don Bambach	440	194	Burger King of Charlevoix	44	36	36	Jim Potter	563	214		
Don Wells	483	164	Paul Bunyan Lanes	40	40	40	Gary Spencer	562	211		
Ralph Kilson	447	171	Argonne Supper Club	38	42	42	Robert Russell	536	205		
Art Ruis	447		Laurel & Company	38	42	42	Roger Crain	536	205		
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
	Series	Game	W	L		Series	Game	W	L		
Mary O'Brien	578	233	Came Blanchard	433	175						
			Amy Russell	423							
			Ular Bradley	425							



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Mary O'Brien of the Gutter Gals League had an actual Series of 578 with a high game of 233.

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Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee awards \$25,000 in grants

An arts festival, substance abuse prevention, instrumental music, a reading-readiness initiative, and environmental education are just a few of the area programs that will benefit from grants recently announced by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee, who represent high schools throughout the county, awarded nine grants totaling nearly \$25,000 after reviewing funding requests earlier this year.

Organizations chosen to receive YAC grants and the amount of the awards include:

- BASES, Teen Center, \$6,200 to continue a successful Recovery High program to combat substance abuse.

- Challenge Mountain of Walloon Lake, \$2,600 for cameras and framing equipment for a summer wildlife photography program.

- Crooked Tree Arts Center, \$2,000 to support the 2006 VSA Spring Arts Festival; \$3,000 in scholarships to help Charlevoix County students participate in the stringed instrument program.

- MSU Extension, \$3,200 to provide scholarships for at-risk youth to attend a variety of youth programs.

- Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, \$425 to support the Reading is Fundamental preschool reading-readiness program.

- Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan, \$1,000 for Charlevoix County teen focus group activities.

- SEE-North, \$3,000 to sup-

port the Quest outdoor environmental education program.

- Wagbo Peace Center, \$2,000 to support an ongoing farm, art and nature experience for East Jordan teens.

With these recent grants, the Youth Advisory Committee's grant making total exceeds \$528,000 since it began distributing grants to benefit young people in 1994. Money for grant making comes from a special endowment called the Charlevoix County Youth Fund held by the community foundation. The fund was spearheaded with financial support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and now has assets of more than \$1 million.

Members of the Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee are Brittany Crandall, Maeve Green and Brenna Green from Beaver Island; Cory Mills, Zachera Wollenberg and Tyler Urman from Boyne City; Terra Wasylewski, Darryl Kowalski and Hunter Brisson from Boyne Falls; Zita Anderson, Dustin Dibble and Matt Teuscher from Charlevoix; Paul Schneider, Sierra Roberts and Courtney Jackson from East Jordan.

For more information about grant making opportunities, or the community foundation, call (231) 536-2440, or visit the foundation's Web site www.c3f.org.

School shines at Northern Lights



Photos by Julie Witthoef



The 11th Annual St. Mary School Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction sold out with 203 people attending the event on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the school's parish hall. The event, which included both live and silent auctions, brought in over \$70,000 for school enrichment programs and operational expenses. (Above) Julie Thompson, a parent of three St. Mary students, takes a final look at some of the 250 silent auction items before the auction closed. (Left) Camilla Baum, a Charlevoix resident, strikes a pose in this pair of sunglasses that were also a silent auction item. Of the live auction items, the top seller was Sue Bolt original art which went for \$2,500.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, September 25, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.
Eaton Avenue Road End-East of the Ferry/Eaton Intersection,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Reviewed issues with the Eaton Avenue Right of Way, including proper signage, appropriately marked boundaries and water access concerns.
- Generally agreed to ask Attorney for several suggestions for sign language, to be decided upon at next regular meeting.
- Generally agreed to have boundaries marked.

Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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NOTICE

Charlevoix County has openings on several County Committees. If you are interested in either being appointed or being reappointed to any one of the following committees please respond in writing to the Charlevoix County Clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The Committees with openings are: Community Mental Health Board, Commission on Aging, Road Commission; Parks Committee, Planning Commission; Family Independence Agency; Veterans Affairs; Workforce Development Board, Economic Alliance and the Fair Board. Please submit your response in writing NO LATER THAN October 19, 2006.

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NOTICE

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING CITY/TOWNSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a General Election will be held in the following City/Township on Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

Electors who wish to vote in the general election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2006. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In Person:

At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting any of the following clerks.

NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for the location, days and times.

This election is for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

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105th District State Representative
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4th District Judge of the Court of Appeals
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County Commissioner - Districts 1 thru 6
City Mayor and Councilmembers (City of Charlevoix)
Township Supervisor (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Clerk (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Treasurer (to fill vacancy, if any)
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And to vote on the following proposal (s): (if any)

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PROPOSAL 06-1: A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES.

PROPOSAL 06-2: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES.

PROPOSAL 06-3: A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES.

PROPOSAL 06-4: A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES.

PROPOSAL 06-5: A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS.

BAY TOWNSHIP

ROAD MILLAGE PROPOSAL ONE MILL FOR TWO YEARS CITY OF CHARLEVOIX CHARTER AMENDMENTS:

1. AMEND FILLING OF COUNCIL VACANCIES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW.
2. AMEND THE TIMING OF THE COUNCIL'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.
3. AMENDMENT TO ALLOW DEPUTY MAYOR TO VOTE WHEN MAYOR IS TEMPORARILY ABSENT OR DISABLED.

4. AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER THAT IS UNENFORCEABLE UNDER STATE LAW.
5. AMENDMENT SETTING A THREE-YEAR TERM FOR FUTURE CITY MANAGERS.
6. AMENDMENT ADDING SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TO ADMINISTRATION FOR FUTURE EMPLOYEES.
7. AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CLERK KEEP THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELECTORS IN A POLL BOOK.
8. AMEND CHARTER TO REQUIRE THAT BOTH CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE OPERATING BUDGET BE DUE AT THE SAME TIME.
9. AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY ASSESSOR ATTEND ALL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS.
10. AMENDMENT TO ALLOW BOARD OF REVIEW TO END WHEN THEIR WORK IS COMPLETED.
11. AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTION OF A DEPUTY MAYOR AT THE MEETING FOLLOWING THE VACANCY.
12. AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE CITY CLERK TO SET BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING THAT EXCEED STATE LAW MINIMUM OF REQUIREMENTS IF NECESSARY.

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Randall Hamilton faces first degree criminal sexual conduct charges

BY STEVE ZUCKER
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Police have arrested a Charlevoix County man who is a registered sex offender on new charges of sexual assault involving a young girl.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said deputies from his office arrested Randall Scott Hamilton, 54, of Hayes Township after family members brought him to the sheriff's office late Sept. 19 to turn himself in to police.

Police said Hamilton admitted that he had sexually touched the girl on several occasions since May of this year.

Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Shaynee

Fanara authorized three counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct (person under 13). The charge is punishable by up to life in prison. Hamilton also faces a habitual offender, second offense sentencing enhancement. Usually the enhancement increases the maximum penalty by one-and-a-half times. In this case, if Hamilton is convicted, it would increase the maximum sentence he could face under the state's sentencing guidelines.

Fanara said the girl first came to her parents with the allegations, who then confronted Hamilton. She said police interviewed the girl who confirmed the statements allegedly made by Hamilton.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, Hamilton waived his preliminary examina-

tion in the case and it was bound over to circuit court for further action.

In 1986 Hamilton was sentenced to a term of eight to 15 years in prison on a first degree criminal sexual conduct charge, also out of Charlevoix County. Fanara said that case did not involve a child. He also pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery in Branch County in 1994 in a case that was originally charged as a sexual assault, Fanara said.

Hamilton remains lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail in lieu of a \$100,000 bond.

Steve Zucker may be reached at the Petoskey News-Review at (231) 439-9346 or szucker@petoskeynews.com.



Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Cold, wet CROP Walk

(Above) Gail Seidel, of Charlevoix, was one of about 20 people from Charlevoix area churches who turned out for the 23rd Annual CROP Walk on Saturday, Sept. 30 despite steady rain. Participants walked six miles to the Ironton Congregational Church to raise money to fight hunger locally and worldwide. (Below) Charlevoix walkers form a CROP prayer circle before leaving Charlevoix Middle School for their long walk to Ironton.



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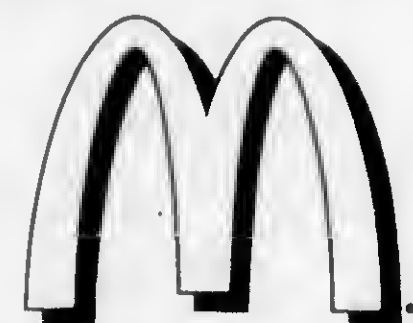
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MODERATOR: "FROM Decisions To Actions" program seeks Moderator for Cheboygan County. Facilitate two-hour psycho-educational class once a week for youths/parents. Ten-week sessions address issues of conflict, communication, decision-making & consequences. Requires a GED or equivalent. Candidate needs to have experience working with difficult youths & families. Part time with variable evening hours. Starting at \$11.00 per hour. Send resume to HR, North Country CMH, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770, FAX (231)347-1241 or E-mail to: hr@ncccmh.org. E.O.E.

1340 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR SALE

FABULOUS KIDS fall/winter clothing sale. New and used pajamas through size 16. Many bathrobes. Many Christmas dresses and Halloween costumes. Adult to size 3X. Many name brands and much more! 2230 North US 31, Petoskey. Friday & Saturday, Oct. 6th & 7th, 8:30-3:00. Watch for signs.

1370 FUEL & FIREWOOD

SEASONED HARD Maple firewood. \$60.00 face cord delivered. Leave message. (231)547-0845.

1600 HOMES FOR SALE

CHARLEVOIX GREAT buy, 1107 Grant, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, stove, fireplace, 1,500 sq. ft. Quiet neighborhood. Great, in-town location. Must See! \$143,900. (231)675-8633.

1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT lot at Adams Lake. Preserve. Close to town. \$74,000. By Owner. (231)938-0466.

1620 MOBILE HOMES & SITES FOR SALE/RENT

ELLSWORTH HOLLY Park, 1996, 3 bedroom, 2 bath and all appliances. Excellent condition. \$16,900. Price includes free delivery. (231)218-6911 or (231)588-2018.

1660 CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX, VACATION Condo, Captains Watch, Park Avenue. Newly furnished, 2 bedroom, 2 bath fully equipped kitchen. No smoking/no pets. \$900 per month, October through June. \$500 damage deposit. Call (248)224-9632.

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1660 CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

EDGEWATER INN, 1 bedroom, 2 bath, month to month lease. No pets/no smoking. Cable included. Rate - October through June 2007, \$600 per month. (517)719-8637.

EDGEWATER INN, luxury 1 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer. No smoking/no pets. Water included. Lease plus deposit. \$750 per month. Call (517)881-5938.

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. (231)881-3528.

1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN, nice, 2nd floor office room, \$300 plus utilities. Call Aila at (231)547-7916.

1690 APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX NORTH Point, 1 bedroom duplex on Lake Michigan. Private entry. Newly remodeled. Washer/dryer hookup. No pets/no smoking. \$525 plus utilities. (231)547-0279.

CHARLEVOIX ONE bedroom, 450 sq. ft. apartment. \$395 plus utilities per month. Optional parking space \$50 per month. Call Aila (231)547-7916.

CHARLEVOIX ONE

bedroom, 870 sq. ft., 2nd floor apartment with balcony overlooking Round Lake. \$695 plus utilities, optional parking space \$50 per month. Call Aila (231)547-7916.

1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

ELLSWORTH COUNTRY home, 1 bedroom, no pets. \$375 plus utilities. (231)881-3528.

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000. Weekly rates available. Phone (989)463-3937. Ask for Linda.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

INSIDE STORAGE Charlevoix Area. Boats, RV's, autos. \$1.50 sq. ft. Call (734)646-9345.

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call (231)547-6445.

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. (231)547-5838. Closed Thursdays

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1610 LIVESTOCK & FEEDS

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

1987 BUICK station wagon, four door. Good condition. \$1,000. (231)547-2958

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-011025-DE

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, K. Lucile McKown, who lived at 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Michigan 49727, died May 20, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert H. Russell, Neahawanta Research and Education Center, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 26, 2006

Stuart J. Hollander (P42439)
P.O. Box 490
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
(231)271-4500

Robert Russell, for Neahawanta
1308 Neahawanta Road
Traverse City, MI 49686
(231)223-7315
(L-10/4)

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Timothy R. Hastert and Rose T. Hastert, husband and wife, to Raymond W. Wallick and Victoria B. Wallick, husband and wife, dated February 20, 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 20, 2002, in Liber 459, Pages 263 through 265 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of \$100,461.73 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of eleven (11%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgages should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Beginning on the West line of Section 8, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, 999.00 feet South 01 degrees 25'20" East from the Northwest corner of said Section; thence East parallel with the North line of said section 1313.87 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence South 01 degrees 25'50" East along said eighth line 333.0 feet; thence West 1314.02 feet to the West line of said section; thence North 01 degrees 25'20" West 333.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 8, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one (1) year from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 8, 2006

YOUNG, GRAHAM & EISENHEIMER, P.C.

Harry K. Golski (P25177)
Attorneys for Mortgagees
203 Mason Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-0099
(L-9/13/9,20/9,27/10/4)

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: William Paraschos and Valerie Paraschos, Husband and Wife to Westmark Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 2, 1999 and recorded July 13, 1999 in Liber 367 Page 633 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Household Finance Corp III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$117,213.54) including interest 9.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, November 3, 2006 Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of Lot 6 and the South one-half of Lot 7, Block A of Stockman's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Charlevoix, according to Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as 106 Alice Street, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

Household Finance Corp III,
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811
South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 06-56136(HSBC)
ASAP# 794167
(L-10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25)

CIRCUIT COURT SALE

CASE NO. 05-905-20-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of September, 2006, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein IRWIN UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY was the Complainant; and Dorian N. Lange; Anne Lange; Lange Limited, LLC; Migaldi Family, LLC; Republic Bank; Independent Bank South Michigan; Capitol National Bank, N.A.; and Charlevoix Holdings, Inc. were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the front lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Char-

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levoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of December, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon, local time, the following-described property, viz:

PARCEL 1: COUNTRY CLUB PARK PARCEL (INCLUDING PARCEL "A" OF THE SUSAN CASCIANI PROPERTY)

In the Townships of Hayes & Charlevoix, Charlevoix County Michigan, COMMENCING at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76 degrees 04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76 degrees 04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77 degrees 42'20" West and as South 77 degrees 39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5 degrees 59'01" East, (recorded as South 4 degrees 25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence, South 87 degrees 59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2 degrees 00'25" East (recorded as South 0-21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76 degrees 18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Section 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said section line and the East line of said block South 1 degrees 00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87 degrees 51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0 degrees 55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block south 88 degrees 51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1 degrees 03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89 degrees 14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1 degrees 05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the West 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 305.37 feet to

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the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1203.49 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod, thence North 50 degrees 23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 243.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West & a part of the Northeast of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 15, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

PARCEL 2: BALANCE OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST LYING SOUTH OF U.S.-31

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said section South 76 degrees 04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76 degrees 04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South quarter line of said section South 1 degrees 31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said quarter line South 1 degrees 31'09" East 543.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West.

EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:

PARCEL 1 (PROPOSED MOTEL PROPERTY)

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a Charlevoix County marker at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76 degrees 04'44" East 126.14 feet to the centerline of Highway U.S.-31; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 574.87 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 230.00 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" east 75.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39"

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East 219.64 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 355.07 feet to 1/2 inch rod; thence South 02 degrees 00'25" East 100.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 55 degrees 58'21" West 176.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 524.55 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, and containing 3,829 acres. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deemed for street, road or highway purposes.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: October 4, 2006

JANE E. BRANNON
Charlevoix County Clerk

By: Donald Schneider
Deputy Sheriff

Raynor D. Zillgitt, Jr. (P39824)
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333 Albert Avenue, Suite 500
East Lansing, MI 48823
(L10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25,
11/1,11/8,11/15)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of CLYDE E. CUNNINGHAM, Deceased.
Date of Birth: August 10, 1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 12570 Ferry Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, died on September 2, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Cynthia J. Mansen, Successor Trustee of the Clyde E. Cunningham Living Trust, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: September 20, 2006

Cynthia J. Mansen,
Successor Trustee
207 E. Upright Street
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)547-6862
(L-10/4)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Four Cents (\$225,524.04), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property maybe redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 09-28-06

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee
Howard & Gupta, P.C.
Ajay Gupta
Attorney for
Premier Realty Group, Inc.
1020 Springwells
Detroit, MI 48209
(313) 849-0567
(L-10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25)

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 15, 2004, by Lori Brzezczkowski, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on November 30, 2004, at Liber 653, Page 397, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$61,299.56 principal, \$1,331.92 interest, and late fees of \$30.00; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, October 27, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at

the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4, thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet), along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4, thence along the West line of said Section 4, North 01°08'55" West 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East), to the Point of Beginning; thence

public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Parcel B:

Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4, thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet), along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4, thence along the West line of said Section 4, North 01°08'55" West 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East), to the Point of Beginning; thence

continuing along said West line, North 01°08'55" West 572.97 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 89°58'37" East 659.83 feet; thence South 01°08'48" East 305.62 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 88°28'16" East 160.84 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East); thence South 01°28'58" East 200.00 feet (recorded as South 01°30'24" East); thence North 88°28'16" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, South 01°28'58" East 50.00 feet (recorded as South 01°30'24" East); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO AND INCLUDING: a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4, thence South 01°08'55" East 533.99 feet; thence North 89°28'09" East 531.00 feet; thence North 01°06'04" West 319.87 feet; thence North 89°00'12" West 112.68 feet; thence North 01°28'58" West 200.00 feet; thence South 89°00'12" East 405.63 feet; thence North 88°31'02" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" West 150.00 feet (recorded as North 01°30'24" West); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the West line of said Section 4; thence along said West line, South 01°08'55" East 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East), to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO AND INCLUDING: a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4, thence South 01°08'55" East 533.99 feet; thence North 89°28'09" East 531.00 feet; thence North 01°06'04" West 319.87 feet; thence North 89°00'12" West 112.68 feet; thence North 01°28'58" West 200.00 feet; thence South 89°00'12" East 405.63 feet; thence North 88°31'02" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" West 150.00 feet (recorded as North 01°30'24" West); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the West line of said Section 4; thence along said West line, South 01°08'55" East 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East), to the Point of Beginning.

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CHARLEVOIX briefs

Send your events to the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com**OCT. 7****BIDS FOR BLOOMS**

Bids for Blooms, a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful fundraising event, will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Belvedere Casino.

At the event, guests will enjoy a wide array of complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts donated by local merchants. Live music provided by Yankee Station and a cash bar. Highlighting the evening will be the silent auction. For more information about Bids for Blooms, call Erin Bemis at (231) 547-6498.

OCT. 7**BITE OF BEAVER**

The 5th Annual Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival brings a weekend packed with fine cuisine and fun-filled activities to a unique destination: Beaver Island, the largest inhabited island in Lake Michigan, will host the Bite of Beaver Island event on Oct. 7.

For more information, contact the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505 or visit www.beaverisland.org.

OCT. 7**GARDENING CLASS**

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free gardening class, "Those Dam Deer" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Pine Hill Nursery located off U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids. For more information or to register, call (231) 599-2824.

OCT. 7**RUMMAGE SALE**

Atwood Christian Reformed Church will be holding its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Atwood Church, located off U.S. 31, 10 miles south of Charlevoix. Proceeds will go towards updating the church. For more information, call (231) 599-3309.

OCT. 9**AUTHOR EVENT**

Award-winning children's author, Susan Stevens Crummel, will be addressing students at the Charlevoix Elementary School on Oct. 9 in the school library. Her acclaimed books include "Cook-A-Doodle-Do," "Shoe Town" and "The Dish Ran Away with the Spoon." For more information about this author visit, call Margie Culver at (231) 547-3249.

OCT. 9**GUILD MEETING**

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. Ideas for 2007 fund-raisers and frequency of meetings will be discussed. Doug Peters, a relatively new volunteer and former CEO of Henry Ford Hospital, will share his mountain climbing experiences.

Those interested in joining the guild or volunteering for the hospital are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

OCT. 10**GLOBAL WARMING VIDEO**

The First Congregational Church of Charlevoix is sponsoring two free, public viewings of the acclaimed global warming documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," Tuesday, October 10.

The first screening will take place at 1 p.m. at Charlevoix Public Library and the second will be at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix City Hall.

Michael Powers, representing Interfaith Light and Power, will be available after each screening to answer questions from the audience. For more information, call Barbara MacArthur at (231) 547-6960.

OCT. 13**FRIGHT NIGHT**

The Charlevoix Children's House presents Fright Night at the Castle. The event will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Master Card and Visa accepted. Costumes are encouraged. Silent auction, dinner by Grey Gables, music provided by A+ Digital DJ, costume prizes awarded. Purchase tickets at Charlevoix Screen Masters. Call (231) 547-5111 for more information.

OCT. 14**EVENING OF BLUEGRASS**

The Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Center will host "An Evening of Bluegrass" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 featuring Horton Creek and Lare Williams & New Direction. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix.

OCT. 14**BIG ROCK EXHIBIT CLOSURE**

The Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant exhibit at the Depot will close at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14. It is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays at the Depot. Almost 1,300 visitors have seen it. For more information call (231) 547-0373.

OCT. 29**BRASS BAND PERFORMS**

The Northern Michigan Brass Band will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

NOV. 13**HOSPITAL CONTEST**

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is pleased to announce that their "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" is now open.

Visit the hospital gift shop, read the information and win a \$100 gift certificate if your gift shop name is chosen. Entrants need not be present to win.

The gift shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The contest deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Judges will choose the best gift shop name on Nov. 13.

SKATEPARK HOURS

Fall hours for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark are as follows: From 3 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday; from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday (close at 5 p.m. for home football games); from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The site is located off Carpenter Avenue near the city baseball fields.

Helmets are required and are available to rent.

The cost for a day pass is \$3. A seven-day pass is \$15 and a season pass is \$75.

For more information, call (231) 675-4505.

CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

The Beaver Island Youth Consortium is sponsoring a care package drive for local men and women serving in our nation's armed forces. If you know someone who would appreciate a little bit of home in a box, contact Sarah at (231) 448-2067 with their name and address. Care packages will be sent out in early October.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" to the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

Fall and winter hours at the Harsha House Historical Museum are from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call the Charlevoix

Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

GRANGE AUCTION

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in spring 2007 in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

LADIES ONLY SWIM

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The pool will be closed Aug. 23-30 for repairs. The cost is \$3.50.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

What's for DINNER?



Villager Pub's roasted chicken dinner. The pub will offer all-you-can-eat roasted chicken starting Oct. 21.

Villager Pub

Owner: Terry Left
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Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Best dish: Roasted chicken
Quirky fact: During its 25 years in business, the Villager Pub has served over 26 tons of whitefish.

Name that NATIVE!



E-mail your pick to news@charlevoixcourier.com or cut out the box and send it to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Entries must include the name, address and phone number of the submitter as well as the "Name that native" publication date. Entries will be received for one week from the publication date and will be randomly drawn. The winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate from the "What's for dinner?" featured restaurant. Congratulations to Velma Powell of Charlevoix who successfully matched JoAnne Patrick to her childhood picture from the Sept. 27 "Name that Native" contest.

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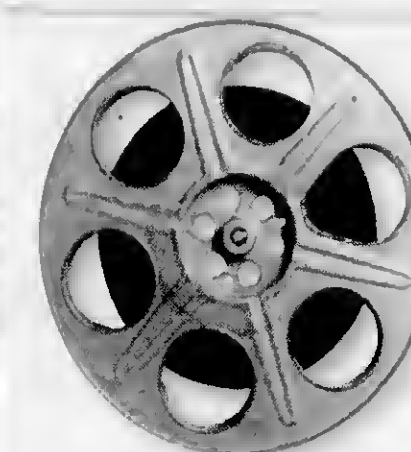
Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 5 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 6 and 7 The Jeffery James Band — rock n' roll.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 6 and 7 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

Weatherlane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and 7, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone; 8:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 6 Chris Martin — classic country; 8:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 7 Chris Ventzke — upbeat jazz.

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Avenue 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and 7 John Perry.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 6, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.



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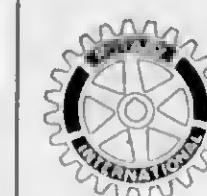
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Apple lovers converge on Charlevoix

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Pie, sauce, jellies and jams — it's the 27th Annual Apple Festival down in East Park.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15, apple lovers will be delighted by more than 30 varieties including Spartan, Empire, Gala, Spy, Honeycrisp, Macintosh, Red and Golden delicious, Jonagold, Crispin and Jonamac.

"It's a very, very popular event," said Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president, Jacqueline Merta. "It is enjoyed by both people who live here, and all of our visitors and the people who make Charlevoix

their second home who make it a point to return on Apple Festival."

Thousands of folks from far and near enjoyed the 2005 Apple Festival, Merta said.

"As of right now we have 10 orchards or growers and eight (non-profit organizations) with things like pumpkins, Indian corn, gourds, maple syrup, cider, caramel apples, jams, jellies, maple sugar, maple cream, maple barbecue sauce, maple breakfast baskets, cherry juice concentrate, honey and baked goods," she said.

Aside from the many treats on display, the petting farm, face painting and pony rides for the little ones will return this year. There will also be 100 craftsmen showing their wares.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The sky's the limit

Members of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees watch excitedly as doves fly overhead just before cutting the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony of the new library, Oct. 7 at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix. They are (pictured above, from left) Betty Henne, Cynthia Postmus, former board member Ann Hansen, Mary Ann Chew, Joe Seidel, Toni Wood and Rick Brandt.

Absentee voters beware

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

A regional absentee ballot mailing is causing big problems for government clerks.

The ballot request, printed on a plain, white postcard includes space for standard absentee ballot information like the applicant's name and signature. At first glance it seems like a simple way to get an absentee ballot — all you have to do is sign and mail it.

But it's missing one key element — address information for applicants who would like their ballot sent somewhere

other than the address listed along with their voter's registration. The requests have Charlevoix addresses pre-printed on the postcard, and that's where the ballots will be mailed.

While this may not be a problem for everyone, Charlevoix City Clerk, Carol Ochs, said it's an election nightmare for Charlevoix's seasonal residents.

"We will honor the requests but the problem is we send the ballot to their registered address," she said. "We have a lot of snow birds leaving at the end of October and beginning

of November. My concern is I'm going to mail these to registered addresses and some of these people aren't going to be there."

"This is huge. I have at least 30 of these. I have some winter addresses but there are a few I'm uncertain about."

A second snag in this absentee ballot mess is misprinted return addresses. Ochs said in some cases, the St. Ignace city clerk has received Charlevoix ballot requests and has had to forward them on to Ochs.

Some may wonder why the post office won't forward mis-SEE ABSENTEE, PAGE 3

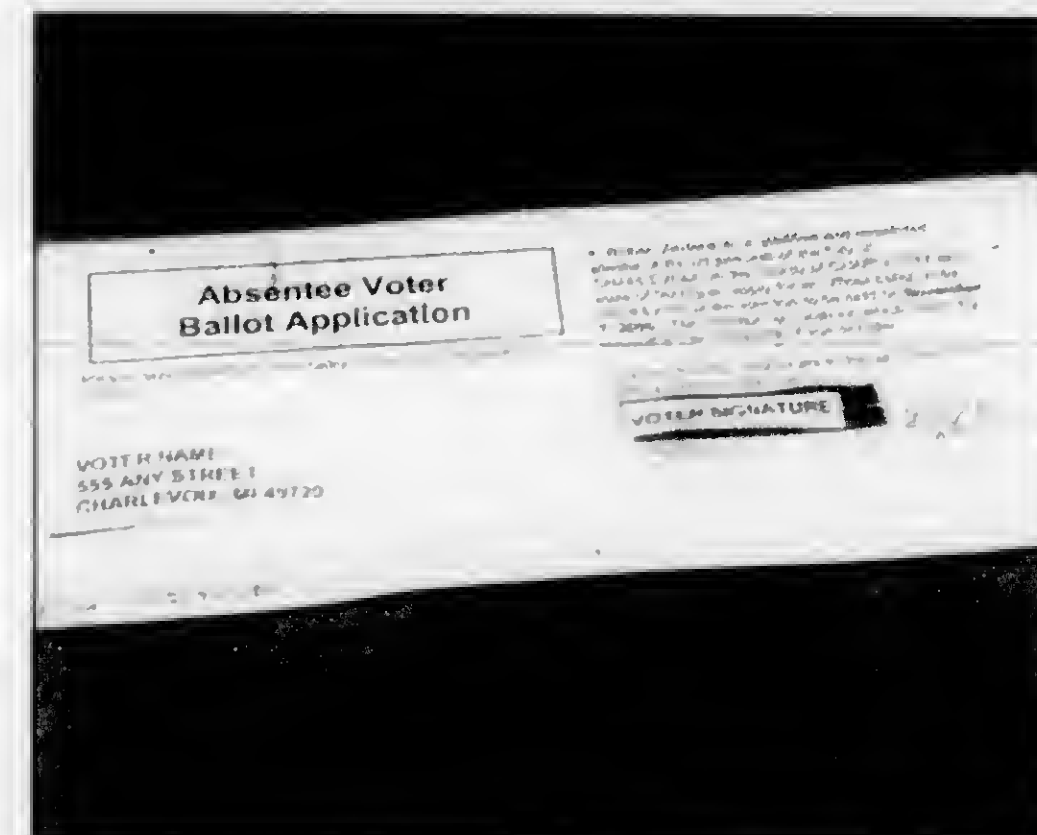


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Charlevoix City Clerk, Carol Ochs, has identified a problem with this absentee ballot application — it doesn't include address information for seasonal residents.

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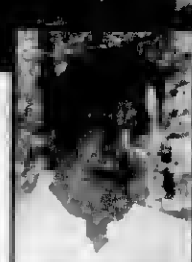
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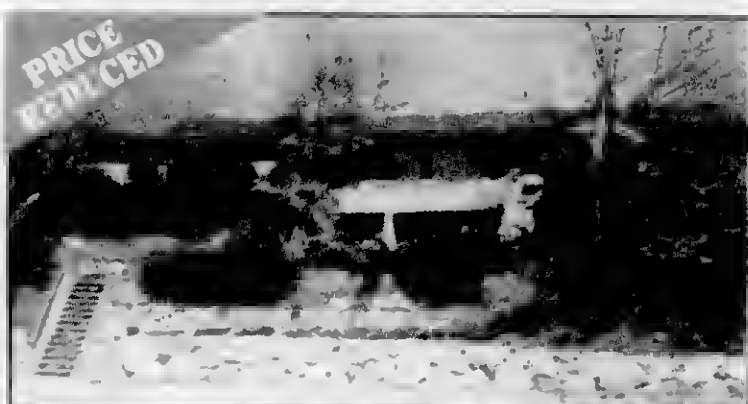
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Apple lovers converge on Charlevoix

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

their second home who make it a point to return on Apple Festival."

Thousands of folks from far and near enjoyed the 2005 Apple Festival, Merta said.

"As of right now we have 10 orchards or growers and eight (non-profit organizations) with things like pumpkins, Indian corn, gourds, maple syrup, cider, caramel apples, jams, jellies, maple sugar, maple cream, maple barbecue sauce, maple breakfast baskets, cherry juice concentrate, honey and baked goods," she said.

Aside from the many treats on display, the petting farm, face painting and pony rides for the little ones will return this year. There will also be 100 craftspeople showing their wares

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Photo by Julie Witthoef

The sky's the limit

Members of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees watch excitedly as doves fly overhead just before cutting the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony of the new library, Oct. 7 at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix. They are (pictured above, from left) Betty Henne, Cynthia Postmus, former board member Ann Hansen, Mary Ann Chew, Joe Seidel, Toni Wood and Rick Brandi.

Absentee voters beware

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A regional absentee ballot mailing is causing big problems for government clerks.

The ballot request, printed on a plain, white postcard includes space for standard absentee ballot information like the applicant's name and signature. At first glance it seems like a simple way to get an absentee ballot — all you have to do is sign and mail it.

But it's missing one key element — address information for applicants who would like their ballot sent somewhere

other than the address listed along with their voter's registration. The requests have Charlevoix addresses pre-printed on the postcard, and that's where the ballots will be mailed.

While this may not be a problem for everyone, Charlevoix City Clerk, Carol Ochs, said it's an election nightmare for Charlevoix's seasonal residents.

"We will honor the requests but the problem is we send the ballot to their registered address," she said. "We have a lot of snow birds leaving at the end of October and beginning

of November. My concern is I'm going to mail these to registered addresses and some of these people aren't going to be there."

"This is huge. I have at least 30 of these. I have some winter addresses but there are a few I'm uncertain about."

A second snag in this absentee ballot mess is misprinted return addresses. Ochs said in some cases, the St. Ignace city clerk has received Charlevoix ballot requests and has had to forward them on to Ochs.

Some may wonder why the post office won't forward mis-SEE ABSENTEE, PAGE 3

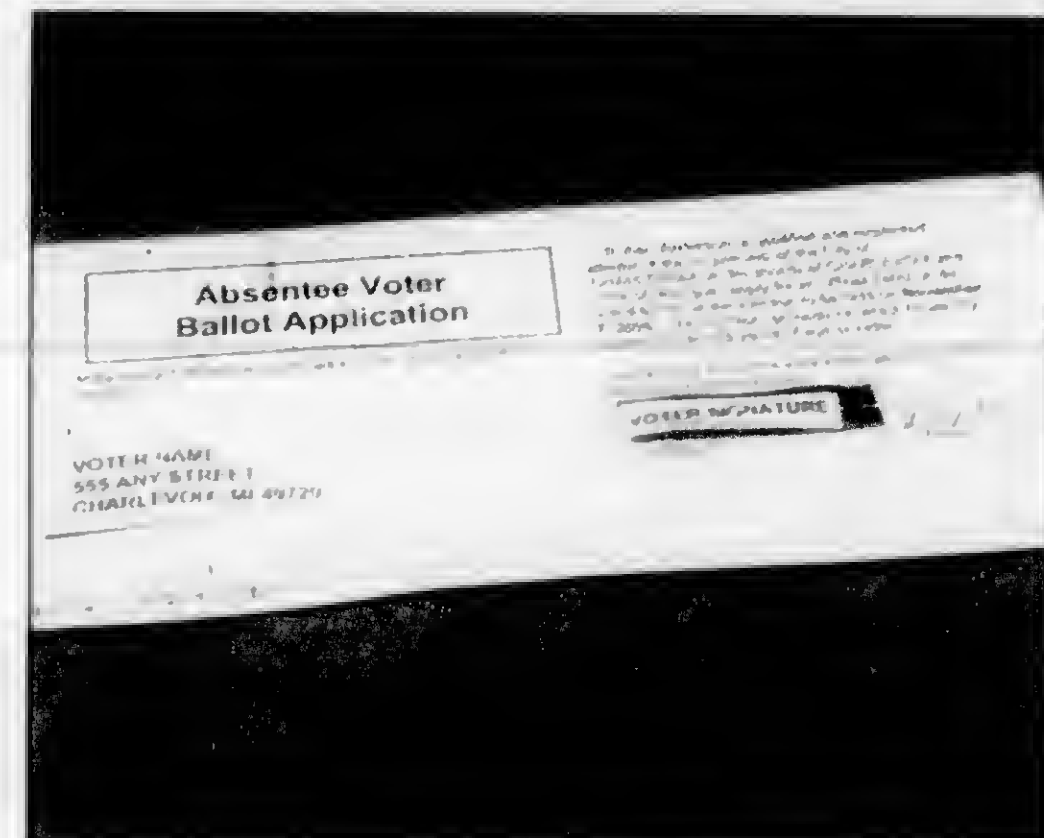


Photo by Julie Witthoef

Charlevoix City Clerk, Carol Ochs, has identified a problem with this absentee ballot application — it doesn't include address information for seasonal residents.

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Oct. 7	58	37	—
Oct. 8	68	68	—

on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Michael James Baker, 52, Kalamazoo. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Andrew Bauer, 30, Traverse City. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Michael George Karaszewski, 32, Mancelona. Attempted resisting and obstructing. Serve 64 days in jail with credit for 64 days; \$850 in fines and costs.

Mark Allen Veenstra, 24, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Alicia Lynn Denison, 26, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve seven days in jail, 73 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; \$850 in fines and costs.

Benjamin George Booth, 31, Charlevoix. Reckless driving. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 89 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with Kaylee Booth except by phone or during counseling; \$500 in fines and costs.

Karen Lynette Tyson, 21, Alanson. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 months in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

Raymond Thomas McManus, 18,

Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana; minor in possession/consumption-alcohol. Serve 60 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 57 days in jail; \$600 in fines and costs.

Walter Richard Plumm, 23, Gaylord. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 14 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs.

Amos Monroe Skrocki, 27, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,105 in fines and costs.

Steven P. Sommers, 41, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend impact weekend; \$1,185 in fines and costs.

Demetrius Alexander Burks, 19, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession/consumption-alcohol. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Tommy Joseph-Gene Flatt, 33, Ossineke. Check-insufficient funds, less than \$100. Serve 15 days in jail; \$267.02 in fines and costs.

James Carlton Lamonsse, 62, Charlevoix. Trespassing. Serve four days in jail with credit for four days; \$100 in fines and costs.

Bill Lee Landon, 42, Morris. Child support-failure to pay. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 97 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 60 months probation; \$27,269.39 in fines and costs.

Tara Lyn Marsh, 20, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$470 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Denys May, 33, Elmira. Operating while intoxicated-second

offense. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; \$880 in fines and costs.

Jerome Gregory Petriw Jr., 30, Taylor. Safe breaking. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 365 days in jail; \$309 in fines and costs to be paid jointly and severally with co-defendant Sarah Groh.

ASSUMED NAMES
The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:
John Cosier Construction, 05312 Barber Road, Boyne City, by John Cosier

Boyne Recreational Rental, 2784, U.S. 131, Boyne Falls, by Mark Lannen and Boyne Recreation

The Mountainside Inn, 2784 U.S. 131, Boyne Falls, by Boyne Recreation

Nothin' But Suds, 402 West Garfield, Charlevoix, by Misty René Falting

Jordan Valley Landscape & Supply, 8812 Ellsworth Road, East Jordan, by Rolland Whitaker

MARRIAGES
The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

James Carter Burns, 56 and Mary Angela Bauer, 46, both of East Jordan

Donald Earl Williams, 30 and Misty Marie Leaman, 24, both of East Jordan

Scott Dennis Ludy, 41 and Melanie Ann Showers, 32, both of Charlevoix

Vincent M. Voisin, 31, and Meredith A. Tiedje, 31, both of Atlanta, Ga.

Eric James Klooster, 28 and Monica Marie Fiel, 28, both of Charlevoix

David L. Foster, 45 and Nicole S. Smith, 37, both of Charlevoix

Brent Lee Aronson, 32 and Laurene Anne Creswell, 30, both of Charlevoix

James T. Kondrat, 47 and Jacolyn B. Schinkath, 54, both of Boyne City

Kenneth Michael Scripps, 61 and Shelby Sue Kline, 46, both of Beaver Island

Eric Shawn Baxter, 34 and Mary T. Blumerick, 35, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS
Kaylin Sofia Scott weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Sept. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Zakary Scott and Ariella Kowal of East Jordan. Her grandparents are David and Corinna Scott of East Jordan, James Kowal of East Jordan and Darlene Weber of Traverse City.

Hudson Hawk Cassio weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Sept. 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chad and Megan Cassio of Central Lake. His siblings are Corbin, 12, Lilliana, 7, McKenna, 6, and Hope, 19 months. His grandparents are Gail and Robin Shell of Ohio and Marshall and Becky Cassio of Ohio. His great-grandparents are Gene and Marilyn Boather of Ohio, Bob and Judi Shell of Ohio and Jessie Cassio of Colorado.

Havanna Lea Lafferty weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born on Oct. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Wayne and Julie Lafferty of East Jordan. His sisters are Hannah and Haley. His grandparents are Douglas and Mary Scott of East Jordan and Robert and Georgia Lafferty of Mancelona. Her great-grandparent is Lillian Sitzema of Charlevoix.

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Absentee ballot request form incomplete

ABSENTEE

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directed ballots to seasonal homes along with other forward mail.

Ochs said by law, the post office cannot forward election ballots — they are classified as non-forwardable mail.

"It's a felony to be in possession of an unopened ballot that's not yours unless you are an election official," Ochs said.

According to Ken Silfven, spokesman for the Michigan Department of State, absentee voter ballot mailings are common during the election season.

"Many organizations including the major political parties format their forms," he said.

Because this problem form includes no information as to who or what party distributed them, Silfven said the mailing may be in violation of Section 47 of Michigan Campaign Finance Act which requires political groups to identify themselves on printed materials.

At this time there is no official investigation into the source of the mailing.

While some may question a political group's motivation in distributing an incomplete, unidentified absentee ballot application, Silfven said it

looks like this was a simple mistake.

"It sounds like it was just an unfortunate flaw in the way it was designed," he said. "They should have included space for an alternate address. It's caused more work for voters and local election workers."

Seasonal residents who filled out one of these forms (pictured at left on page 1) are asked to contact Ochs at (231) 547-3250 to verify the address to which their ballot should be sent.

Those who have not yet filled out a ballot request and would like to receive an absentee ballot are asked to contact Ochs or visit www.michigan.gov/sos.

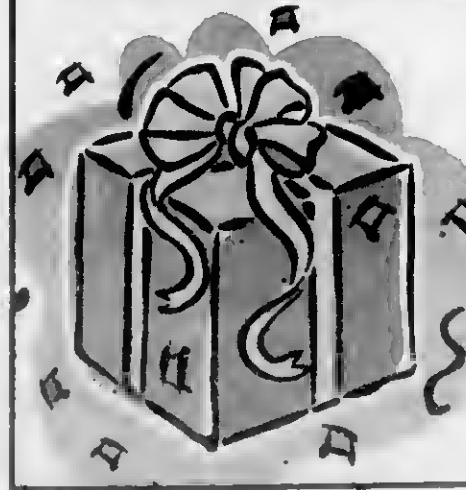
Absentee ballot requests are due by 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. City voter ballots should be mailed to Charlevoix City Hall at 210 State St. Charlevoix, MI 49720. Ballot requests from township residents should be mailed to the township clerk where the voter is registered. For township clerk address information, call (231) 547-7200.

The ballot will be sent to the address requested and must be returned to the clerk by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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Annual Apple Festival brings bushels of fun to Charlevoix

APPLE

Continued from page 1 at the event.

"It's definitely a community event. People are going to see their friends and neighbors downtown," Merta said. "This event is excellent for the community and excellent for bringing additional business to the Charlevoix community at an off-season time."

Merta's favorite apple is the Honeycrisp and according to Judy Friske-Kehr, director of retail for Friske's Orchard, this has been a good year for apple growers who should have plenty of Honeycrisp on hand.

"Things are ripening early and everything's just coming along," she said. "The weather pretty much cooperated and we're happy."

In operation since 1962, Friske's generally sells approximately 500 bushels of apples during Apple Festival.

Friske said whether you plan to make pies or sauce, beginning with a mixture of apples is always a good idea.

"Some people like their apples to stay solid, some like them to cook up," she said.

If you were to use only one type of apple, Friske-Kehr recommended the Northern Spy for pie, and during this time of year, a mixture of Mac, Golden Delicious and Empire when making apple sauce.

"The flavor changes," she said. "After Christmas, Ida Reds would be

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What: 27th Annual Apple Festival
When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 13-14; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 15.
Where: East Park in downtown Charlevoix

good in there (apple sauce) — right now they're tart and solid."

Some of the best apples to use in the winter are Ida Red, Crispin and Jonagold, she said.

While Honeycrisp are the "New rage," Friske-Kehr said, her favorite apples are Jonagold, Gala and Empire.

Some local folks feel this summer was slower than years past, but Friske-Kehr is a little more optimistic concerning Apple Festival.

"Personally, I think it's going to

be the biggest one yet," she said. "If the end of September and early days of October are an indicator, then this should be a record breaking season."

She added, "Gas prices are down and people who maybe didn't get up here as much as they wanted to this summer can do so now, so we're excited about it."

For more information on the 2006 Apple Festival, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

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Writer explores the drive for dinner



THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

"I'm not a lunatic or anything," I said to the small crowd as I popped the hood on the old blue car.

"I'm a local writer working on a travelogue of sorts," I said. A few of them smiled

politely and went back to fueling their motorcycles and stretching their legs.

Smells of fish, herbs and al-

monds wafted across the gas station parking lot. I flashed my press card in a futile attempt to confirm my sanity.

"Watcha doin'?" one of them queried.

"Makin' dinner," I responded.

What drives a man to cook dinner on the engine of his '88 Cadillac? Maybe it was hunger, perhaps it was boredom, but either way, it doesn't take a criminal mastermind to know auto engines get hot enough to cook. And, this was something I have always wanted to try before I die.

While I wasn't new to cooking, I was unfamiliar to this method, and since I couldn't afford the \$68 how-to book, "Manifold Destiny,"

I had to wing it.

A pound and a half of Atlantic salmon sprinkled with lemon, basil, rosemary, black pepper and salt was triple wrapped in foil. I was sure to spray the inner foil of the meat and veggie packs with a generous amount of cooking spray.

Two large handfuls of fresh green beans covered in two tablespoons of virgin olive oil, salt, pepper and sliced almonds was also triple wrapped in foil.

The brownies, which came from a mix, I poured into a nine-inch cake pan and also covered with foil.

I used 100-pound strength all-purpose wire found at auto part stores. It's perfect for cinching sagging exhaust pipes or keeping lunch off the highway.

I wedged the salmon between the exhaust manifold and a parallel exhaust pipe. The green beans, which were shaped in a flat rectangle (ensure meat and vegetables are one layer deep, preferably an inch or less thick), I laid on the valve cover. One piece of wire secured both fish and veggies.

I secured the brownies with a piece of wire so they rested atop both the radiator and valve cover before setting out on our 60-mile journey.

By Mancelona, salmon scent wafted through the heater vents. The green beans were hot, but the brownies were room temperature goo. I moved the beans to the alternator and put the brownies on the valve cover before heading home.

Back in Charlevoix, I parked at the Mobil station, untwisted wires, laid out forks and napkins.

John Garfield, Vincent Wilson and Amy Schindler, the three hikers up from Jackson on a color tour, said the salmon was delicious but the green beans were still crunchy.

We snacked from the engine bay and made small talk while the wife sunk in her chair, covered her face



Courtesy photos

(Above) You'll never be sorry when you start with fresh green beans from your local grocer — no matter what the recipe. (Below) Brownie batter — I never truly believed the brownie idea would work, but it was worth a shot. Never one to waste, I threw the batter in the oven after the trip and we ate them for dessert.



and prayed to God no one saw us.

So what did I learn?

Contrary to popular belief, an alternator does not get hot enough to cook green beans.

I learned my children have yet to reach the age where everything I do is an earth shattering embarrassment. In fact, I think combining my son's fantasies involving high speeds, fine food and combustion may have jump-started him into puberty.

I also learned some vehicles simply have too many gadgets under

the hood. There just wasn't enough bare engine block upon which I could bake those brownies.

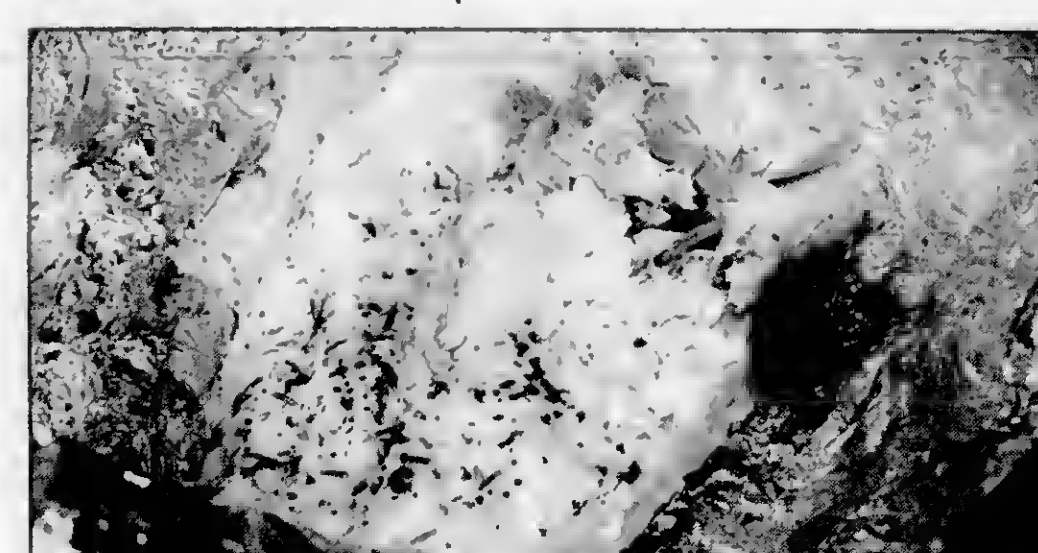
The next time I do some over-the-road cooking, I'll take my '67 Buick Riviera with the 430 cubic inch big block — it has enough open space to roast a tenderloin, a five-pound bag of potatoes, buttermilk biscuits and a devil's food cake.

Benjamin Gohs is staff writer for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at bgohs@charlevoixcourier.com.



Courtesy photos

(Above) Here the salmon, green beans amandine and brownie batter are all secured with aluminum foil and heavy-duty wire. (Below) Here is the finished salmon filet minus a few bites. I just wish I would have had some fresh dill to throw on top.



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LETTERS to the editor

BEEMON SETTLEMENT

Editor:
I have read with interest the articles regarding the former drain commissioner's (JoAnne Beemon) dispute with the county over wage issues and the recent settlement which was agreed upon.

Over the years, Ms. Beemon has made a name for herself as a vocal advocate of environmental issues. Based on these recent events, I think her true priority is a little closer to home.

Ms. Beemon, enjoy the money. Perhaps you could help the county figure out how to come up with it.

David M. Bowman
East Moline, Ill.

'THANKS' DONORS

Editor:
I am very grateful to the loyal blood donors in Charlevoix who turned out for the American Red Cross blood drive on Sept. 14 at the Community Reformed Church.

Thank you to all who contributed to the publicity, those who provided treats and all of the volunteers.

Much time and work go into each and every blood drive. The American Red Cross could not save lives without the efforts of their volunteers. It is so gratifying to witness the dedication of everyone involved in collecting blood. The Red Cross gathered 92 pints on that day. Thank you all for saying "yes" to helping others.

The next community blood drive will take place from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the Community Reformed Church. Please mark your calendars and take the opportunity to make a difference for the sick and injured.

Ellen Breining
Charlevoix coordinator
American Red Cross

PRESERVATION ORDINANCE SHOWS FORESIGHT

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners for recently approving the proposed Charlevoix County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance, and hopefully clear up some misconceptions regarding the ordinance.

The retention of farmland is essential for survival of agriculture in Michigan. Providing many benefits to the farming and non-farming communities alike, the economic benefits of retaining farmland and open space include strengthening the agricultural economy, lowering infrastructure costs to taxpayers and supporting tourism related to vegetated landscapes, wildlife and farming. Environmental benefits include protecting groundwater recharge areas and providing wildlife habitat. The commissioners should be commended for recognizing the significance of these benefits.

A Purchase of Development Rights program (PDR) can permanently preserve farmland, and other natural and aesthetic resources. The Agricultural Preservation Fund administered through the Michigan Department of Agriculture, provides grants to eligible local units of government for the purchase of development rights. Eligibility requires the approval and adoption of a "Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance." There is no requirement that local units of government have to provide funds for a PDR program.

Completely voluntary on the landowner's part, the landowner still owns the land and retains all of the other rights

associated with it, except the development rights would be removed and the landowner compensated for the lost development potential. Again, funded by the Agricultural Preservation Fund, not at a cost to Charlevoix County taxpayers.

Charlevoix County landowners are fortunate their Board of Commissioners took this step towards preserving our irreplaceable landscape. Let's hope the new slate of commissioners will have as much foresight.

Kelly Martin
District coordinator
Charlevoix Conservation District

HOLD STUDENTS' ACCOUNTABLE

Editor:

I am writing in response or perhaps gag reflex to the articles on the (Charlevoix) high school vandalism. Back when I was in high school if you did something like this you were not given a scholarship, or told "Kids will be kids, have a great summer." You were made to pay restitution and perform community service.

I applaud the revocation of scholarships for those involved. Scholarships should be given to people who show potential to improve the community not destroy it. I applaud the official investigation of this incident. It was done as it should have been. Not, "Oh he or she is so and so's kid, let's not get them upset." That school was built with the help of my tax dollars. Those same dollars would be squandered on cleanup and repair if restitution was not made. Or am I all wrong? Perhaps our taxes should be raised so we can give each graduate a brick to put through a school window or

some paint for graffiti to mark their passing into adulthood.

One lesson to be learned is behavior like that is totally unacceptable and holds substantial consequences. Another lesson is that perhaps high school "pranks" should be stopped the way hazing was in school. Perhaps the next school "prank" could be to organize a food drive, cleanup or renovate a park, volunteer at a senior center...would that not be a better way of being remembered? What wonderful things could come out of trying to out do the classes before you?

Hold those responsible accountable. Teach them to become useful future contributors to society, not Charlevoix's future dissolute.

Curtis Merrifield
Charlevoix

BEAVER ISLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Editor:

Thanks for your recent coverage of our Celtic Games, Island Boogie and the Bite of Beaver Island. More and more Beaver Island is being discovered as a beautiful and fun autumn destination. Most islanders would not have suggested an in-depth story about our unique law enforcement environment. However, you provided a balanced view of the issue.

With respect to crime in general on Beaver Island and the statistics in the sidebar may I offer some additional perspective? During the busy 120-day period you reported on (May through August 2005 and 2006) several thousand year-round residents, seasonal residents and visitors are on the island most of the time. The number of "incidents" reported in your sidebar works

out to 1.5 per day with more than one half being "traffic stops." The data also show that the level of serious crime where people are harmed or property damaged is near zero. We can always find our car keys because we leave them in the car. However, a lot of house keys are permanently lost. I would suggest that Beaver Island, Michigan is one of the safest places to live or visit in the United States.

I have a story idea. Where is the best and fastest responding emergency medical care in Michigan? I'll bet folks would be surprised to learn that Beaver Island has world class paramedics and emergency medical technicians as well as a new well-equipped Rural Health Center. Best wishes from a very safe Emerald Isle.

Steve West
Beaver Island

VOTE FOR SALTONSTALL

Editor:

When will our representatives listen to the people rather than special interests and Jason Allen's stand against a ban on smoking in public places is just one instance of an arrogant public official representing a select few. Fortunately, our county has a ban led by newly elected Charlevoix County Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, in her first term and who deserves a second term this November. Now if that same commissioner (four of which are leaving) would cut their excessive pay, undeserved pensions and free medical insurance we could get back on track in the county.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix



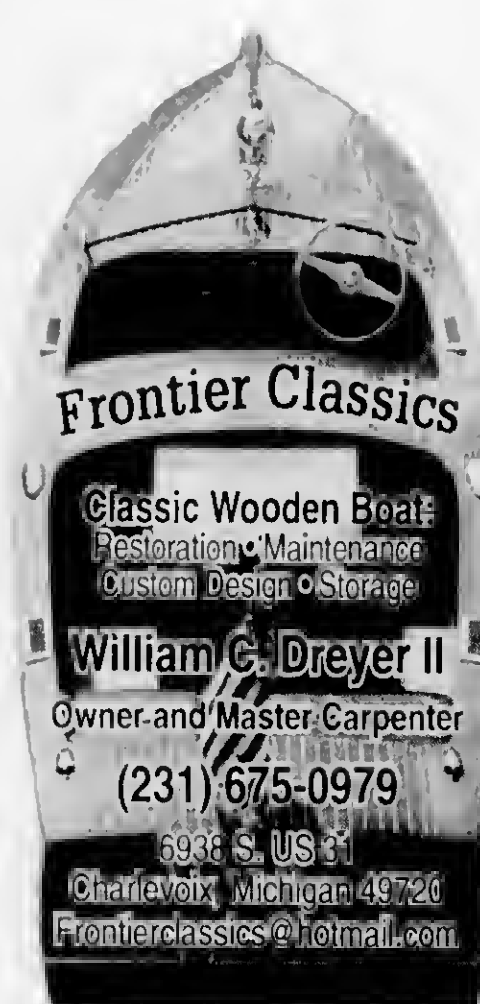
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Friends of the Library host Oct. 15 candidate forum

An opportunity to meet and question the candidates for several local and state offices will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15 in the new community room at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St.

The six candidates for three seats on Charlevoix City Council will attend. They are first ward candidates, Lyle Gennett and Bill Haggard; second ward candidates, Gabe Campbell and Greg Stevens; and third ward candidates, Sherman Chamberlain and Tonia Wells.

Also attending will be First District Charlevoix County Commissioner candidates, Connie Saltonstall and Shirlene Tripp; 105th District State

Representative candidates, Kevin Elsenheimer and Tom Hay Bauer; and 37th District State Senator candidates, Jason Allen and Sharon Unger.

Each candidate will offer his or her reasons for seeking office and then answer prepared questions as well as additional questions from the audience. Following the one-hour event, informal discussion will continue for those who would like to remain.

The forum is one of a continuing series sponsored by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library in order to better prepare the voting public to make informed decisions at the polls.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Helen Open benefits Hospice

On Aug. 20, 90 golfers gathered at the Charlevoix Golf Club for the 6th Annual Helen Open, a golf and auction event dedicated to the late Helen Weislik of Charlevoix which benefits Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Hospice and golf event coordinators are pictured above at the bar Helen owned, the Town House, exchanging a check for \$12,000 that was raised at the 2006 event. This brought the event's total earnings in its six years to \$64,000. Pictured above, from left, are Margaret Lasater, Hospice bereavement coordinator, Tim Whippo, Cheri Hoffman and Ron Weislik, local event coordinators, and Pat Johnson, administrative coordinator for Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

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Courtesy photo

The AKtion Club of Charlevoix will sponsor a Blanket Drive this weekend. Pictured above are club members with blankets collected for the needy during the 2005 drive.

AKtion Club's 3rd Annual Blanket Drive

The AKtion Club of Charlevoix will sponsor the 3rd Annual Blanket Drive during Apple Festival.

The group will collect donated blankets from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13 at a booth near the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building at 408 Bridge St. Or drop off items at the Bergmann Center between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday off Martin Road.

Club members ask that new blankets or cash be donated. The resources will be distributed to local agencies to be dispersed to those in need.

For more information, call Kim Brock at (231) 547-2979.

Charlevoix Area Hospital to host low-cost mammogram screening event

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host "It's My Turn," a low-cost mammogram screening program from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The hospital staff's goal is to eliminate as many of the factors that keep women from getting mammograms as possible.

Insurance issues are often a main area of stress for mammogram clients. Some insurance doesn't cover screening mammograms, or apply a large deductible making the screening unaffordable for many women.

Another common reason women avoid mammograms is discomfort. "It's My Turn" program participants will be pampered with a mini-massage, mini-manicure, treats and healthy snacks.

Sue Morris, organizer of the annual Pink Ribbon Ride in Boyne City, will be on hand. The ride raises money for programs that are helping local cancer patients and families.

A grant through the Charlevoix Community Foundation as well as funds from the Pink Ribbon Ride and Charlevoix's Tri 4 Fun

Triathlon are being directed to the "It's My Turn" program.

For more information, call (231) 547-4024.

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Sheriff's office offers free identification kits this weekend

BY KIMBERLY AGNELLO
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

With a recent grant from Northwestern Bank, the Charlevoix Sheriff's Department plans to hand out 2,400 ID Complete Child Identification and DNA Kits to area families.

The identification kits keep useful information like photos, a DNA sample and fingerprints of a child handy in case of an emergency.

"We want to provide this service in case, God forbid, something happened to your child that we'd have the tools to help locate or positively identify them," said Undersheriff Don Schneider.

Schneider has been working alongside Chief Assistant Prosecutor Shaynee Finari to plea to local service clubs and businesses for funding for the project.

Northwestern Bank wrote a check for \$2,100 to pay for the kits and they will be available as early as two weeks from now.

"They (Northwestern Bank) have stepped up to the plate and said they want to do this for the community," Schneider said.

The Sheriff's Department has plans to set up a tent this weekend at the 2006 Apple Fest to begin handing out the identification kits.

The free kit includes DNA identification kit, samples from which can be stored at room temperature for years and remain stable for analysis, child identification fingerprinting kit, space



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Derek Williams of East Jordan assists with fingerprinting Ben Brendzel, 2, of Longmont, Colo. during Venetian Festival Kid's Day this summer. Fingerprinting is one piece of the new, free ID Complete Child Identification and DNA Kits being offered this weekend in East Park by the sheriff's department

to attach a recent photograph, dental chart, medical, physical, and personal information and detailed instructions for parents on how to use the identification kit at home.

They will also be available by calling the Sheriff's Department at (231)547-4461 to set up an individual appointment with Schneider.

"We want to assist parents and children with the kits," Schneider said. "We want to make sure they do it correctly and not be under

the false impression they have a DNA sample when they really don't."

Schneider advises parents to keep the kits in a cool place like a safety deposit box so the records can last for decades. He also recommends the kits be updated with a recent photo, like a school picture, every year.

"The bottom line is that we hope we never, ever have to use these kits, but they are sort of like an insurance policy," he said.

OBITUARY

Jerome Knudtson: Nov. 21, 1923 - Oct. 8, 2006

Jerome Louis Knudtson, 82, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Oct. 8 at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1923, in Bloomer, Wis., the son of Louis and Christine (Brown) Knudtson. He graduated from high school in Melrose Park, Ill., where he grew up. Jerry joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, and served as a gunner's mate on the ship William Cole during World War II. After the war, he returned to Chicago, Ill., where he was employed by Bell & Howell.

There, he met and married the former Lillian Wasageshiek in 1959. They moved to Lillian's hometown of Charlevoix in 1969, where Jerry worked for Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant for five years. He then took a position with the City of Charlevoix Street Department as parks manager for 12 years before retiring in 1989. He loved reading and the outdoors. Jerry was a very loving and caring person, whose world revolved around his daughter and grandchildren.

Lillian preceded him in death on Dec. 4, 2002. Surviving him is his daughter, Linda and her husband Alec Amstutz; and grandchildren, Addison and Zach, all of Charlevoix. Jerry was also preceded in death by his sons, Lindsey and Louis, and sister, Lorraine Warming.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Petoskey, or to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, c/o Development Center, 4100 John R, Detroit, MI 48201.

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD 05291 M-66 North Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430	ELLISWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road Church School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m. Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221
BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8033 Church Road, Ellsworth Worship 10:00 a.m. Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karholf	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH M-66 (across from Post Office) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday's Teen Ministry 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121
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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH 05855 M-66 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 State St. (at Park Ave.) Early Worship, Lake Michigan Beach 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Church Office 10:15 a.m. 547-9122
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Charlevoix Public Schools report declining enrollment

Northwest Academy has 25 percent increase

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Local public schools win some, lose some during the autumn count, Wednesday, Oct. 4.

With factors such as the local economy, school choice, job offers from out of state and the quality of instruction, determining the yearly budget without knowing how many students will actually attend your school is a guessing game at best.

"We're up about 25 percent with 81 students this year," said Northwest Academy co-administrator, Gary Stutzman. "We set our budget at 70 (students) but it's about a wash because of the new teachers that we needed to hire to handle the new students that enrolled — it pretty much keeps things the same as far as the budget."

He added, "Money is always a big issue. Money is really tight, so you have to be very conscientious about how you're spending and keep track of it on a regular basis."

Northwest Academy's winter count was 69.

"So, we probably ended (last) year with probably 65 or so stu-

Charlevoix Public Schools:

Kindergarten through fourth-grade: Up 22 students.
Fifth through eighth-grade: Down 13 students.
High school: Down 22 students.

Beaver Island Community School:

Down four students

Northwest Academy:

Up 12 students

dents," Stutzman said. "It's not uncommon at all to see kids come and go during the year. People move into the area, they move out and some kids transfer schools."

Stutzman was the first to admit that all schools, regardless of size, are facing tough financial times.

"The bigger schools have bigger budgets and bigger expenses, so I think it all comes out in the end. Hopefully you try to run your school so you have some fund equity at the end of the year, to carry over."

Stutzman attributed the increase to the addition of new grade levels at Northwest Academy.

Charlevoix Public Schools appeared to see an overall reduction of 17 students during this year's count, but according to Charlevoix Public Schools business manager, Shawn Biddle, a number of students from St. Mary School are served by the public schools in areas such as physical education, art, technological training and music classes.

The addition of St. Mary students brings the gap to a mere four-student decrease, Biddle said.

With the new per-pupil award at \$8,272, Charlevoix schools lost nearly \$33,000 during this first of three counts throughout the year.

The kindergarten through fourth-grade increased from 421 pupils in 2005 to 443. The middle school's count dropped from 393 to 380. The high school's count dropped from 455 to 433. Beaver Island's student count decreased from 30 to 26.

"We budgeted for 1,295 students," Biddle said. "Obviously, anytime we don't get what we budgeted for it has impact, but we do anticipate getting some additional funding from the state because our enrollment has been declining for the last several years, so those numbers will probably come close to balancing one another out."

Charlevoix Public Schools lost 70 students last year.

"Some of that loss was through natural attrition since some classes that graduated were larger than the classes that came in," Biddle said. "And, part of it was people moving out of the state or moving out of northern Michigan be-



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Makayla Liermann, 5 and Elliott Bennet, 5, kindergarten students at Northwest Academy, perfect their coloring skills during student count week. NWA increased its student count by nearly 25 percent, while Charlevoix Schools came close to breaking even.

cause of a lack of employment and a lack of affordable housing up here."

The new state budget calls for some limited relief for school districts which have experienced declining enrollment for the last few years.

"I think we'll get through this year. We've made some staffing changes over the summer, so that will help us out," Biddle said. "I think we'll be in a better position than we were projecting a year ago."

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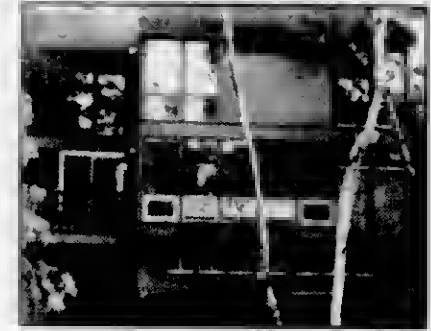
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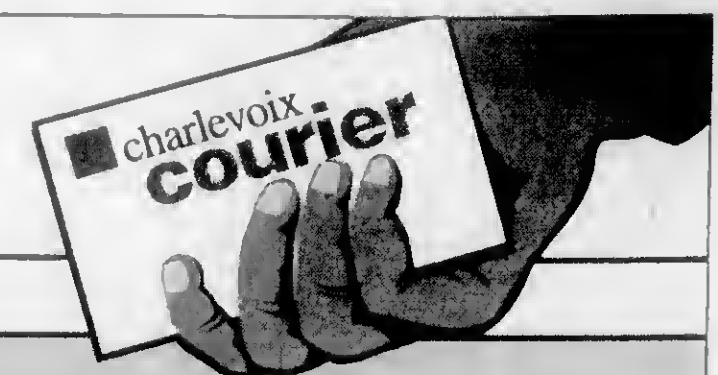


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Truffles brings mouth-watering delights downtown



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Jim Simonsen, a pastry chef and owner of Truffles Patisserie, a new Charlevoix bakery located at 208 Bridge St., stands by some of the many baked treats he offers in his store.

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Scone connoisseurs are flocking to Truffles Patisserie, a new Charlevoix bakery, for a fix of flaky goodness from the kitchen of local pastry chef, Jim Simonsen.

This summer, Simonsen sold about seven dozen scones a day from his bakery at 208 Bridge St. His personal favorite is Traverse City cherry, but customers' taste buds crave variety and it's variety he delivers. From multiple flavors of scones to pies, cookies, tarts, cakes, biscotti, muffins, fresh baked breads and his signature Belgian dark chocolate truffles all made on-site, Simonsen has built a business that has come to be known by many as a sweet retreat.

The doors opened at Truffles on Feb. 14, 2006. And since then, many have fallen in love with his French baguette sandwiches served on a homemade golden loaf.

"It's all about the crunch of our French baguettes. The unique taste is like none other. Our bread is

truly unparalleled," he said.

The bakery serves lunch six days a week, Tuesday through Sunday. The menu offers a variety of sandwiches ranging in price from \$6.50 to \$7.50 each. Also

available is a Lighter Side option of chicken salad with a side of apples or five takes on pizza including the mouthwatering Chicago

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TRUFFLES

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style made with Italian focaccia dough.

While Simonsen has his staples, he also features special treats and will have October Fest specials this month that celebrate the fall harvest. October treats include apple cinnamon rolls made from homemade brioche bread, caramel-apple-pecan scones, hot apple strudel, hot caramel apple cider, an apple tart and grandma's pies.

The pies are made by his mother, Elaine, also of Charlevoix, and include apple, cherry and pumpkin varieties and feature her secret crust.

Simonsen, 55, is a Charlevoix resident who got his first crack at cooking when he was 17 working in the kitchen at The Sugar Bowl, a former Bridge Street restaurant.

His work experience since then has included 20 years cooking in finer restaurants and private clubs



Photo by Julie Witthoef

These homemade Belgian chocolate truffles are some of the tasty treats available at Charlevoix's new bakery, Truffles.

in Naples, Fla.

During this time he also built two log homes in Charlevoix and three log camping quarters in Marquette with his company, Northern Michigan Log homes.

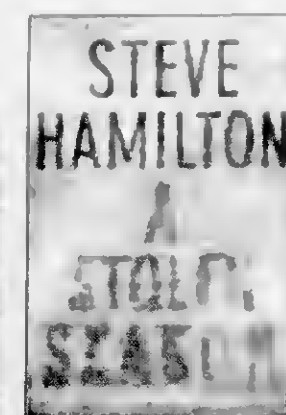
In 2002, his love of cooking brought him out of the woods and into Le Cordon Bleu kitchen in Paris, France. Le Cordon Bleu is an internationally renowned school for the culinary arts. In 2003, he earned four certificates from there including basic pastry, interne-

diate pastry, superior pastry and boulangerie (bread making).

"I had a passion for log homes and the back country as I do now for pastries and cooking — I'm not the average person," Simonsen said.

Simonsen plans to keep Truffles open until Christmas. His hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, visit Simonsen at the bakery, located at 208 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

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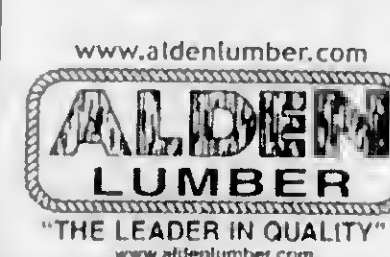
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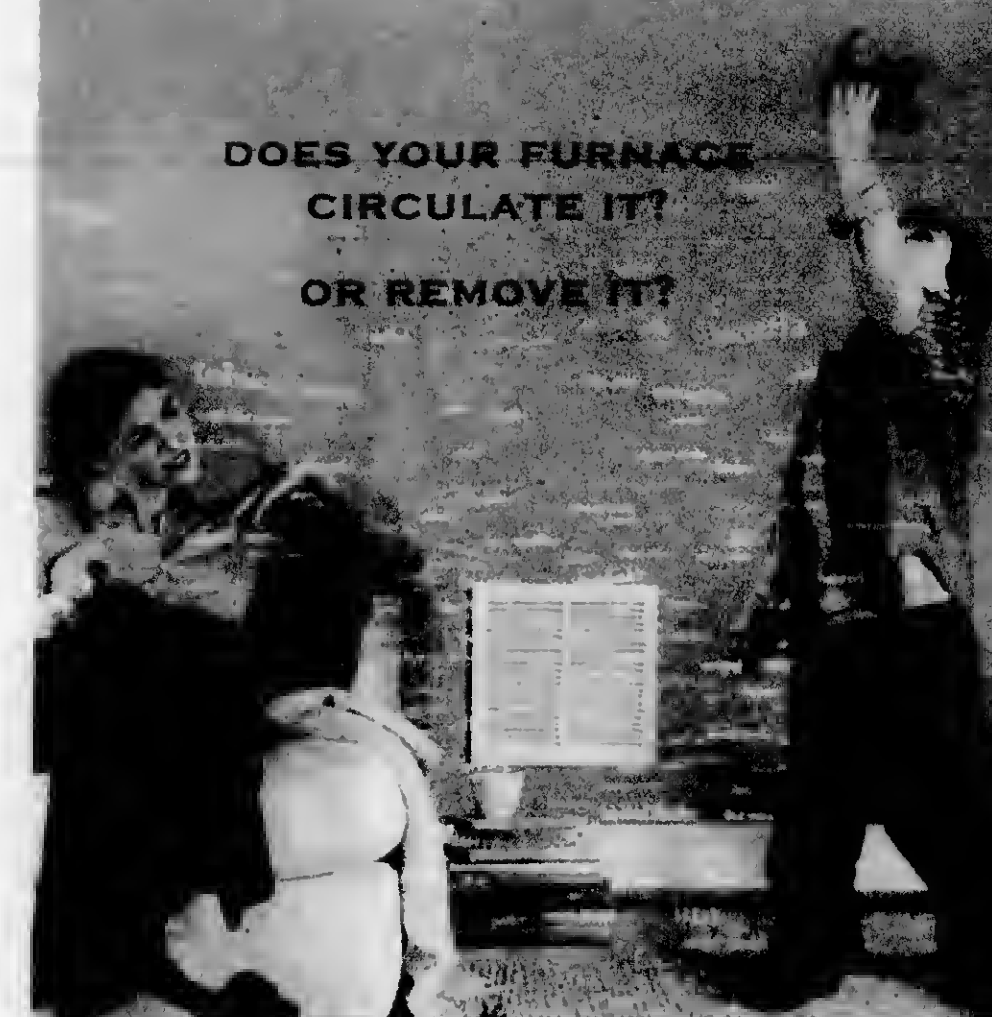
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For Beaver Island's event, the Ambassadors have been partnered with Beaver Island Community School to help them raise funds for the school's athletic program.

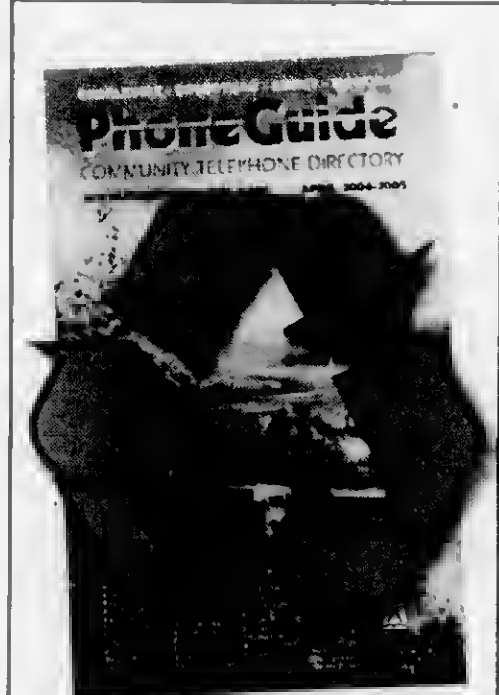
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City Council considers CCMS check settlement

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix City Council is grappling with whether they should fight for the cash or settle and put an end to the over two-year CCMS check debacle.

On Monday night, Oct. 2 city council met in closed session to discuss the pros and cons of a settlement offer their insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, has put on the table. City attorney, Jim Young, said council's decision comes down to whether they feel they need to discuss a resolution or let the court of appeals decide.

"The real issue is truly unique. Nobody, the insurance company or us, has been able to find any case in the country that has dealt with this issue," Young said. "We can't predict what a court will do."

The appellate court could overturn the June 2 decision of Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas. That day he ruled in the city's favor, requiring Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, to cover not only the \$222,978.36 cost of a check mix-up, but also \$8,566.94 in interest that money would have earned had it sat in the city's coffers. Pajtas also awarded

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Jim Young
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ATTORNEY

the city \$4,616.80 for attorney fees incurred while defending a related lawsuit filed by United Fire and Casualty.

If they choose to pursue the appeal, Young said the city's legal fees won't increase. Under the city's agreement with their attorney, Boh DeJong, with Miller, Camfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC of Grand Rapids, he is paid a maximum fee and a percentage of what the city is able to reclaim.

"It won't cost the city more to process the appeal," Young said. The fresh tracks of this legal battle were laid in October 2005, when the city served Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, with a lawsuit.

The suit claims the city's insurer should have compensated it for losses and defended it in a lawsuit filed by United Fire and Casualty.

The lawsuit the city feels should have been covered, stemmed from a check that was written on April 2, 2004 to CCMS and Associates.

a contractor out of Sault Ste. Marie hired by the city in 2001 to work on roads and sidewalks.

However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

"The insurance company said when the city issued the check that check stemmed from a contract for improvements and insurance isn't intended to cover a breach of contract," Young explained in a previous interview. "The city's position was it was an honest mistake in issuance of the check made payable to CCMS only."

Charlevoix City Treasurer, Rick Brandi, claims he was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead of CCMS. United Fire claims they sent a letter to Brandi with check writing instructions, but Brandi says he never received it.

Brandi's stamped signature as

well as that of deputy city clerk Stephanie Brown, appeared on the check. At that time, Brown was sitting in for former clerk Liz Gooch, who had resigned.

When Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late. CCMS owner William Montgomery had cashed the check.

"CCMS never turned over

any portion of that money to the bond company (United Fire and Casualty)," Young said.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the city in June 2004. In December 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over \$220,000 it already paid CCMS.

The incident has not resulted in criminal charges against Montgomery.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Charlevoix in the National News

The Wall Street Journal recently published an article called "Forget Golf Courses, Beaches and Mountains", that discussed things that are now of importance to retirees. One of the items was about bike trails in Michigan and South Carolina. The article quoted the President of the Rails to Trails Conservancy in Washington, D.C., who said Charlevoix is his favorite place in the world and called the scenery "spectacular". It also quoted local resident Jerry Corley, Past President of the Top of Michigan Trails Council and Charlie MacInnis, the current President. The article stressed how important trails are to retirees and called Charlevoix a "cycling mecca."

Charlevoix's Apple Festival was honored as Michigan's featured event on the Happenings page of the October 1-7, 2006 issue of the American Profile.

Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities

Get a head start on your holiday shopping on Saturday, November 4th when participating restaurants and merchants will donate 10% of your designated sales to a participating charity or non-profit organization of your choice. Just look for the special Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities signs that will be prominently displayed in the windows of the participating businesses.

Charlevoix County Wide Business After Hours

Take advantage of the best networking opportunity around by attending the 5th Annual Fall Charlevoix County Chambers Business After Hours on Thursday, October 19th from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Mountain Grand Lodge, Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls. These get-togethers provide the perfect environment for meeting new prospects, getting new ideas, finding new sources and making new friends. The cost is \$5.00 for members of the Boyne City, Charlevoix or East Jordan Chambers of Commerce, or \$10 for non-Chamber members.

Demonstration Day at Bier Art Gallery

Bier Art Gallery's Demonstration Day is Saturday, October 14th from 10:00am until 5:00pm. Featured artists are: Tami Bier doing clay sculpture, Tyler Bier making his piggy banks, Barb Lundy throwing on the potters' wheel, and Stephen Kostyshyn weaving his mixed media baskets. The chocolate chip cookies are homemade and the punch is great! Bier Art Gallery is located 6 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 in the historic Hilton red and white school house. For more information call 231-547-2288.

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

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| Oct 01-31 | Corn Maze and Hay Rides at Royal Farms 599-3222 |
| Oct 12-13 | Books are Fun Fall Book Sale, Charlevoix Hospital Guild 547-9751 |
| Oct 13 | Lemony Snicket Party, Charlevoix Public Library 547-2651 |
| Oct 13 | Fright Night at the Castle 547-5111 |
| Oct 13-14 | Mini-Totat readings by Kim Left at C2 Gallery 547-2228 |
| Oct 13-14 | Applefest Days of Friske Orchards 599-2604 |
| Oct 13-15 | 27th Annual Apple Festival 547-2101 |
| Oct 14 | Steve Hamilton/Asya Roines Book Signing, Bridge St. Book Shop 547-7323 |
| Oct 14 | "An Evening of Bluegrass" at the Charlevoix High School 547-9947 |
| Oct 14 | Demonstration Day, Bier Gallery 547-2288 |
| Oct 15 | Grand Bridal Expo, Castle Farms 237-0884 |
| Oct 17 | Author Visit: George Losaler, Charlevoix Public Library 547-2651 |
| Oct 29 | Northern Michigan Brass Band, First Congregational Church 547-9122 |
| Oct 31 | Halloween Trick-or-Treating, 6:00-8:00pm 547-3258 |
| Nov 04 | 2nd Annual Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities 547-2101 |
| Nov 04 | 2nd Annual Senior Health Expo 237-0103 |
| Nov 04 | "Swap 'n Wrench", Charlevoix Snowmobile Club 675-2337 |
| Nov 08 | Historical Society's Annual Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner 547-0373 |

The next Retail meeting is October 21 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant 8:45pm.

Charlevoix County Business After Hours is October 19 at Boyne Mountain from 5-7pm.

The next First Friday Biz Breakfast is November 3 at Grey Gables.

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See nature's color show from land and lake

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BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

While foliage in some areas of Michigan has peaked, there is still plenty of vibrant color to view.

According to the Oct. 6 www.michiganring.com foliage update, "Cooler conditions continue to accelerate color change in the upper lower peninsula. Reports of 70 to 80 percent color in many areas now. Peak viewing should

be next week inland and run to mid-October along the shore routes."

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"The color is absolutely spectacular because there is such a variety of different trees," said Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce President, Jacqueline Merta. "The ash, maple, white birch intermixed with the evergreens, I think, makes a nice backdrop."

She added, "The other nice thing that offsets our area for color is the fact that, if you view the color along the water, it makes it an even more interesting backdrop with all the waterfront with Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan."

Merta suggests visiting Mt. McSamba to hike the trails, stop by Castle Farms for a tour, head across the Ironton Ferry or visit one of the many nature preserves in the area.

"I would highly recommend driving around Lake Charlevoix for the color tour," she said. "Rent a boat from Ward Brothers Charter Boats and go along the lake to see the colors from the water instead of the road."

She added, "You could also get your bike out or rent a bike and get on the bike trail to Petoskey."

Color tour maps are available at no charge from the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce located at 408 Bridge St. or call (231) 547-2101 for more information on tours, as well as the availability of bed and breakfasts, hotels, motels and rental units.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

While much of the area's foliage is already vibrant, there is still time for a color tour across northern Michigan. Thanks to warmth from Lake Michigan, coastal areas are some of the last spots to peak in color.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, October 2, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI
The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed withdrawing the September 18, 2006 minutes from the consent agenda for the Clerk to revise the draft.
- Motion passed adjourning the Development Plan Review of Charlevoix Pointe, 115 Pine River Lane to October 16, 2006.
- Motion passed approving signage and boundary markings for Eaton Avenue public right of way.
- Motion passed approving the license for Big Fish to use the drying beds at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Motion passed authorizing amendments to the Guanci (Latitude 45, Inc.) Airport Access Agreement.
- Motion passed accepting the bid from Holiday Lighting Service in the amount of \$14,780.00 for Christmas Tree Lighting.
- Resolution 2006-10-01 adopted, approving CPI Products, Inc.'s application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.
- Council went into closed session to discuss the CCMS lawsuit and CWA union negotiations.

Council adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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By action of the Charlevoix City Council, with the approval of the Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, will present to the electorate of the City of Charlevoix on the November 7, 2006 General Election ballots, the following 12 proposals to amend the Charlevoix City Charter. Sections marked Current Charter Wording or State Law Wording will not be included on the ballot and are for informational purposes only.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 1

"Shall the 60-day scheduling requirement for a Special Election for the filling of three (3) or more vacancies on the Council be changed in Article II, Section 2.6 COUNCIL - FILLING OF VACANCIES of the Charlevoix City Charter to a requirement that this election be scheduled as authorized by law?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

State election law specifies when elections can be held and might not allow this 60-day scheduling requirement to be met. The proposed amendment would make the Charter wording consistent with State law and would provide proper guidance to the Clerk.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

Section 2.6 COUNCIL FILLING OF VACANCIES

When a vacancy occurs on the Council, the Council shall appoint another person from the ward in which the vacancy occurs to serve for the remainder of the vacant term. This appointment is to be completed within thirty (30) days of the time at which the vacancy occurs.

In the event that three (3) or more vacancies exist simultaneously on the Council, the Clerk shall call a Special Election to be held within sixty (60) days, and all vacancies shall be filled for the remaining portions of the vacant terms.

State Law Wording:

MCL Chapter 168, MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW, Act 116 of 1954, Chapter XXVIII: HOLDING OF ELECTIONS
168.641 Regular election date; special election; report; direction and supervision of election consolidation; short title of section.

Sec. 641.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and sections 642 and 642a, beginning January 1, 2005, an election held under this act shall be held on 1 of the following regular election dates:

- (a) The February regular election date, which is the fourth Tuesday in February.
- (b) The May regular election date, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May.
- (c) The August regular election date, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August.
- (d) The November regular election date, which is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(2) If an elective office is listed by name in section 643, requiring the election for that office to be held at the general election, and if candidates for the office are nominated at a primary election, the primary election shall be held on the August regular election date.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 2

"Shall Article II, Section 2.15a COUNCIL - MEETINGS - MINUTES AND NOTICES THEREOF of the Charlevoix City Charter be amended to provide that the City Council's organizational meeting be held at the first meeting of the Council after the November General Election, the meeting begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Council's consideration of matters in addition to organizational matters?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, the Charter sets the organizational meeting for the first Monday in January at 8:00 p.m. The election of Council members is in November. The amendment provides for an earlier organizational meeting, the consideration of non-organizational agenda items and an earlier starting time.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

Section 2.15 COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES AND NOTICES THEREOF

a. The first (1st) meeting of the Council shall be held for the purpose of organization at the usual place for holding meetings of the legislative body of the City, at eight (8:00) o'clock in the evening of the first (1st) Monday in January of each year, or the first (1st) day thereafter that is not a legal holiday, except as provided in Article XIV.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 3

"Shall Article II, Section 2.10 MAYOR - DEPUTY MAYOR - DUTIES of the Charlevoix City Charter be amended to allow the Deputy Mayor to vote as a member of the Council while the Deputy is acting as the City's Mayor during the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The proposed amendment states that the Deputy Mayor may vote when the Mayor is temporarily absent or disabled. The current Charter provision regarding the Deputy Mayor is silent on this issue.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

Section 2.10 MAYOR DEPUTY MAYOR DUTIES

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the City. He shall be President of the Council for all purposes, including those purposes required by civil or military law, and shall have such other duties as prescribed by this Charter. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Council but have no vote therein, except in the case of a tie vote of the Council, in which event the Mayor shall cast the deciding vote. The Mayor shall have no veto power. The Mayor shall authenticate by signature such instruments as the Council, this Charter, or the laws of the State or of the United States, may require. The Deputy Mayor shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor, or, if a vacancy occurs, shall become Mayor for the balance of the term.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 4

"Shall the requirement in Article III, Section 3.3 CITY MANAGER - APPOINTMENT of the Charlevoix City Charter that the City Manager become a City resident within 60 days of being hired be deleted?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Charter provision currently requires the City Manager to become a resident of the City within 60 days of being hired and to remain a City resident while employed. State law allows a City employee to reside within 20 miles of the City, subject to certain exceptions. The proposed amendment eliminates a Charter requirement that is unenforceable under State law.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

Section 3.3 CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT

The City Manager shall be appointed by a majority vote of the entire Council for an indefinite term. The appointment shall be solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications. The Council shall fix his compensation. The City Manager, once appointed, if not already a resident of the City, shall become one within sixty (60) days and remain so throughout his appointment.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 5

"Shall Article III, Section 3.3 CITY MANAGER - APPOINTMENT of the Charlevoix City Charter be amended to provide for the appointment of the City Manager for a term of up to three (3) years and delete the current provision for an appointment for an indefinite term?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, the Charter requires the appointment of the City Manager for an indefinite term. The amendment would provide for the appointment of the City Manager for a term of up to three (3) years and would apply to the appointment of future City Managers.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 6

"Shall Section 3.14 Severance Payments be added to Article III ADMINISTRATION of the Charlevoix City Charter to prohibit a severance payment to an employee exceeding three (3) times the employee's average salary or wages for the three (3) months prior to termination which, by its terms, does not apply to the City's existing contract with the current City Manager?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, there is no provision in the City Charter that limits severance payments to a City employee. The current City Manager is exempted since he already has an employment contract with a severance payment that exceeds the proposed limitation.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

New section, currently no charter provision.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 7

"Shall Article IV, Section 4.1b ELECTORS of the Charlevoix City Charter be deleted; thereby eliminating the requirement that the Clerk keep the names and address of electors in a poll book, with section 4.1c being renumbered as Section 4.1b?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, Section 4.1b of the Charter requires the Clerk keep the names and addresses of electors in a poll book. However, poll books are no longer used. The Secretary of State maintains a data base of elector information and any changes must be submitted through Charlevoix County.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

Section 4.1 ELECTORS

a. T

he City Clerk shall register qualified residents during regular business hours at the City Hall. The City Clerk may also register electors at places outside the Clerk's office from time to time to facilitate the registration of all qualified electors of the City.

b. The City Clerk shall process as rapidly as possible all information received relative to changes of address of electors in order to have the poll book complete and accurate at the times of the Primary and General elections.

c. Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan shall apply to the conduct of elections held under this Charter, and to the registration of electors in the City.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 8

"Shall the first sentence of Article VII, Section 7.2 Capital Budget of the Charlevoix City Charter be amended to read:

On or before February 15 of each year the City Manager shall submit to the Council a proposed Capital Budget for the next five (5) fiscal years?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Charter currently requires in Section 7.2 that the City Manager annually submit a proposed Capital Budget by September 1 and in Section 7.6 a proposed Operating Budget by February 15. The proposed amendment imposes the same deadline for the submission of the proposed Capital Budget and the proposed Operating Budget.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

Section 7.2 CAPITAL BUDGET

On or before September 1st of each year the City Manager shall submit to the Council a proposed Capital Budget for the next five (5) fiscal years. The Capital Budget shall state

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 9

"Shall the last sentence of Article VII, Section 8.5d Board of Review of the Charlevoix City Charter be deleted; thereby eliminating the requirement that the City Assessor attend all meetings of the Board of Review?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, the Charter requires the City Assessor attend at all meetings of the Board of Review. The Charlevoix County Equalization Department provides an assessor to the City pursuant to a contract and this assessor attends Board of Review meetings when requested by the Board of Review.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

SECTION 8.5 BOARD OF REVIEW

d. The City Clerk shall act as Clerk of the Board of Review. The City Assessor shall be present at all meetings of the Board of Review.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 10

"Shall Article VIII, Section 8.9 Board of Review - Meetings of the Charlevoix City Charter be amended to eliminate the requirement that the first Board of Review meeting each year shall continue in session for not less than three (3) days?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, the Charter requires the Board of Review to initially meet for not less than three (3) days. This has resulted in the Board of Review continuing in session even when its work at the first meeting has been completed. The amendment would allow the Board of Review meeting to end when its work has been completed.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

SECTION 8.9 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

The Board of Review shall hold at least two (2) meetings each year at such places as shall be designated by the Council. The first meeting shall commence on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in March of each year and shall continue as long as may be necessary to consider and correct the assessment roll, and shall be for the purpose of hearing the complaints of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by the assessments. The first meeting of the Board of Review shall continue in session not fewer than three (3) days, and may continue longer if necessary. Sessions of the Board of Review shall convene from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the second meeting of the Board of Review at least one (1) evening session shall be held from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and longer if necessary.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 11

"Shall Article II, Section 2.9 DEPUTY MAYOR - ELECTION of the Charlevoix City Charter be amended to provide for the Deputy Mayor's election at Council's organizational meeting and that a vacancy in this position be filled at Council's meeting after the vacancy occurs?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, the Charter requires Council's election of the Deputy Mayor at the first meeting in January annually and is silent regarding a vacancy in this position. The amendment provides for the Deputy Mayor's election at the Council's annual organizational meeting and for the filling of a vacancy in this position.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

Section 2.9 DEPUTY MAYOR ELECTION OF

At the first (1st) meeting in January of each year, the Council shall elect one (1) of its members to serve as Deputy Mayor. The Deputy Mayor shall serve until the first (1st) day of January of the next year, or until a successor takes office.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PROPOSAL 12

"Shall Article VIII, Section 8.9 Board of Review - Meetings of the Charlevoix City Charter be amended to allow the City Clerk to set Board of Review meetings that exceed State law minimum requirements if necessary?"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Currently, the Charter specifies Board of Review meeting times regardless of work load. State law sets minimum meeting times. The proposed amendment allows the City Clerk to set meeting times pursuant to State law and for longer times if work load makes it necessary.

A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.
A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

YES 0
NO 0

Current Charter Wording:

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Carol A. Ochs
Charlevoix City Clerk

Knights to host annual Hunters' Banquet Oct. 26

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 is hosting the 4th Annual Hunters' Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 26.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Building, located at 15144 Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix.

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This year, the name has been changed from Sportsman's Dinner to Hunters' Banquet to recognize the many attendees of both genders who have enjoyed prior events. A special guest speaker will update all on the latest trends in hunting big game.

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Traditionally, writers meet monthly to share and critique their work. Whether the focus is a poem, child's book, novel, short story or news release, the richness of the experience comes from the diversity of the group.

Those unable to attend the meeting may e-mail workshop topics and guest author suggestions to Beth@charlevoixlibrary.org

Following the budding authors' gathering will be a presentation by published local author, Charlevoix County Sheriff, George Lasater.

Lasater will introduce his book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17 in the library's community meeting room. He will talk about how he found and compiled information on local veterans of World War II, share statistics on those veterans and share veteran's stories found in the book.

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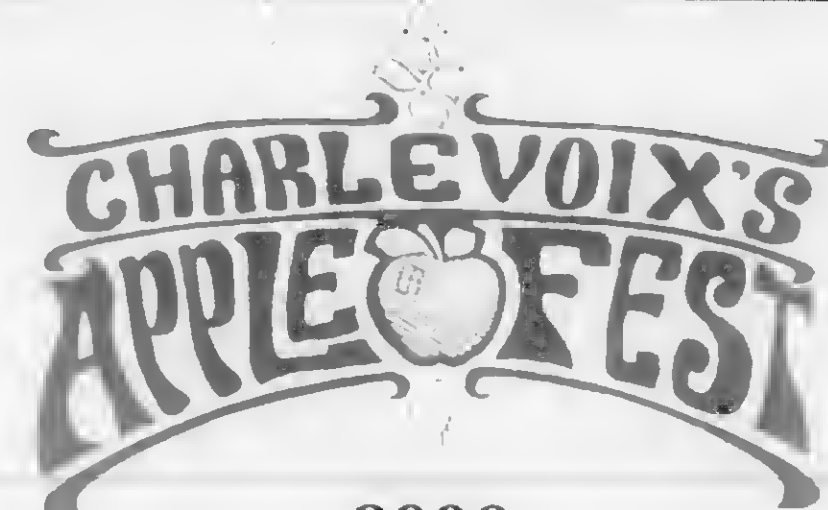
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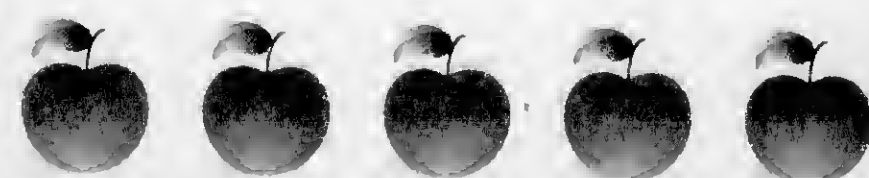
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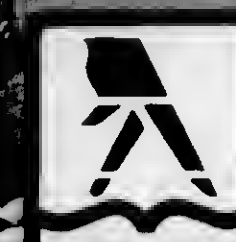
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Pine River Lane development delayed again

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix City Council tabled the Charlevoix Pointe Inn project review for a second time after neighbors to the proposed hotel resort filed an appeal.

At the Oct. 2 city council meeting, city attorney, Jim Young, recommended that council adjourn the public hearing to a later date, but also questioned the validity of the appeal requesting more time to present legal findings.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met to interpret the appeal at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The results of this meeting were not available by press time.

City council has tentatively set a development plan review to take place at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16. The Charlevoix Pointe Inn resort plan consists of a three-story hotel with 30 hotel units and 34 parking spaces on Pine River Lane.

Robert Grezch, of the law firm Running, Wise and Ford, filed the appeal. Grezch represents Alberta Beyers, Larry White, Jerry VanderVeen, Steven and Anne Hansen, Kristin Jones, Phil Jones and Roger Jones. The applicants' request that the Zoning Board of Appeals reverse the determination and decisions of the planning commission, the city planner or the city council on the grounds that the development plan as proposed does not conform with the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Young is taking time to review the appeal and prepare the city on its next move.

"It's important we establish and follow good precedent," Young said. "There is likely to

be courtroom review, no matter which way we decide."

Since both parties involved have hired legal representation, council member Gabe Campbell is concerned about the potential for a lawsuit.

"It looks like if we say 'yes' we're going to be sued and if we say 'no' we will be sued," Campbell said. "We're damned if we do, we're damned if we don't. We need to take our time to make a decision."

The project consists of rooms designed with 800 to 1,300 square feet of living space equipped with kitchenettes and different bedroom configurations. The hotel features a lobby and registration area on the first floor. The parking is underground.

Pine River Lane is currently zoned commercial.

"It isn't a residential street anymore. I can't go back, it is what it is," said Julia Ann Bandfield, an owner of the property. "It would be a nice little hotel and people would shop downtown. We need the business downtown."

The property is owned by Bandfield, Randy Carey and Peter Carey and is part of

the commercial service district. The developers, Travis Catt, of Catt Acquisitions of Gaylord and his partner Drew Spanding, did not request any variances. Doug Mansfield, of Wells Mansfield Inc. of Traverse City designed the project.

The Charlevoix Planning Commission approved the plan. The city council made the decision to send the plan for a ZBA review at its Aug. 21 meeting.

The appeal centers on those decisions, including the recommendation by the planning commission, the suggested finding of facts by the planners and the city council decisions at the Aug. 21 and Sept. 5 meetings.

According to Grezch, the appeal is based on the proposed development's failure to conform with the city zoning ordinance and state law. The appeal alleges that the plan does not fit the definition of a hotel. The appeal questions the developers' alleged intention to market the development as a residential development.

The appeal also states that

exceeds the maximum size limitation of 750 square feet of enclosed living area and gross kitchen area of 40 square feet.

At the center of the appeal is the belief that the development is not in accordance with the ordinance's purpose to promote and protect "the public health, safety, peace, comfort, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Charlevoix by protecting and conserving the character and social and economic stability of the residential, commercial, industrial and other uses areas, by securing the most appropriate use of land" and "preventing overcrowding of the land and undue congestion of population ..."

The latest development is part of a long string of meetings.

Last year, the same development team presented the first proposal for the property — Rivulet Pointe — a three-story, 12-unit condominium resort.

The neighbors opposed the Rivulet development. After a series of meetings the plans went back to the drawing board to provide the Charlevoix Pointe plan.

Bandfield who is concerned about the delays, would not comment on the specifics of the legal issue.

"It's kind of a waiting game," she said.

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Floats, dancing, royalty and football

A look at CHS Homecoming 2006 events

BY KIMBERLY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Six days, five couples, four grades, three places, two nights, one word — homecoming.

Oct. 2 marked the beginning of Spirit Week at CHS including Hat Day, Flash-Back Day, Inside-out Day, Pajama-and-Sunglasses Day, and the traditional Maroon-and-White Day.

On Tuesday, senior Janay Drost dressed 80s style with a huggy t-shirt and leggings.

"There were a lot of people who chose the same type of outfit as I did and it made the day a lot more interesting than it would originally have been because of everybody's funny outfits," she said.

On Oct. 3, the homecoming king and queen were voted for during seminar. The options included six senior males and females: Lindi Edger, Christina Bourassa, Meagan Sell, Emily Heffling, Robyn Petzak,



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Billy Roloff and Robyn Petzak were crowned the 2006 Charlevoix High School Homecoming king and queen during half-time festivities of the Charlevoix-Kalkaska football game Oct. 6 at Kipke Field.

Zita Anderson, Matt Kanine, Brad Cyr, Dustin Arp, Billy Roloff, Derek Friske and Jacob Wimmer.

Lip sync practices were held throughout the week for each grade and were presented Friday during the homecoming assembly. Each grade was given a movie theme



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The senior class won first place for their James Bond themed float. Here you see a helicopter dropping a football bomb on the Kalkaska Blazer's dragon mascot.

for their lip synchs, and the theme was incorporated in the five minute show as well as at least one person lip synching to a song. The freshman were given Tim Burton movies, the sophomores, Will Ferrell movies, juniors, Disney movies and the seniors, James Bond movies.

"We didn't have a very high turnout for our lip sync," said freshman, Madison Way. "We ended up in fourth this year, but we are planning a big comeback next fall."

The senior class dominated with their glow-in-the-dark show to Madonna's "Die Another Day" and dance to Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back." The sophomore class came next followed by the juniors and the freshman in fourth.

Friday night started off with a parade flaunting each grade's float that was built on Oct. 1 as well as sports teams and the homecoming court.

At 7 p.m. the football game started with an eventful touchdown by senior Darron Munson after receiving the first kick-off. From that moment on the crowd was excited and the game continued to be a total field goal.

Half-time came and the homecoming court was introduced. As

time came for the winners to be announced, a mother was brought to tears when her daughter's name was called, and the slogan "Don't be silly, vote for Billy" dominated the polls. Taking away the crowns were Petzak and Roloff.

A beautiful weekend culminated in a wonderful homecoming dance on Saturday night where high school students danced from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Before the dance, a large group of seniors traveled to Petoskey to go putt-putt golfing.

"We had so much fun," said senior Bailey Yenglin. "The weekend was so beautiful that it was hard to stay indoors, so (we) decided to go golfing outside to top it all off."

Another great success for the homecoming celebration of 2006. Congratulations to the seniors who dominated the competitions throughout the week, Robyn and Billy on winning majority votes, and the varsity football team for taking the night away with another win.

Kimberly Way is the writer and coordinator of Teen Scene. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by e-mail at way_kim@hotmail.com.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Rayders showed their school spirit during the Friday, Oct. 6 pep rally with this inspirational dance. Charlevoix ended up clobbering Kalkaska 37-13 during Friday's game.

SPORTS reviewing the action

Speigl medalist; Rayders win district golf title



J.D. Speigl

Charlevoix junior J.D. Speigl shot 76 to take medalist honors and lead the Rayders to first place in a Division III district tournament at The Heathlands.

The Rayders take their district championship to the regional on Thursday, Oct. 12, at Katke Golf Club on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids.

A storm that swept through the Manistee area the night before last week's district tournament, bringing down dozens of trees and damaging greens, and rain.

Tournament directors elected to move the event to The Heathlands, a 20-minute drive. The move may have benefited Charlevoix.

This week's Rayder varsity sports schedule

This week's Rayder sports schedule includes exciting football, girls' basketball, boys' soccer and cross country match-ups.

The boys' soccer team will face Kalkaska at 5 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Kalkaska. The district boys' soccer finals are Oct. 16-21.

The varsity girls' basketball team plays Elk Rapids at 6 p.m. on Oct. 12 on their home court at Charlevoix High School. They play East Jordan at 6 p.m. on Oct. 17 on the Red Devils' court.

The girls' and boys' cross country teams will compete at 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Ogemaw Heights. Then conference meet is Oct. 17 at East Jordan.

The Rayder golf team will take their district championship to the regional on Thursday,

"I kind of think it was to our advantage," said Charlevoix coach Jim Glynn, who suggested the move had leveled the playing field. "A lot of the closer teams know Manistee National and are more familiar with it."

The Rayders finished with a 324 team score, four shots better than runner-up Manistee, Roscommon, 332, was third, followed by Elk Rapids, 336; Grayling, 341; and Kingsley, 359. Boyne City shot 420 and East Jordan, 430.

After Speigl's medal-winning 76, which was his best round of the season, Kris Bartling shot 79 for the Rayders to place fourth. Also for Charlevoix, Woody Nychman shot 82; Kyle Smith, 87; and Chase Beatty, 94.

"The kids gelled at the right time," Glynn said. "It was nice to see four solid scores. Our team is balanced enough that any one of the five players could score low at any time."

Our team is playing with a lot of confidence right now and this win should enhance that even more."



Courtesy photo

Little Macs win big

Coaches Rob Baum and Dana Haney stand behind the Charlevoix 4-H Soccer League under age six champs. The team includes (from left to right) Brandon and Isabella Baum, Tristin Simpson, Cole Wright, Haley Coss, Devin Sutton, Emily Hinkley, Riley Coss and Trevor McCallum. Missing are Ben Taylor and Emily Peihl. Team McDonalds ended their season 5-1 with five straight victories.

Skatepark to close for season on Oct. 15

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark will close for the season on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Fall hours for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark are from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday (close at 5 p.m. for home football games); from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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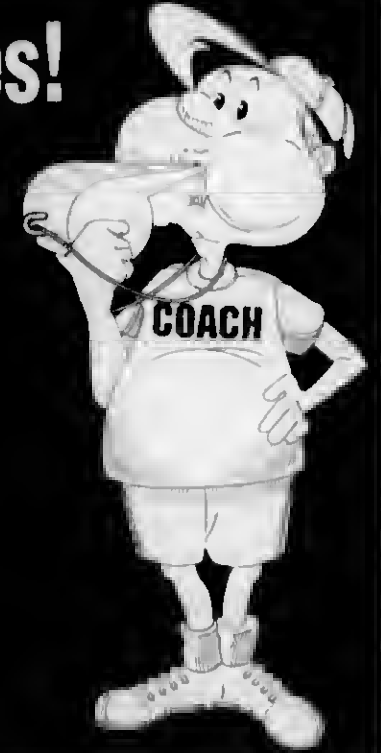
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SPORTS reviewing the action



Photo by Scott Richards

Members of the Rayder football team rejoice on Friday night, Oct. 6 after beating Kalkaska and qualifying for the playoffs.

Rayders nail down playoff spot with homecoming win

Charlevoix didn't have to wait long to begin celebrating its homecoming, and its second straight playoff berth.

Darron Munson returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown and Drew Klooster returned an interception 76 yards for a TD to stake the Rayders to an early lead Friday, Oct. 6 and the Rayders cruised to a 37-13 Lake Michigan Conference victory over Kalkaska.

The victory lifted Charlevoix to 6-1 overall, giving it its second straight playoff berth. The Rayders are 4-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. They share second place with Grayling, one game behind Traverse City St. Francis.

While Charlevoix is still alive in the race for the league championship, it would have to win its remaining league games — Friday, Oct. 13, at Harbor Springs; and Friday, Oct. 20, at home against Grayling — and hope that Traverse City St. Francis loses one of its two remaining league contests in order to tie the Gladiators for the crown.

St. Francis plays host to much-improved Elk Rapids on Friday, Oct. 13, then closes the regular season on Friday, Oct. 20, at East Jordan.

The Rayders go to Harbor on Friday to face a team that ended

a 25-game win streak last weekend with a 26-20 overtime win at East Jordan. Grayling, always a formidable opponent, is 5-2 overall and 4-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"It's nice to know that we're in (the playoffs) and now we can start fine-tuning everything," Charlevoix coach, Don Jess, said.

Charlevoix quarterback Chris Waha completed 14-of-19 passes for 220 yards and two TDs in leading the Rayders. Munson was his top target with six receptions for 135 yards. Waha also kicked an extra point and threw for three two-point conversions, two to Matt Kanine, the other to Dan Swenor.

Waha's TD passes went for 51 yards to Munson and 31 yards to Kanine. Cliff Jones also scored for Charlevoix on a 1-yard run.

The Rayders also got a spark from Ray Jones, a defensive end who saw some action at running back.

"Ray Jones played a real good game at defensive end," Jess said. "He's like 5-10, 275 pounds, and we put him in at running back for a couple of plays in the second quarter and he really gave us a boost of energy with a couple of tough runs."

Klooster led Charlevoix's defense with 11 tackles, while Kanine had seven and Munson added six.



Courtesy photo

4-H soccer winners

The 4-H soccer youth championship games were played on Saturday, Oct. 7. The winner in the under 12 division was the Lawn Logic team who defeated Kately Farms 2-0. Members of the Lawn Logic team include (front, from left to right) Jennifer Archey, Kaitlin Hinkley, Hannah Herboldsheimer, Karly Pearsall, Katie Paramo, Carly Thompson (back, from left) Eric Tripplehorn, Desmond Hunter, Ian Hunter, coach John Doskoch, Nicholas Snabes, J.J. Bottomley and Jacob Doskoch.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE OCT. 2, 2006				TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES OCT. 3, 2006				DOUBLE DECKERS - OCT. 1, 2006			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
J. Arnold Painting "2"	11	5		Mark White Paint & Stain	122	128		Webb	7	1	
Selph Trucking	9	7		Lakeshore Tire	77	113		Stein	7	1	
Bud's Buds	8	7		St. Mary's	88	162		Grunch/Cran	6	2	
Paul Bunyan Lanes	8	7		Lutherans	81	169		A & J Russell	6	2	
J. Arnold Painting "A"	8	6		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Blanchard/Crain	5	3	
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	8	6		Series	Game	Series	Game	Thomas	5	3	
B. VanLoon & Sons	7	9		John Fiedorek	621	268		Russell C & R	4	4	
The Flight Deck	3	13		Larry Potter	595	241		Bradley	4	4	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Casey Crain	595	231		Sladek	3.5	4.5	
Series	Game	Series	Game	Bill Gengle	579			Browe	3	5	
Shawn Putman	579	246		YOUNG AT HEARTS OCT. 5, 2006				Patton	3	5	
John Fiedorek	662	243		W	L	Series	Game	Potter	2	6	
Brian Olson	591	225		Spaerline	20	0		Spencer	2	6	
Chris Potman	591			Has Beens	12	5		Ferguson	1.5	6.5	
CHURCH LEAGUE - OCT. 4, 2006				Irish Rollers	11	8		Sharrow/Roloff	1	7	
Ferguson & Chamberlain	182	65		Twilighters	11	9		Noraman	6	8	
State Farm Insurance	150	100		Alley Cats	7	10		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
R & C Roofing	140	110		Past Times	7	10		Series	Game	Series	Game
Paul Bunyan Lanes	134	116		Hall & Hall	6	10		Jim Potter	563	214	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Misfits	3	13		Gary Spencer	562	211	
Series	Game	Series	Game	GUTTER GIRLS - OCT. 5, 2006				Robert Russell	205		
Shawn Putman	579	246		W	L	Series	Game	Roger Crain	536		
John Fiedorek	662	243		Burger King of Charlevoix	60	40		Lynette Webb	547	200	
Brian Olson	591	225		Argonne Supple Club	52	48		Carrie Blanchard	175		
Chris Potman	591			Paul Bunyan Lanes	46	54		Amy Russell	433		
CHURCH LEAGUE - OCT. 4, 2006				Laural & Company	42	58		Lisa Bradley	425	170	
Ferguson & Chamberlain	182	65		HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES							
State Farm Insurance	150	100		Series	Game	Series	Game				
R & C Roofing	140	110		Don Bamback	427	146					
Paul Bunyan Lanes	134	116		Patty Sizemore	510	158					
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Audrey Trimble	411	156					
Series	Game	Series	Game	Barb Woolley	146						
Shawn Putman	579	246		Dolly Coen	396						
John Fiedorek	662	243									
Brian Olson	591	225									
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Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Carol Burry of the Night Ladies League had an actual Series of 553 with a high game of 196.

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America In Bloom recognizes local floral displays

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

"Charlevoix the Beautiful" was recognized for its floral displays by America In Bloom, a national organization that awards towns for efforts in beautification.

Charlevoix residents Marilyn and Dale "Mr. Petunia" Boss attended the America In Bloom Symposium and Awards Program Sept. 28 in Eureka Springs, Ark. on behalf of the local Operation Petunia organization. Keep Charlevoix Beautiful.

While there, they received a plaque on behalf of Charlevoix recognizing floral displays in the under 5,000 population category. According to Keep Charlevoix Beautiful treasurer, Marcell Staffel, local floral displays include the Bridge Street petunia baskets, the petunias lining five miles of Bridge Street, window boxes at businesses as well as private and community gardens.

"We were disappointed, naturally (not to have taken first place overall). But we were glad we made the trip," Marilyn said.

Eureka Springs, Ark. was the overall winner in the under 5,000 population category.

Marilyn said the town was beautiful and the trip, which included several informative sessions on flowers and landscaping, was well worth their time.

The special recognition was the culmination of a lengthy review of Charlevoix conducted in mid-July by two America In Bloom judges, Dwight Lund and Norm Kleher, both of the

Methodist Church to host annual Fish Fry

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host an all you can eat Old-fashioned Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20 at the church, located at 104 State St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The dinner will include fish and chips, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert.

The cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 5.

Chicago, Ill. area.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful members, along with members of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and various citizens, gave the judges a tour, concentrating on the petunias, local gardens, and historic sites like the Harsha House Museum and Earl Young homes.

The judges awarded points in eight categories including floral displays, environmen-

tal awareness, landscaped areas, tidiness, urban forestry, heritage preservation, turf and ground cover and community involvement. They then compared Charlevoix's point values to other towns its size across the country.

While Charlevoix didn't take first place for its floral displays, aside from a plaque, the recognition also included an information packet stocked with com-

munity enhancement ideas.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful member, Lori DeGrazia, said the group is exploring the possibility of forming a group with involvement from various organizations to implement some of the ideas.

"Like the problem with the weeds (in the street side petunias), they told us about a product we can use next year to solve that," Staffel said. "We'll

be working closely with Pat Elliott (superintendent of the city street department) to get the weed problem under control. We have high hopes about things looking better."

To view Charlevoix's Pride Book, which was created in conjunction with the town's America In Bloom entry, visit Charlevoix Camera in the Oleson's Plaza where it is on display.

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Roloff returns to commission seat following heart health scare

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Shirley
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Sixth District Charlevoix County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, will continue serving despite a recent health scare.

Since early this spring, Roloff has contended with high blood pressure and bouts with a slow pulse. Then, on Monday, Oct. 2, Roloff was admitted to Charlevoix Area Hospital then transported to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City for a more severe episode.

"The same thing happened, my blood pressure got high, but I still had a slow pulse and it really dropped," she said. "They (doctors) realized my heart was pumping too slow and I needed a pacemaker."

She added, "I'm really glad I found out what was wrong — I just needed a pacemaker the whole time."

A little over a week since the event and Roloff has improved. "I feel great, just a little bit sluggish yet, but I feel good and everything is just fine," she said.

Roloff said tests looking for blockages and other heart damage revealed her to be A-OK.

"They did the catheterization of the heart and it was clear, so I'm in good shape," she said.

"They've given me a lease on my life for the next 20 years, so I'll probably be better than anybody in this town."

She added, "I can continue my life

fuller than I did before."

According to Roloff, the only meeting she missed due to her illness was a Judicial/Building and Grounds/Public Safety meeting which was rescheduled for yesterday, Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Roloff plans to attend today's 3 p.m. meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

"I should be there," she said. "I'm just going to take it a little bit easy, and within another week, I'll probably be back to full speed."

To her constituents, Roloff said, "Tell 'em that I'm doing great and I'm ready to continue serving them for the next two years and maybe longer."

She added, "I want to thank them for their support. I will continue doing the best I can for Charlevoix County."

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Sheriff's deputy, VanMeter arrested on assault charge

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

An alleged incident that led to the arrest of a Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy last week appears to have started with an incident at the deputy's home.

On Friday, Oct. 6 state police arrested Charlevoix County Sheriff's deputy Brian VanMeter, 42, of Charlevoix on charges of felonious assault and reckless driving stemming from an alleged incident that took place early Thursday, Oct. 5.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater has since placed VanMeter on unpaid suspension pending the outcome of the criminal case and an internal investigation.

According to a Michigan State Police affidavit filed in the case, the Petoskey-area man who is the alleged victim in the case told troopers that he had been at the VanMeter residence, located several miles south of Charlevoix and left the residence at about 1 a.m. Police said the man reported that shortly after leaving, he received a call from VanMeter's wife indicating that she was receiving several calls registered as "blocked" on the caller ID.

The man told police that he turned around and drove back to the VanMeter home. He told police that as he was about to enter the driveway, he noticed a vehicle parked about 200 feet from the home. He said the driver of the vehicle turned on its lights, "spun a doughnut" and approached the driveway where the alleged victim had stopped.

The man told police that VanMeter got out of his car, approached the Petoskey man's car and asked him to get out. The man said he got out of the car at which time VanMeter told him he knew "what was going on" at the home and then allegedly threatened the man twice, purportedly saying he would "kill him with one hand."

Court records show that a divorce proceeding was filed in 33rd Circuit Court between VanMeter and his wife on Aug. 31.

The man told police that VanMeter told him to get off his (VanMeter's) property and that the man then left in his vehicle.

The man said VanMeter immediately got into his car and began following him as he drove toward Charlevoix.

The man told police that as VanMeter followed him he

(VanMeter) was revving his engine and would race up behind his vehicle to within a few feet of his rear bumper and then brake hard, and then back off. The man said VanMeter repeated this process several times as they neared Charlevoix.

The man told police that as the two vehicles neared the U.S. 31/M-66 intersection — at about the driveway to Glen's — VanMeter allegedly passed the victim's car and stopped in front of him in the middle of the road, causing the victim to stop.

The man said that VanMeter got out of his car, came over to the victim's vehicle, grabbed the door handle and opened the car door saying, "Get out of the car."

The man said the door swung open, but closed again because of the seatbelt after which the man said he locked the door.

The man told police that VanMeter then pounded once on the man's driver's-side door window with his right fist and then left the scene, allegedly running a red

light at the U.S. 31/M-66 intersection.

No injuries or vehicle damage was reported in the alleged incident.

The affidavit does not indicate what, if any, statements VanMeter made to them about the alleged incident.

VanMeter was arrested on the charges Friday and has since been released from jail after posting a \$10,000 surety bond. He is slated to be arraigned on the charges on Oct. 17. The court file did not list an attorney for VanMeter Monday.

Felonious assault (also called assault with a dangerous weapon) is a four-year felony. Reckless driving in a misdemeanor charge.

Charlevoix County officials have asked investigators from the Michigan State Police 7th District headquarters in Williamsburg to handle the investigation to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

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Sales professionals needed for our Charlevoix and other dealerships. Salary plus commission - earning potential \$60,000+. Health care and retirement available. If you are an individual with integrity, good organizational skills, and a successful sales background, then we want to see your resume. Send to: ICC, P.O. Box 146, Acme, MI 49610.

RESIDENTIAL ADVOCATE

Call in position in a 24-hour crisis program in Petoskey, providing support to adults experiencing a mental health crisis. Flexible for all shifts including weekends. Must possess high school diploma, GED, or equivalent. Prefer human services or health care experience but not required. Training provided, salary ranges \$9.63 to \$13.25. Send resume to HR, North Country CMH, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. E-mail: hr@ncccmh.org or Fax: (231)347-1241. Applications must be received by 10/20/06. E.O.E.

0710 IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY
MARGARET JULLERET
(12/17/1938 - 10/14/1991)

I read of a man who spoke at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke of the following dates with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash... What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real... and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives... like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last awhile. So, when your eulogy is being read...with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say...about how you spent your dash?

You are deeply loved
and missed by your family!

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EDUCATION/COUNSELING

ADVOCATE/SUPPORTS COORDINATOR for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team. Full-time based in Petoskey. Provide support & service coordination for persons with mental illness. Duties include organizing individual plans of service, linking, advocating, and providing support to maximize the consumer's ability to live independently. Emergency services on-call on a rotating basis. Prefer experience working with adults with mental illness. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field. Capable of obtaining proper Michigan licensure. Good driving record. Salary range \$26,316 to \$39,110 & excellent benefit package. Posting closes 10/18/06. Send resume to: North Country CMH, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. Fax (231)347-1241 or E-mail to: hr@ncccmh.org. E.O.E.

MODERATOR: "FROM Decisions To Actions" program seeks Moderator for Cheboygan County. Facilitate two-hour psycho-educational class once a week for youths/parents. Ten-week sessions address issues of conflict, communication, decision-making & consequences. Requires a GED or equivalent. Candidate needs to have experience working with difficult youths & families. Part time with variable evening hours. Starting at \$11.00 per hour. Send resume to HR, North Country CMH, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. FAX (231)347-1241 or E-mail to hr@ncccmh.org. E.O.E.

0880 SALES HELP WANTED

SALES

I am a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be of good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to \$50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. Please call (231)347-6958 and ask for Human Resources.

0890 POSITION WANTED

HOUSE SITTER for the Charlevoix area. Responsible, 60-year-old male. Locally employed. Very reasonable. Call (231)342-2201.

NEW Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday

1000 GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE 5 Family, Saturday Oct 14, 9 to 3 pm. Quality adult, kid and maternity clothes. Toys, furniture, antiques, 1109 Beacon St. Charlevoix.

RED BARN Sale, 01646 Sequanota, Charlevoix. Antiques, housewares, furniture and more! Friday, Oct. 13th, 12:30-6:00, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 9:00-7 and Sunday, Oct. 15th, 9:00-noon.

1340 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR SALE

HOLIDAY DRESSES and pajamas, new/used, (Girls sizes 2 through 16). Halloweek costumes, new/used, childrens and adults. Childrens winter coats. Call (248)896-3018/local number. Leave message.

1390 LAWN & GARDEN

LAWN MOWER PARTS, repairs, ECHO Chainsaws, String Trimmers, OREGON chain and sharpening, Ralph's Small Engines, (231)547-9061.

1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT lot at Adams Lake Preserve. Close to town. \$74,000. By Owner. (231)938-0466.

1620 MOBILE HOMES & SITES FOR SALE/RENT

ELLSWORTH HOLLY Park, 1996, 3 bedroom, 2 bath and all appliances. Excellent condition. \$16,900. Price includes free delivery. (231)218-6911 or (231)588-2018.

1660 CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX VACATION Condo, Captains Watch, Park Avenue. Newly furnished, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fully equipped kitchen. No smoking/no pets. Sleeps 4. \$900 per month, October through June. \$500 damage deposit. Call (248)224-9632.

EDGEWATER INN, 1 bedroom, 2 bath, month to month lease. No pets/no smoking. Cable included. Rate - October through June 2007, \$600 per month. (517)719-8637.

EDGEWATER INN, luxury 1 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer. No smoking/no pets. Water included. Lease plus deposit. \$750 per month. Call (517)881-5938.

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. (231)881-3528.

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1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN, nice, 2nd floor office room, \$300 plus utilities. Call Aila at (231)547-7916.

1690 APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX ONE bedroom, 450 sq. ft. apartment. \$395 plus utilities per month. Optional parking space \$50 per month. Call Aila (231)547-7916.

CHARLEVOIX ONE bedroom, 870 sq. ft., 2nd floor apartment with balcony overlooking Round Lake. \$695 plus utilities, optional parking space \$50 per month. Call Aila (231)547-7916.

1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

ELLSWORTH COUNTRY home, 1 bedroom, no pets. \$375 plus utilities. (231)881-3528.

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate \$1,000. Weekly rates available. Phone (989)463-3937. Ask for Linda.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

BELLS BAY, Charlevoix, 20x45x20 high with 20x20 loft, 20x20 door. Inside separate boat storage available. Call (231)547-5671 or (304)305-3979.

INSIDE STORAGE Charlevoix Area. Boats, RV's, autos. \$1.50 sq. ft. Call (734)646-9345.

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kem, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call (231)547-6445.

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. (231)547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

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1810 LIVESTOCK & FEEDS

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

1987 BUICK station wagon, four door. Good condition. \$1,000. (231)547-2958.

2005 TRAILERS

UTILITY TRAILER, 6 1/2' x 12' with 22 inch sides and tailgate. \$1,200. Very heavy duty. (231)373-8076.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

TWO POLARIS, 1999 jet skis. Both in great condition. Comes with life vests and brand new, 2005 double trailer. \$6,200 or . best offer. (231)373-8076.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: William Paraschos and Valerie Paraschos, Husband and Wife to Westmark Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 2, 1999 and recorded July 13, 1999 in Liber 367 Page 633 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Household Finance Corp III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$117,213.54) including interest 9.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at

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public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, November 3, 2006. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of Lot 6 and the South one-half of Lot 7, Block A of Stockman's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Charlevoix, according to Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, Charlevoix County Records, Commonly known as 106 Alice Street, Charlevoix MI 49720. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

Household Finance Corp III,
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811
South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 06-56136(HSBC)
ASAP# 794167
(L-10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25)

CIRCUIT COURT SALE

CASE NO. 05-905-20-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of September, 2006, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein IRWIN UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY was the Complainant; and Dorian N. Lange; Anne Lange; Lange Limited, LLC; Migaldi Family, LLC; Republic Bank; Independent Bank South Michigan; Capitol National Bank, N.A.; and Charlevoix Holdings, Inc. were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the front lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of December, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon, local time, the following-described property, viz:

PARCEL 1: COUNTRY CLUB PARK PARCEL (INCLUDING PARCEL "A" OF THE SUSAN CASCANI PROPERTY)

In the Townships of Hayes & Charlevoix, Charlevoix County Michigan, COMMENCING at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76 degrees 04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76 degrees 04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77 degrees 42'20" West and as South 77 degrees 39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5 degrees 59'01" East, (recorded as

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South 4 degrees 25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence, South 87 degrees 59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2 degrees 00'25" East (recorded as South 0--21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76 degrees 18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Section 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said section line and the East line of said block South 1 degrees 00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87 degrees 51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0 degrees 55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block south 88 degrees 51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1 degrees 03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89 degrees 14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1 degrees 05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the West 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1203.49 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50 degrees 23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 243.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West & a part of the Northeast of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 15, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

PARCEL 2: BALANCE OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST LYING SOUTH OF U.S.-31

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said section South 76 degrees 04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76 degrees 04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 543.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West.

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South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said section South 76 degrees 04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76 degrees 04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South quarter line of said section South 1 degrees 31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said quarter line South 1 degrees 31'09" East 543.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West.

EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:

PARCEL 1 (PROPOSED MOTEL PROPERTY)

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a Charlevoix County marker at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76 degrees 04'44" East 126.14 feet to the centerline of Highway U.S.-31; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 574.87 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 230.00 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" east 75.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 219.64 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 355.07 feet to 1/2 inch rod; thence South 02 degrees 00'25" East 100.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 55 degrees 58'21" West 176.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 524.55 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, and containing 3.829 acres.

Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: October 4, 2006

JANE E. BRANNON
Charlevoix County Clerk

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By: Donald Schneider
Deputy Sheriff

Raynor D. Zillgitt, Jr. (P39824)
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333 Albert Avenue, Suite 500
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(L10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25,
11/1,11/8,11/15)

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE TIME NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagee, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Four Cents (\$225,524.04), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Dated: 09-28-06

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee
Howard & Gupta, P.C.
Ajay Gupta
Attorney for
Premier Realty Group, Inc.
1020 Springwells
Detroit, MI 48209
(313) 849-0567
(L-10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25)

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 15, 2004, by Lori Brzezckowski, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on November 30, 2004, at Liber 653, Page 397, Charlevoix County Records, and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$61,299.56 principal, \$1,331.92 interest, and late fees of \$30.00; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured

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392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43" East 182.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said Northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" West 248.96 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No. Part of
15007-118-009-10

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 09-28-06

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee
Howard & Gupta, P.C.
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Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster(P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
231 347-4988
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Notice is now given that on Friday, October 27, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL B:

Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet), along the West line of said Section 4, for the Point of Beginning; thence along the West line of said Section 4, North 01°08'55" West 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 88°58'37" East 659.83 feet; thence South 01°08'48" East 305.62 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 88°28'16" East 160.84 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East); thence South 01°28'58" East 200.00 feet (recorded as South 01°30'24" East); thence North 88°28'16" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East); thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, South 01°28'58" East 50.00 feet (recorded as South 01°30'24" East); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

SUBJECT TO AND INCLUDING: a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement described as: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet); along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence South 89°00'12" East 823.43 feet, along a line not intending to be on the East & West 1/4 line; thence North 88°31'02" West 112.68 feet; thence North 88°29'36" East; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" West 170.00 feet (recorded as North 01°30'24" West); to the centerline of a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement; thence the following courses and distances along the centerline of a 60 foot wide Ingress, Egress, Service and Utility Easement; thence South 79°17'03" West 111.99 feet; thence North 86°39'06" West 361.85 feet; thence North 80°13'52" West 333.92 feet; thence South 38°12'55" West 293.10 feet; thence South 24°33'35" West 257.31 feet; thence South 07°43'24" East 290.00, to the Point of Ending.

by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, October 27, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL B:

Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet), along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/4 corner of said Section 4, for the Point of Beginning; thence along the West line of said Section 4, South 01°09'11" East 533.99 feet; thence North 89°28'09" East 531.00 feet; thence North 01°06'04" West 319.87 feet; thence North 89°00'12" West 112.68 feet; thence North 01°28'58" West 200.00 feet; thence South 89°00'12" East 405.63 feet; thence North 88°31'02" East 468.60 feet (recorded as North 88°29'36" East); to the centerline of Maple Hill Road, North 01°28'58" West 150.00 feet (recorded as North 01°30'24" West); thence South 88°28'16" West 1290.60 feet, to the West line of said Section 4; thence along said West line, South 01°08'55" East 113.34 feet (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); to the Point of Beginning.

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This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 7.0% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: September 20, 2006

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
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Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$290,722.35) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or

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any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on November 17, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwest corner of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet

and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

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The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: September 27, 2006

Drafted By:
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE TIME NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgages made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. dated the 8th day of December, 2004; and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 20th day of July, 2006 in Liber 756 of Charlevoix County Records, Pages 886-895, respectively on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$221,674.63), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of

Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 338.00 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16'04" East 2293.5 feet to a 1.5" pipe at the east quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US-31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22' 50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55 degrees 46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57degrees 19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37 degrees 33'51" West 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; Thence continuing North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52 degrees 45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10 degrees 55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19 degrees 56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58 degrees 46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29 degrees 36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of the said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00 degrees 31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64 degrees 17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12 degrees 32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77 degrees 33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77 degrees 27'51" East 567.90 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, Subject to the rights of the public and governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

Parcel No. 15007-118-008-10

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: September 28, 2006

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgages made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. dated the 8th day of December, 2004; and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 20th day of July, 2006 in Liber 756 of Charlevoix County Records, Pages 886-895, respectively on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$221,674.63), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of

Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 338.00 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16'04" East 2293.5 feet to a 1.5" pipe at the east quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US-31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22' 50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55 degrees 46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57degrees 19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37 degrees 33'51" West 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; Thence continuing North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52 degrees 45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10 degrees 55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19 degrees 56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58 degrees 46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29 degrees 36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of the said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00 degrees 31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64 degrees 17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12 degrees 32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77 degrees 33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77 degrees 27'51" East 567.90 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, Subject to the rights of the public and governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

Parcel No. 15007-118-008-10

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: September 28, 2006

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Erik K. West and Colleen K. West, husband and wife as tenants by their entirety, Mortgageors, to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of November, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of October, 2005 in Liber 709 of Charlevoix County Records, page 545, said mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank N.A. As Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine & 30/100 (\$105,729.30), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of November, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.80% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by

law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The Southeast 1/4 of Lot 2, Block G, of N. Morgan's Addition to South Boyne (now city of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 10/5/2006

Wells Fargo Bank N.A.
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Duane R. Skop, a single person, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 30, 2002 and recorded May 2, 2002 in Liber 468, Page 895, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve and 79/100 Dollars (\$109,212.79) including interest at 5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 27, 2006. Said premises are located in the Township of South Ann, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a three-fourths inch rod at the East quarter corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence South 0 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds East along the East line of said Section and along the center line of Ranney Road 497.18 feet; thence North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 34.79 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Western line of said road; thence continuing North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 1346.87 feet to a

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Notice is now given that on Friday, November 3, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Parcel 3: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, T33N R5W, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet, (Recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet) along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/2 corner of said Section 4; thence along said West line, North 01°08'55" West 507.09 feet, (recorded as North 01°10'04" West), for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said West line, North 01°08'55" West 515.75 feet (recorded as North 01°10'04" West), thence North 89°58'37" East 766.76 feet, thence South 01°10'03" East 204.50 feet, (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 89°59'57" East 520.09 feet, (recorded as 520.00 feet), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, South 01°28'58" East 199.97 feet, (recorded as South 01°30'24" East 200.00 feet); thence South 89°58'37" West 628.25 feet, (recorded as South 89°59'57" West); thence South 01°08'48" East 111.11 feet, (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence South 89°58'37" West 659.82 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the rate of 6.0% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: September 27, 2006

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgage Company, LLC
406 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

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The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: September 27, 2006

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OCT. 13 FRIGHT NIGHT

The Charlevoix Children's House presents Fright Night at the Castle. The event will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. Master Card and Visa accepted. Costumes are encouraged. Silent auction, dinner by Grey Gables, music provided by A+ Digital DJ, costume prizes awarded. Purchase tickets at Charlevoix Screen Masters. Call (231) 547-5111 for more information.

OCT. 13 AND 14 HARSHA HOUSE GIVEAWAY

The Harsha House Museum will have Apple Festival giveaways. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 13 and 14. Free hot cider will be served and daily drawings will take place at 4 p.m. both days for a lighthouse hat, candle, t-shirt, pins and decals. Drawing participants need not be present to win. The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum is located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call Harsha House Museum at (231) 547-0373.

OCT. 14 EVENING OF BLUEGRASS

The Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Center will host "An Evening of Bluegrass" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 featuring Horton Creek and Lare Williams & New Direction. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix.

OCT. 14 BIG ROCK EXHIBIT CLOSURES

The Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant exhibit at the Depot will close at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14. It is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays

and Saturdays at the Depot. Almost 1,300 visitors have seen it. For more information call (231) 547-0373.

OCT. 17 ADULT BAND RE- HEARSAL

Adults with beginner to advanced music skills are coming together to form a new band. An adult band class will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Charlevoix High School band room. An instrument rental program is available. For more information, call Evelyn Wujcik at (231) 547-6376.

OCT. 17 CHRISTMAS PROJECT MEETING

The first meeting of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project Committee will take place at 2 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. All interested in joining the group are asked to attend. For more information, call Bev Boss at (231) 547-2078.

OCT. 17 RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE MEETING

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

OCT. 18 RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL LUNCHEON

The Charlevoix County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will host candidates Sharon Unger and Jason Allen at a luncheon to take place at noon on Oct. 18 at the school across from the Boyne City Public Library on Main Street. All retired school personnel and their guests are encouraged to bring questions to the meeting. The cost is \$8 and includes lunch prepared by the Boyne City High School hospitality class. A drawing will conclude the meeting. For reservations, call (231) 582-7506.

OCT. 20 FISH FRY

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host an all you can eat Old-fashioned Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20 at the church, located at 104 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. The dinner will include fish and chips, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 5.

OCT. 28 NATURE HIKE

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Raven Ridge Preserve located off Fuller Road in East Jordan, forester, Chris Anderson, will lead fall color nature hike while teaching participants how to identify trees using bark, twigs and seeds. Call (231) 347-0991 for more information on the hike.

OCT. 29 BRASS BAND PERFORMS

The Northern Michigan Brass Band will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

OCT. 29 ST. MARY SPECIAL LITURGY

St. Mary Church will host a special liturgy aimed at strengthening the relationship between the Native American people and the Catholic church. The Eucharist Celebration will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. Members from area tribes are invited to wear Native American regalia. Fr. James Gardiner, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Bellaire, will be the main presider, with Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and other priests of the diocese will attend. Professional Native American musicians will participate under the direction of Dan Hall. A reception will follow in the parish hall. For more information, call (989) 732-5147.

NOV. 4 SHOP CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities event on Nov. 4. Participating merchants will donate 10 percent of purchases to a participating non-profit or charity of your choice.

NOV. 13 HOSPITAL CONTEST

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is pleased to announce that their "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" is now open.

Visit the hospital gift shop, read the information and win a \$100 gift certificate if your gift shop name is chosen. Entrants need not be present to win.

The gift shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The contest deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Judges will choose the best gift shop name on Nov. 13.

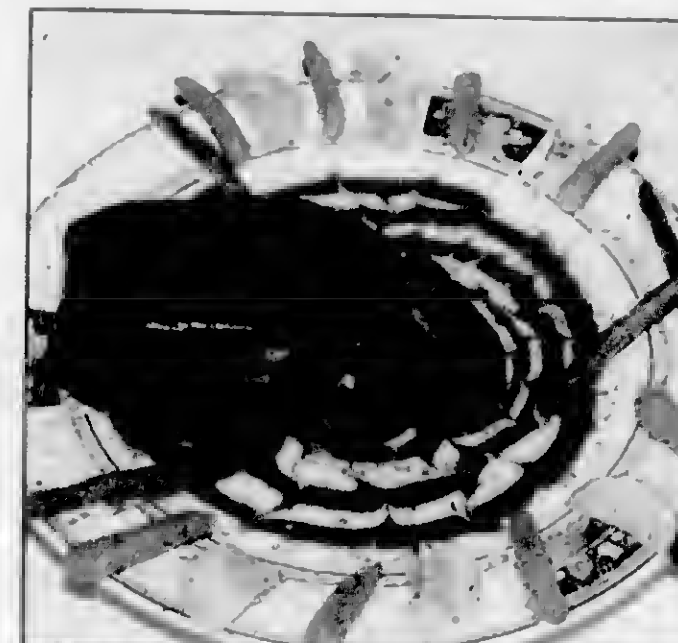
LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Computer Basics Class from 1 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 16, 18 and 20.
- Writer's Group organizational meeting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 16.
- Author, George Lasater presentation at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17.
- "Playtime" with Jill Haan, for parents and caregivers of young children with their children 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 17.
- Tech tour of library at 11 a.m. on Oct. 18.
- Lap Sit Story Time 10:05 a.m. on Oct. 19.
- Preschool Story Time 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 19.
- "Paws for a Story" kick-off program for families, 11 a.m. on Oct. 21.
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An Evening of Bluegrass comes to CHS this Saturday

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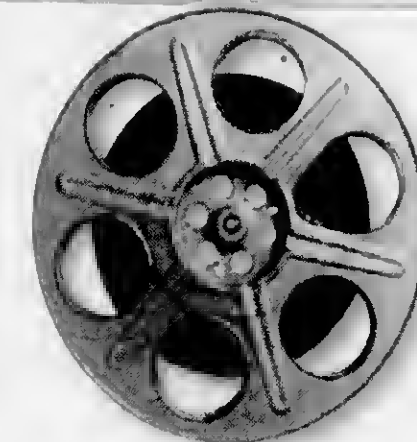
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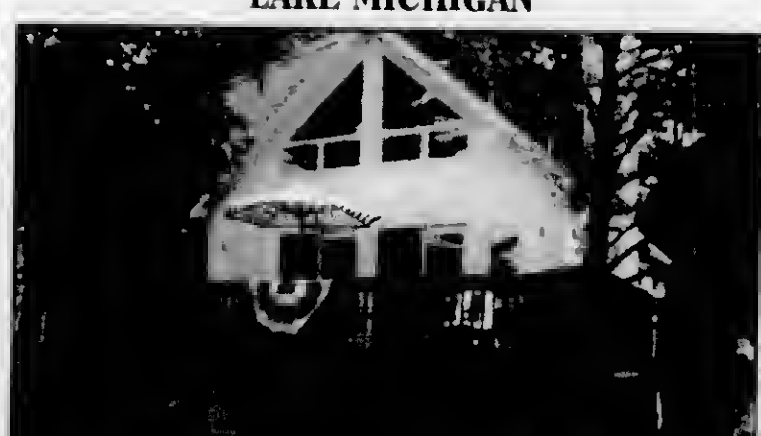


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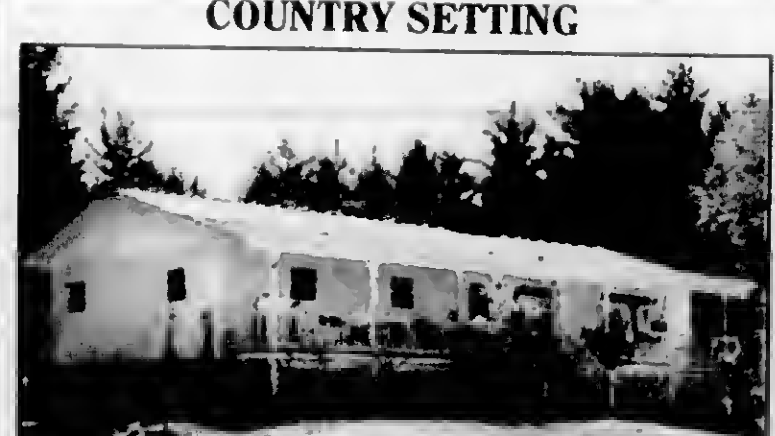


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An apple a day...

Vendors at the 27th Annual Apple Festival Oct. 13-15 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park, learned that eating an apple a day doesn't keep the snow away. (Above) Rachel Schmidt of Traverse City samples one of the many varieties of apples on sale at the Friske Orchards booth while assisting customers during a hail storm on Friday. For more pictures, see page 18.

Judge asked to close Norwood limestone quarry

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A group of Norwood Township citizens are still fighting to prevent a fellow resident from operating a limestone quarry on his property.

On Friday, Oct. 13, one day after an appeal was filed in Charlevoix's 33rd Circuit Court, Norwood resident, Bill Gnotke, chairman of Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, said he hopes the township Zoning Board's decision to allow operation of Wayne Wynkoop's mine will be overturned.

"There's a lot of community support for Norwood Township citizens," Gnotke said. "We don't believe it's (limestone quarry) allowed under the zoning and we're exercising our rights to appeal."

Wynkoop, a codependent in a case against Norwood Township, its board of trustees, zoning board of appeals, zoning administrator,

Jonathan Scheel and Wynkoop's wife, Micheline, said he isn't surprised the group is after him again.

"They need to read the zoning act," Wynkoop said. "And, as far as being compatible with the community, obviously I disagree. I think it's (limestone quarry) a benefit to the community."

On April 17, Norwood Township Zoning Administrator, Johnathan Scheel, decided Wynkoop has a legal non-conforming right to carry out operation of the limestone quarry. Approximately 30 days later, the citizens group filed and lost an appeal of Scheel's decision.

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Canine cop joins county

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

(Left) Rex is heading up the K-9 program at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. The German shepherd specializes in tracking and sniffing out narcotics. He was introduced to the community on Oct. 12 and is the fourth dog in the sheriff's department's 20 years providing canine law enforcement assistance.

Photo by Julie Witthoef

Rex, a new Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office deputy, has tracking and drug sniffing skills beyond those of his fellow uniformed officers.

Rex is the office's new 28-month-old, 80-pound German shepherd and the leader of the newly revived K-9 unit. He is the fourth canine cop at the sheriff's office in the program's 20 years. The other three, Spook, Gypsy and Jake passed away of

natural causes. There's been about a three-year lapse during which the office has had no canine capabilities.

Rex was purchased about six months ago and has been in training since then. The total cost to buy and train the dog was about \$12,000. Donations came from county residents as well as local grants and civic groups.

His continued training will include weekly work as well as an

annual certification review.

"It's exciting for me to offer this to the citizens of Charlevoix County and see their support — I was overwhelmed with what they came forward with," Charlevoix County Sheriff, George Lasater, said.

This new addition is a furry Hungary native who is supervised by his "handler," a sheriff's deputy of 10 years and the school liaison officer, Robert Scholey. Both

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Oct. 14	44	37	.5
Oct. 15	47	41	—

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Karyn Atise Jasinski, 39, Petoskey. Larceny—more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for three days, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve nine months probation; write a letter of apology; \$1,500 in fines and costs.

Erna Elaine Denise, 22, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; \$1,230 in fines and costs.

Christina Marie Idolski, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession/consumption/purchase-alcohol, third or subsequent offense. Serve 80 hours of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attain GED; \$200 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 29, Boyne City. Count one: Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 60 days in jail with credit for 14 days, to serve 46 days in jail; \$350 in fines and costs. Count two: Retail fraud—third degree. Serve 60 days in jail with credit for 14 days, to serve 46 days in jail; \$461 in fines and costs.

Donn Paul Raseman, 46, Kalamazoo. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Pasta Bella, 118 South Lake St., Boyne City, by David Collins
John Cosier Construction, 05312 Barber Road, Boyne City, by John Cosier
Mariner Enterprises, 00588 Fineout Road, Boyne City, by Charles Scott and Annette Louise Mariner

MARRIAGES

The following people were re-

cently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Bryan J. Bradford, 29 and Kathryn J. Case, 24, both of Boyne City

Patrick Jon McKeown Jr., 39 and Amy Lynne Whitley, 30, both of Charlevoix

BIRTHS

Spencer Jackson Staley weighing 10 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Sept. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mark and Larissa Staley of East Jordan. His sibling is Matlooy, 2. His grandparents are Tom and Stephanie Staley of East Jordan and Reg and Pag Jay of Brutus. His great-grandparents are Gayle Staley of East Jordan, Bob and Dorie Jay of Petoskey and Alex and Rena Sarske of Kingsley.

Timothy Michael Arender-Morris weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces was born on Sept. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tim and Gloria Arender-Morris of East Jordan. His sibling is Charlie, 3. His grandparents are Tammy Sulkowski of East Jordan, Tim Arender of Owosso, Ray Welsh of Central Lake and Diane Welsh of Bellaire. His great-grandparents are Betty Campbell of Alanson and Amos Arender of Perry.

Damian Lamar Montgomery weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Sept. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mark Montgomery and Maria Ann Hall of Charlevoix. His grandparents are David and Edith Bierschbach of Charlevoix, Mike and Jeannie Hall of Elmira and Mark and Terry Montgomery of Detroit.

Kaylie Rae Rose weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born on Oct. 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Toby Rose and Savanna Bartz of East Jordan. Her sibling is Beanna Rose. Her grandparents are Randy Rose of East Jordan, Patty Rose of Ellsworth and Renea Morris of East Jordan.

Azaliah Janae Williams weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces was born on Oct. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joshua and Jessica Williams of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Keith and Michelle Williams of East Jordan and Alan and Lannette Campbell of Charlevoix.

Madison Nichole Sheridan weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Oct. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joshua and Sarah Sheridan of East Jordan. Her sibling is Taylor Lee Sheridan. Her grandparents are Michael and Belinda Sheridan and Russ and Martha Steinhoff, both of East Jordan. Her great-grandparents are Frank and Margie Steinhoff, Thomas and



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Oct. 12 rollover closes M-66 for six hours

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a tractor/trailer crash on M-66 in Marion Township that resulted in the closure of M-66 between Wickersham to Shaw Roads for approximately six hours on Thursday, Oct. 12.

James E. Marigh, 58 of Alanson was traveling west on M-66 just west of Shaw Road at 9:15 a.m. when he lost control in an area where the road was covered with three to four inches of slushy snow.

Marigh had just driven past a sheriff's office patrol car where a deputy was assisting a motorist who had just run off M-66. Marigh was driv-

ing a 1997 Kenworth tractor attached to tandem trailers for Poquette Leasing of Petoskey hauling gypsum stone to the St Marys Cement plant. The tractor/trailer unit left the roadway and rolled onto its side spilling part of the load of stone. Marigh was not injured in the crash.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Charlevoix County Road Commission. The road was reopened at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Worn steering axle tires on the tractor were a contributing factor to the loss of control and subsequent crash.

Ruth-Ann Sheridan and Frank and Alice Campbell, all of East Jordan and Louise Kline of Mancelona.

Drayten John Evans weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces was born on Oct. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tom and Rohyn Evans of Ellsworth. His siblings are Monica and Quinten Evans. His grandparents are Dave and Kathy Brookins of Ellsworth and Robert and Beverly Evans of Central Lake. His great-grandparents are Gertrude Brookins of Central Lake, Nora Evans of Central Lake and John and Genevieve Shippy of Wyoming.

Peyton Michael Walsh weigh-

ing 7 pounds was born on Oct. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Erin Walsh of Bellaire. His sister is Aubrey Walsh.

CORRECTION

In a stand alone photo entitled "Artistic blend" that appeared on page 15 of the Sept. 27 edition of the Charlevoix Courier the names of two Rayder cookbook artists that aren't pictured, were not listed. They are Stephanie Murray and Cameron Attee.

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Future of Wynkoop mine in judge's hands

NORWOOD

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Wynkoop explained the county was able to purchase gravel from him for use in Norwood this summer at a reduced cost from what the township paid for similar material the year previous.

However, plaintiffs named in the appeal are more concerned with alleged impediments to health and enjoyment they claim the mining operation caused.

"As adjacent property owners and neighbors (citizen group members Kirk Wilson, Dana Pajtas and Walter Beck) in very close proximity, these three members are being specially harmed by what they describe as very loud noise from a heavy industrial operation," the appeal states. "They (plaintiffs) complain of a runhling noise like a freight train, constant beeping noise of a backup signal, noise of engines running, noise from loading material into trucks, a clanging or crashing noise that sounds like stone being broken up with a front-end loader or fracturing machines and, the sound of equipment being dragged across the rocks is like fingernails on a chalkboard."

While the plaintiffs claim equipment is run up to seven days a week from as early as 7 a.m. to as late as 10 p.m., Wynkoop said he tried to keep crews working up until 6 p.m. and rarely on weekends or holidays.

"What they're not understanding is the operation is not going on all hours. I still have a residence here and I still have yard work going on here and road work I'm still trying to do when the (mining) operation isn't up and running," he said. "If they hear backup alarms or equipment running after 6 p.m. or on weekends, it was me operating my own equipment, which I'm entitled to do."

He added, "It's funny — I've always had equipment of my own. I live here. I don't want it (mining operation) running 24-hours a day either."

Wynkoop said his neighbors

run farm equipment sometimes into the middle of the night.

"I'm doing what I have a right to do and they (neighbors) have a right to do what they have a right to do," he said.

This most recent filing against Wynkoop is another in a long line of attempts to prevent him from reopening a limestone quarry which Scheel stated in his ruling to allow the non-conforming use, goes back several decades at least.

Gnotke said his group won't compromise when it comes to the alleged health and environmental concerns surrounding the limestone quarry.

"We obviously would like to see that the decision be reversed and have the community returned to what it always has been: Rural, agricultural and quiet," he said.

Since Wynkoop began mining earlier this spring he has removed an estimated 5,000 yards of material in an estimated 200 trucks.

Anyone interested in joining Gnotke's cause may write to: Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, P.O. Box 312, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Wynkoop said his lawyer is looking into the matter.

New canine unit expected to handle about 25 calls a year

REX

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were trained in Claire at Brian Gregory Northern Michigan K-9 Incorporated.

"He's rarin' to go and I'm excited," Scholey said. Because of his Hungarian roots, all Rex's commands are in Hungarian. Scholey said this is because Rex had his obedience base training in Hungary.

Rex was officially brought on board during an Oct. 12 press conference. When he entered the training room where press agencies awaited his arrival he immediately circled the room, looking for drugs.

Had he found any, Scholey said once Rex got within about three-feet he would get "happy feet" then he would search out the drugs. When he found the drugs he would sit and wait for a rubber ball chew toy — his reward. Scholey said Rex has a regimented high glucosamine diet to keep him healthy and ward off hip dysplasia.

"He lives to do two things. Make me happy and get his ball," Scholey said.

He works with Scholey all day and specializes in the following assignments: drug detection, tracking, handler protection, suspect apprehension, building search and article search.

While his sharp teeth and training may scare some, Scholey said, "He's not going to attack anyone,

that's not what he does."

Scholey said Rex reads his body language and voice tone.

After hours, Rex calls Scholey's house his home sweet home. Scholey keeps Rex in a 10-foot by 10-foot outdoor kennel and a 12-foot by 8-foot indoor kennel. The idea is to keep Rex from becoming a house pet.

In fact, Scholey said he's just like another officer.

"The saying goes, when citizens are in trouble, they call the police. Well, when the police are in trouble, they call the dog. They are an awesome asset and awesome tool for law enforcement," Scholey said.

During the last month, the sheriff's office was involved in two high speed chases that ended in foot pursuits. In both cases, when the suspect

was lost, canine units were brought in to track the perpetrator and were successful.

"Now we have that ability ourselves and that's fantastic," Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, said. "Unfortunately, drugs are on the rise. Now that we have this tool, I know we will use it."

Not only is Rex available in Charlevoix County, Lasater said he will be available to city and state police departments in the county and surrounding area. They anticipate using Rex on about 25 calls a year, including requests from schools.

After about five to eight years of service, Rex will retire and join the Scholey family as a pet.

A second dog may be purchased in the near future to be trained in explosives detection.

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Weigh risks and benefits of tax abatements



JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoef
New or expanding firms mean more jobs, additional household income and a better tax base. But does it mean more income from that tax base for entities like the city, schools and library?

Two manufacturers, CPI Products and LexaLite have approached Charlevoix City

Council in the last month to request 12-year tax abatements for their properties in the city's north side industrial park.

Under an approved abatement, they are exempt from paying 50 percent of an amount equal to the city's millage rate times the taxable value of the proposed expansion. This same formula is passed on to other taxing entities like the library, schools, county and ISD — all of whom are giving up 50 percent.

CPI is expanding its existing facility and claim they will provide 25 new jobs in the next two years. The total cost of the abatement is an estimated \$41,000 per year to all taxing entities. And LexaLite is reopening its site off Taylor Road and will provide 20 new jobs over the next two years. The total cost of the LexaLite abate-

ment is an estimated \$25,500 per year to all taxing entities. The city's loss from both properties is \$14,300 per year.

This is the same deal given by city council to Harbor Industries, Nu-Core Inc. and DCL.

In both of these new cases Charlevoix City Council approved the abatement with a lone dissenter, third ward council member Shirley Gibson.

She claims at first blush abatements are nothing more than government welfare. She asked how much money the city loses with these abatements and got no answer. Without the information she felt entitled to, the answer was simply, "No."

We applaud Gibson's decision to throw the brakes on when she doesn't feel she's getting the big picture. However, we argue

there is value in providing this tax break.

In this seller's market, most companies seek incentives to locate — waste treatment, tax abatements, infrastructure enhancements — and government officials must weigh the costs against the benefits of granting them.

If these companies hadn't done improvements or opened defunct facilities there would be no new taxable value from them. And with competition from other Michigan communities and states, many of which provide no questions asked abatements, these jobs could easily be going somewhere else.

On the flip side, questions Gibson posed will need answers in the future. Because the benefits may not always outweigh the cost. For example, landing a

new firm will stimulate the local economy, but with that growth comes more demand for services. What are the costs of new water, sewer and electric lines versus the revenue those new customers will bring to the city?

City council must understand how far our community can go in granting incentive demands before just throwing out a blanket "Say yes to business." Let's leave the cart behind the horse — create a model under which you evaluate revenues and expenses, including the applicant's employment and payroll information, before establishing incentive options.

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80 percent have been free from insulin shots for more than a year." The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's own newsletter reports "Researchers in Canada have shown that transplanted adult stem cells from bone marrow can cause pancreatic tissue to repair itself, restoring normal insulin production and reversing the symptoms of diabetes."

Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital have used adult stem cells from the spleen to regenerate insulin-producing cells and cure diabetes in mice. The Boston Globe calls this "a surprising breakthrough that could be tested in local patients and pen a new chapter in diabetes research."

As for Michigan's economy being somehow "restricted" by not being allowed to pursue embryonic stem cell research, one must ask should we, as a society, allow any company or government to ride the backs of millions of innocent

5 to 7-day-old living embryos in the utilitarian quest for economic gain?

We must not choose between science and ethics. That is, we do not need to sell our souls in the hope of healing our bodies. Science is invaluable in our desire to heal but science without ethics destroys the very humanity that we strive to protect. Science does not have to kill in order to heal.

Dr. Daniel J. Pepin
East Jordan

PUBLIC APOLOGY

Editor:
I would like to apologize to the community of Charlevoix for my actions on Sept. 13. Drinking is a disease I am taking responsibility for and I am seeking help for myself. I would also like to say this is not a court ordered apology, but one coming from the bottom of my heart. For all the members,
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LETTERS to the editor

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including my family and children, who witnessed my bad judgments, I am sincerely sorry. I apologize to the law enforcement officials on duty that night and to everyone who did not feel safe in their own community.

Please accept this apology and find it in your hearts to forgive me for I am still a good person who made a bad decision. Thank you and again, I am so sorry for my behavior that may have caused you any grief.

Marshall Ira Bell Jr.
Charlevoix

DON'T TRADE LIBERTY FOR SAFETY

Editor:
Every day we are inundated, by the mass media, with stories of doom and gloom concerning everything from Social Security insolvency and the illegal alien invasion to renewed threats of terrorism in the U.S. and increased oil prices due to a diminishing supply of oil in the world. We are seldom given the whole story, much less the truth.

Social Security would be just fine if our legislators would stop spending the surplus each year on pork to ensure reelection or to repay the favors that got them elected in the first place. Our government can stop illegal immigration and reduce the danger of terrorism by simply enforcing existing immigration laws and prosecute employers who illegally hire illegal aliens rather than attempting to give amnesty to garner votes. The U.S. has almost unlimited oil reserves that the oil companies have refused to report to the public, or to tap, until gas prices reach \$5 to \$10 a gallon. The above are all claimed to be a major problem of our culture, but the facts tend to disagree.

I know he would bring to the County Commissioner's job the same work ethic and compassion I have seen him display in his capacity as veterans counselor.

Please vote for Bob Drebenstedt on Nov. 7. You will have a great advocate if he is elected.

Howard Dean Horton
Charlevoix

GREEDY LEADERSHIP

Editor:
What Republican Congressman from Florida, Mark Foley, did was outrageous. But, the very same Democrats, who are ready to hang Mark Foley out to dry, did nothing when former President Clinton finally admitted having an affair and had secret meetings with his lady love in the Oval Office. The Democrats who want to tar and feather Foley never once spoke out against Bill Clinton and the shame he brought on this nation.

This all goes to show that most of our nation's leaders think that they are above the law and are just plain greedy egoists.

Floyd and Kathy Graham
Ellsworth

VOTE FOR DREBENSTEDT

Editor:
With election fast approaching on Nov. 7, I would like to urge everyone eligible to vote in Charlevoix County's District 5 to cast their ballot for Bob Drebenstedt for County Commissioner in that district.

I have known Bob for several years, have worked with him, traveled with him, and I know him to be a hard-working, ethical, good man.

Bob and I are members of the Masonic Lodge, together, as well as the American Legion, but I also serve on the Charlevoix County Veterans' Board and have seen Bob's work as the veterans counselor for the past few years. He is a tireless worker for veterans, as I am sure many will tell you.

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Howard Dean Horton
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FIGHT INEQUALITY

Editor:
Today, inequality is still an issue for women.

As we look back in time, we can see that many things have changed, however, many things still need to change. In fact, one in four women will experience domestic abuse

during her lifetime (Tjaden and Thoennes, 2000).

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan would like you to take a look at the future. Imagine a world where boys and girls are taught fairness, cooperation, and camaraderie at home and school, so that they can learn to negotiate conflicts peacefully. Where parents and coaches agree that athletics are about good sportsmanship and physical health. Where being told, "You throw like a girl" is a compliment, not a cut down. Where Compliments and the phrase "I'm sorry," are more routine than put downs and name calling. Where loving relationships are based on trust and independence and relationship control and oppression are unacceptable. Where "Boys will be boys" isn't used to excuse bad choices. Where diversity is celebrated and our children know that respect is a relationship requirement. Where the damsel rescues herself and gentle boys are praised. Where children are encouraged to listen to his/her own instincts and feel empowered to ask for help.

How do we get to this imaginary world? The key is for men to become part of the solution. Meaningful cultural shifts must be pursued where social norms support equality, limit sexism, and where violence against women is no longer tolerated.

Freedom, social justice, empowerment, opportunity, equality, hope — these words represent the world of the future. It is ours for the making. Each of us can have an impact.

Chris Krajewski.
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Program Director
Women's Resource Center

LIBRARY QUESTIONS
Editor:
When I looked at the new library, and it is spectacular, I did not see any insulation during construction. Can that be true? Also, why doesn't the black fence all match. I've asked several workers, and they said they have been asked that many times and they did not know.

Also, why aren't the bars in the windows in the glass. It'll be a major job to do window cleaning.

William and Dorothy Irwin
Charlevoix

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS NEED HELP

Editor:
I would like to tell you about a program at Charlevoix Middle

School called Future Problem Solvers (FPS). The group solves problems set in the future, and competes against other schools around the state.

Last year, my group made it to the state competition, where we placed eighth out of 20 teams. It was really stressful (three of us went through two packs of gum in two hours), but also really cool. It was an awesome experience.

Unfortunately, due to financial cuts, FPS now has to pay for enrollment, competitions, transportation, and lodging during competitions. FPS students already hold four fundraisers during the school year, but still fall short on funds.

Please help. We are asking the community to donate Olsen's slips and Box Tops for Education to the Middle School FPS program. Both fundraisers are great and can bring in a large sum of money. Monetary donations would also be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to Charlevoix Middle School attn: FPS/Amy Pott, at 108 East Garfield, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

I really like FPS and would be sad if we couldn't compete because of money reasons. Thank you again.

Karinne Smolenyak
Charlevoix

'THANKS' FLOAT FRENZY SUPPORTERS

Editor:
Charlevoix High School tried something new this year, a Float Frenzy, where all classes built their homecoming floats by the football field for one afternoon only. It was a grand success, thanks to sunshine, hard-working students and the willingness of community members to share their time and talents.

The student council specifically thanks Roger Cyr, Beau Boss, Steve Kantola and Dean Spencley

for providing tools and training to all the students. We are also grateful to the many parents, advisors and judges who pitched in and made the experiment work so well.

Alex Urban, Jacob Wimmer and Caitlin Taylor
Student Council
Charlevoix High School

METTLER'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Editor:
When Bob and Vivian Mettler moved to Charlevoix some years back, a funny thing happened. Slowly but surely they insinuated themselves into our lives, at least, Roxy's and mine. They wormed their way into our hearts.

How many fears, tears and worries we shared. How many the road trips, football days, Beaver Island times, holidays or bleak "winter will last forever" days were warmed by spending them together. Bobby's impish delight at pulling someone's leg or a practical joke were balanced by his very private side. He didn't trust easily but once earned, no one could possibly have a more loyal friend.

Bobby's gleeful grin when his team won the Helen Open was something fine to see, as was the grin he wore this August that you couldn't have wiped off his face going around with the boys one more time. How wonderful it was to laugh with him once again.

Bob and Vivian have given so much of themselves, their hearts and their resources to this community. They didn't just make Charlevoix their home, they became locals. They became family, the sort that distance doesn't diminish. We mourn Bobby's death and he will be keenly missed from our lives. Join us please in extending your love and support. Ah Bobby, 'twas good to know ya.

Roxy and Laurie VanLoo
Charlevoix

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oh BOIX! A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

HALL OF HONOR

The late Robert G. Craig, a former professor with the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, will be inducted into the school's Hall of Honor on Oct. 26. Craig is a 1940 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR

Bill Nall of Charlevoix and Melbourne, Fla., was named Kiwanian of the Year for the Eau Gallie Suntime Kiwanis Club in at the Oct. 3 installation of officers dinner at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Melbourne, Fla. Bill has been a member of Kiwanis clubs for 40 years and has served as president and secretary.

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Bryan Watkins, son of Scott and Barbara Watkins of Charlevoix, attending Northwood University was named to the spring semester dean's list. The spring semester ended in May. The Northwood University dean's list honors all full-time undergraduates who earn a 3.5 or better grade point average.

BOYER PROMOTED

Kami Boyer has been named U.S. marketing and global branding director for Retail Decisions, a global fraud prevention company based in the U.K. After a year in London, England, Boyer has returned to the U.S. and her office is in Providence, R.I. She is the daughter of Kathy and Doug Boyer of Atwood.

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM SEMIFINALISTS

Logan Priess of Charlevoix was named one of 16,000 semifinalists in the 52nd Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. He now has the opportunity to be one of 8,200 Merit Scholarship recipients that will be given a total of \$33 million in spring 2007.

About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing and half of those will be scholarship winners.

LAKELAND BOATING FEATURES EDITH GILBERT

Edith Gilbert, a Charlevoix resident and Courier columnist, will have her article on The Boss, a 42-foot Express Cruiser with Charlevoix ties dating back to when it was originally commissioned in 1921, published in the November/December issue of Lakeland Boating Magazine.

AQUINAS COLLEGE GRAD

Leslie Renee Hoffman, the daughter of Gordie and Sharon Russell of Charlevoix, recently earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

CHS GRAD NAMED PRINCIPAL

Mary (Donnelly) Lang, a 1985 graduate of Charlevoix High School, was recently named principal of South Godwin Heights Elementary School in Wyoming. Mary, the daughter of Pat and Judy Donnelly of Charlevoix, has taught in the Godwin Heights school system for eight years and has been a teacher for 16 years. She and her husband, Dave, live in Grandville and have three children, Levi 10, and twins, Connor and Cameron, 6.

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Phoebe Gols of Charlevoix recently earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Spring Arbor University.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY HONORS LIST

Stephanie Busman, of Charlevoix, was named to the academic honors list at Ferris State University for the semester ending in August 2006.

To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester and a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Knights to host Hunters' Banquet

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 is hosting the 4th Annual Hunters' Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 26.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Building, located at 15144 Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix.

A special raffle will be held for a \$1,000 shopping spree at Jay's Sporting Goods in Gaylord.

This year, the name has been changed from Sportsman's Dinner to Hunters' Banquet to recognize the many attendees of both genders who have enjoyed prior events. A special guest speaker will update all on the latest trends in hunting big game.

Dinner tickets are \$15 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

For more information or to order tickets, call (231) 547-4208.

WEDDING

Gladstone — Christiansen



Courtesy photo

Jordan Nicole Gladstone and T.J. Christiansen of Ludington were married at 5 p.m. on July 22 in Detroit in front of 175 guests.

Jordan is the daughter of Benora and Geoffrey Gladstone of West Bloomfield. The groom's parents are Julie and Dave Christiansen of Charlevoix.

Jordan was given away by her father, Geoffrey.

The bride wore a ivory silk, satin organza strapless gown with a satin ribbon trim at the waist and a chapel length train.

The maid of honor was

Jessi Gordon. Bridesmaids were Mandy Covault, Krystin McGlone, Kristin Carty and Bailee Stevens.

Best man was Adam Kline.

Groomsmen were Jonno Campbell, Brad Nortley, Brian Christiansen and Brandon Gladstone.

The reception took place at Roostertail in Detroit and was hosted by the couple's parents.

Jordan and T.J. took their wedding trip to Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico and returned to live in Ludington. They are both teachers.

Students receive nursing scholarships

Kim Drury and Josie Krause, both first-year nursing students at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, were recently named recipients of scholarships designated to assist area undergraduates pursuing a registered nurse degree.

Drury, of Boyne City, received the Peggy Carey Northway Scholarship, and Krause, from East Jordan, was awarded the Charlevoix Area Hospital Nursing Scholarship.

The two were selected based on several criteria including their academic performance, leadership, community volunteerism, financial need and faculty recommendation. Their scholarships will help cover the cost of tuition and books for this academic year.

Both the Northway and Charlevoix Area Hospital Nursing funds are held by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and hospital representatives help se-



Courtesy photo

Students received their scholarship awards recently at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Pictured (left to right) are Linda Schoof, a hospital medical/surgical nurse, nursing scholarship winner, Josie Krause, community foundation assistant program officer, Sarah VanLoo, Northway Scholarship recipient, Kim Drury, and Jana Middaugh, a nurse at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

lect scholarship recipients. Those interested in learning more about the two nursing scholarships, or any of the other 59 scholarship funds managed by the community foundation, are invited to call the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or visit the organization's Web site www.c3f.org.

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Hospital to host low-cost screening event

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host "It's My Turn," a low-cost mammogram screening program from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The hospital staff's goal is to eliminate as many of the factors that keep women from getting mammograms as possible.

Insurance issues are often a main area of stress for mammogram clients. Some insurance doesn't cover screening mammograms, or apply a large deductible making the screening unaffordable for many women.

Another common reason women avoid mammograms is discomfort. "It's My Turn" program participants will be pampered with a mini-massage, mini-manicure, treats and healthy snacks.

Sue Morris, organizer of the annual Pink Ribbon Ride in Boyne City, will be on hand. The ride raises money for programs that are helping local cancer patients and families.

A grant through the Charlevoix Community Foundation as well as funds from the Pink Ribbon Ride and Charlevoix's Tri 4 Fun Triathlon are being directed to the "It's My Turn" program.

For more information, call (231) 547-4024.

Library partners with NCMC to offer computer classes

This fall, North Central Michigan College joins Charlevoix in celebrating the opening of the new Charlevoix Public Library by offering computer seminars in the library computer lab.

Microsoft Word Basics is being offered from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 26. Participants will learn how to research product values, types of auctions, how to create a listing, how to end listings early and how to block bidders. Learn to conduct financial transactions safely online and to protect yourself from fraud. Class includes setting up accounts, building an auction listing and reference materials. Clay LaFave, and eBay seller

and instructor for the U.S. Army will teach these sessions.

Microsoft Excel Basics is offered from 1 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 7 and 9. Participants will create spreadsheets and calculate results using formulas and simple functions. Learn the basics of entering, selecting and editing data, use toolbars and shortcuts and save and print reports. Chris Anderson, a North Central Michigan College instructor, will lead the sessions. Interested patrons are asked to register as soon as possible. The fee for each class is \$59 and is payable to North Central Michigan College.

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These Charlevoix residents, dressed as characters from Scooby Doo won the prize for best group costume at the Charlevoix Children's House Fright Night costume party and auction, Oct. 13 at Castle Farms. They are (from left) Nancy Allison as Velma Dinkley, Jody Shepherd as Daphne Blake, Gail Baldrige as "the bad ghoul," Traci Mailloux as Scooby Doo and Chris Mailloux as Shaggy Rogers.

OBITUARIES

Jean Sayers: June 13, 1921 - Oct. 3, 2006

Jean Lucile (Huffman) Sayers, 85 of Cincinnati, Ohio and a former Sturgis resident died Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Cottingham Retirement Community in Cincinnati.

She was born June 13, 1921 in Auburn, Ind., a daughter to the late Walter and Irene (Schwartz) Huffman.

At the age of six she and her parents moved to Birmingham. They later moved to Three Rivers, where she graduated from high school with the class of 1939. In 1944, she graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where she received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

On Dec. 23, 1951 she married Robert Sayers in Three Rivers. He died May 31, 2006.

Following her retirement in 1986 she and Bob moved to Charlevoix, where they made their home for several years.

She is survived by two sons and their wives, Michael and Nancy Sayers of Ann Arbor, and Douglas and Julie Sayers of Cincinnati, Ohio; five grandchildren, Aaron (Rohin), Sandra, Katherine, Samantha and Spyder; a brother and his wife, James and Jean Huffman of Colorado.

Her parents and one grandson, Luke, preceded her in death.

In accordance with her wishes

cremation has taken place. No local services are planned. A memorial service celebrating the lives of Jean and Robert Sayers took place on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Independence Village in Petoskey. Jean and Bob's ashes will be placed in the First Presbyterian Church Columbarium in Sturgis.

The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Mrs. Sayers' memory consider Vitas Hospice Healthcare Corp. of Ohio, 11500 N. Lake Dr., Suite 400, Cincinnati, OH 45249 or the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 101 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Robert Mettler: July 28, 1932 - Oct. 10, 2006



Robert Mettler

Robert Louis Mettler, 74, of Charlevoix and formerly of Waterford, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, at his home in Charlevoix.

Mass of the Resurrection took place on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston.

Bob was born July 28, 1932.

in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Louis and Laura (Dobson) Mettler. He graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1950, and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was an electrician for General Motors Truck and Bus Plant in Pontiac, retiring after 37 years. Bob married Vivian Freer Bennington in Waterford on April 12, 1987, and they made their home in Charlevoix.

Bob was a member of the FOE, VFW, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, UAW #594, and the Charlevoix Board of Review.

Bob is survived by his wife, Vivian of Charlevoix; children,

Robert Mettler of Daytona, Fla., Stephen (Shiki) Bennington of West Bloomfield, Arlene (Chris) Monroe of Waterford, Kenneth Bennington of Albuquerque, NM; two grandsons, four granddaughters; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Louis Mettler of Charlevoix; one niece and one nephew. Bob's parents, and stepmother, Margaret Mettler Daniels, preceded him in death.

Contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley Street, Boyne City, MI 49712.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

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Local schools seek volunteer assistance

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

No matter your area of expertise, local schools need community members willing to volunteer their time.

According to Zita Winn, longtime volunteer and mother of a Charlevoix student, there is no minimum amount of time required of volunteers, and no end to the work to be done.

"The media center is probably the highest on the list. They need coverage for lunch hours and reshelving books," Winn said. "I know the elementary school has just one person that's running the media center and I think they are in great need of help."

As a member of the Charlevoix

High School Curriculum Design Team, Winn understands the needs of local schools.

"The curriculum design team develops and implements school improvement goals," Winn said.

Winn emphasized not all volunteers need to put in as much time as it takes to be a member of the design team.

"That really is up to the volunteer," she said. "We don't want anyone to do more than they can."

Local schools need playground monitors, folks willing to read to students and individuals capable of helping with special needs students.

"The volunteer gets so much more out of their time than they put into it with the children,"

Winn said.

She added, "It's amazing what it does for your heart. It just feels good."

Winn said volunteering is for "Absolutely anybody in the community that feels they have an hour or two."

Since school officials don't always know what needs are it pertains to volunteers until such needs arise, Winn hopes to build a bank of volunteers by having people fill out the Rayder Aid forms available at the elementary, middle or high school.

"I think we just need to match the expertise of the people in the community with the needs of our local schools," Winn said. "While volunteering I've met some wonderful people. It's

rewarding to help kids that are struggling or need just a little bit of extra attention."

Co-administrator of Northwest Academy, Gary Stutzman, said adding the elementary classes to his school has increased the need for volunteers as well.

"We always need help at the front desk answering phones and doing basic secretarial work," he said. "Anyone that would like to be involved between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for noon-hour supervision, that would be very helpful."

Northwest Academy will be looking for coaching help next year for the soccer, golf and tennis teams.

"The children really appreciate seeing people in the building giving their time and talents,"

he said. "I think it builds a spree decor, a camaraderie feeling for the volunteer of belonging and making a positive contribution in the community."

For more information on volunteering with Charlevoix Public Schools, call (231) 547-3200. For more information on volunteering your time at Northwest Academy, call (231) 547-9000.

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Samaritan reaches out to tire slashing victims



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These ladies are three of 10 victims in a late-September tire slashing incident at a Charlevoix senior housing complex, Pine River Place. An anonymous good samaritan responded by donating \$80 to each of the victims to replace the tires. Pictured above are Lucy Schreiber, Judith Wedemeier and Martha Potter.

Methodist Church fish fry this Friday

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host an all you can eat Old-fashioned Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20 at the church, located at 104 State St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The dinner will include fish and chips, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 5.

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

For a group of Pine River Place residents, a destructive act resulted in a lesson about mankind's compassion.

Judith Wedemeier, a resident of Charlevoix's Pine River Place, a low-income senior housing apartment complex off West Garfield Avenue, jumped in her car on a cold, rainy Sunday morning, Sept. 24. At that same time, a fellow resident, was also leaving the Pine River Place parking lot.

Wedemeier said she noticed her stop after backing up. And saw that her front tire was flat. She took a quick look at the pickup truck between them, saw that vehicle too had a flat and checked her own tires only to find one had been slashed.

"The lady next to me said, 'I'm going to call AAA.' I said, 'I'm going to call 911,'" Wedemeier recalled.

A City of Charlevoix patrolman arrived less than five minutes later and surveyed the parking lot to find a total of 10 cars with slashed tires. Of the 62 Pine River Place residents, about 20 have cars.

"About half were slashed. It was wild," said Wedemeier, who moved to Pine River Place in July. "My

first feeling was these people don't deserve this. Everyone here is so spunky. They would not wish anyone ill. They think the best of everyone and make the best of situations. What kind of happiness did this person get out of doing this?"

An investigation found four other vehicles in the area had also been vandalized for a total of 14.

Then, early last week, the apartment complex manager, Rona Harrison, met Wedemeier in the hall and urged her to check her mail. She found an unfamiliar letter from a couple she didn't recognize in Prudenville. Inside was a letter stating that the author hoped the enclosed check for \$80 would to some degree make up for the loss she had suffered in the tire slashing.

The anonymous donor had done this for all 10 of the victims in the complex.

"We've seen the other side of human nature in their generosity," Wedemeier said.

The investigation into this incident continues. According to Charlevoix Deputy Police Chief, Scott Hankins, the evidence is being processed but at this point, no suspect interviews have been scheduled.

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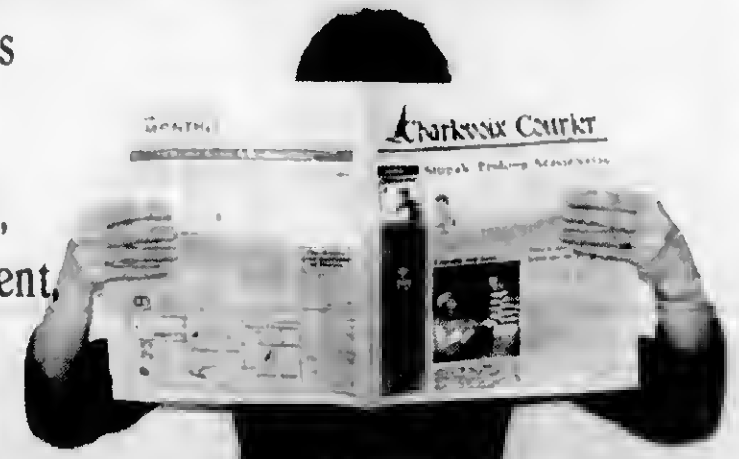
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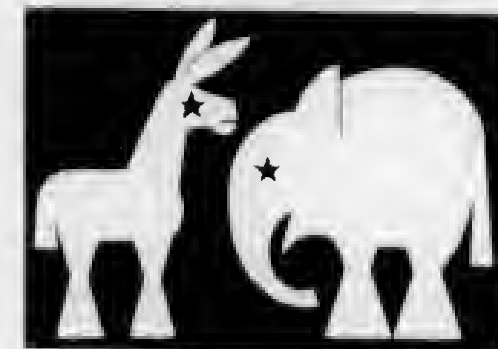
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Candidates sound off at public forum



ELECTION 2006

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Sunday's forum at the new Charlevoix Public Library featured candidates running for city, county and state government.

Moderated by Charlevoix's own, Roger Knutson, candidates were asked questions on topics ranging from education to the local economy.

IN THE RACE FOR COUNTY COMMISSION

"I believe in being involved in the community," said First District County Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall (unaffiliated). "I have no special interest or agenda."

Saltonstall said, if reelected, she will continue to work toward openness in county government.

"To save the taxpayers nearly \$200,000 in repairs to the jail, I pushed the county prosecutor to ensure the contractor would fix (air quality issues)," she said.

"Also, I believe Shirlene (Tripp, Republican District One candidate) wants to reverse the smoking ban and is also against the trail which I support."

While Tripp isn't against supporting a trail system from Charlevoix to Boyne City, she said, "I just feel at this time that the timing is not the best."

Tripp, who did not respond

to the accusation involving the smoking ban, said the commissioners must do a better job of listening to the taxpaying public.

• Their thoughts on a county administrator?

Tripp said she favors hiring someone to take over the fiscal officer duties, but said "Is this person going to fill the void of the county commissioners for work they should be doing themselves?"

Saltonstall countered by saying few, if any, operations with budgets as large as Charlevoix County are run by committees.

• Both candidates agreed the agreement between the Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix Senior Center Inc. was a positive step.

IN THE RACE FOR CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

First Ward Councilman, Bill Haggard, faces challenger, Lyle Gennett.

Gennett's biggest concerns are the nonexistent maintenance on Charlevoix's City Hall and safety concerns during the Venetian Festival.

Haggard said he is proud of the enactment of the citizens committee.

Second Ward Councilman, Gabe Campbell's seat is being contested by Greg Stevens.

Campbell said his biggest concern with the city is zoning.

"When somebody wants to build, they don't know how to go about doing that," he said. "Right now, we're (City of Charlevoix) gonna get sued no matter which way we turn on a development. I think that's tragic and it's bad for

the city."

Stevens, who said, "I don't seek this position with an agenda or an axe to grind," said a city council seat seems to be the natural progression for him.

Sitting Third Ward Councilman, Sherm Chamberlain, faces Tonia Wells.

"I'm running for the third ward council seat because I think things need to change," Wells said.

Chamberlain said, "Running is my way of serving the public. I believe my three decades of business experience can help the city."

• When asked why so many local stores sit empty, Wells said, "Locals can't afford to shop there. Most of the shops are aimed at tourists."

Gennett said rent is a factor, but affordable housing is an even bigger issue.

Campbell said the city is considering raising the infrastructure millage. He said high taxes are partly to blame for the exorbitant rental rates.

"I don't think we should raise taxes until we get our pocketbook in order," he said. "We have to tighten our purse strings."

Chamberlain said two-thirds of local revenue is consumer spending generated.

"The simple answer is to bring more shoppers to Charlevoix," he said.

But, he admitted, there is fierce competition for resort dollars in

northern Michigan. He said the Chamber of Commerce needs to help find solutions.

Stevens said there should be more handicap parking downtown.

Haggard said there isn't much the city council can do about empty stores.

"I think the chamber kind of dropped the ball themselves," he said. "(Businesses) need to be creative and not all have the same shops downtown."

Haggard said moving the Venetian Festival will only further impair Charlevoix's earning potential.

"That one week brings in three or four months worth of rent," he said.

Gennett said, as an EMS worker, he knows how difficult it is to get to and from the fire station during the festival.

"I can't put \$30,000 against a life," he said.

• Council members were asked for their personal evaluation of City Manager, Mike Wiesner.

Haggard and Chamberlain said Wiesner is a capable man.

"He's made some mistakes, but everybody has," Stevens said.

Campbell said he has doubts about Wiesner's performance.

"With a smile on my face, I say change can be good," said Gennett, whose sentiments were echoed by Wells.

**IN THE RACE FOR
THE 105TH DISTRICT**

MICHIGAN HOUSE SEAT:

Democrat, Tom Hay Bauer, hopes to unseat Republican, Kevin Elsenheimer.

IN THE RACE FOR THE 37TH MICHIGAN SENATE SEAT:

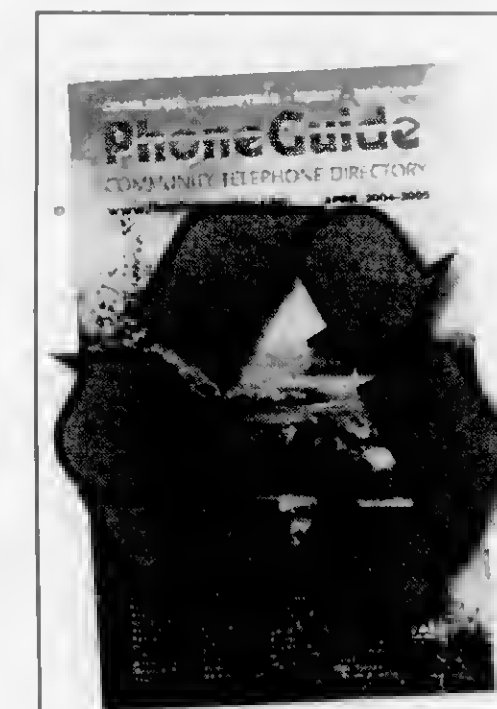
Democrat, Sharon Unger, hopes to beat Republican Senator, Jason Allen. Allen did not attend Sunday's forum.

• How would House and Senate candidates respond to the potential loss in revenue from early elimination of the Single Business Tax (SBT)?

Unger said some type of tax on business is needed, but agreed the SBT, "Was hurting businesses."

Elsenheimer said there is, "A hole left in the budget. A portion of that needs to be made up by focusing on a profits-based tax."

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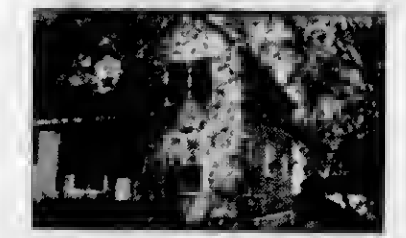
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Local Scout to attend World Jamboree in England

A Charlevoix Boy Scout will be among 2,400 Scouts and leaders comprising the American contingent who will attend the 21st World Jamboree to be held in England.



G. Paul Stolt

Glen 'Paul' Stolt II of Charlevoix Troop 11, chartered to the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club, has been selected as one of the young men and women who

will represent the Boy Scouts of America and the Council at the quadrennial event. The

Tough issues tackled at candidate debate FORUM

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Bauer agreed on the idea of a profit-based tax on business.

• How will Michigan maintain quality education while slashing school budgets?

Elsenheimer said Michigan increases school funding at a rate which outpaces inflation, but health care and retirement costs must be reduced.

Bauer said Proposal A was, "A one-size-fits-all solution." He said equality in funding across school districts is important.

Unger said the state must make education a priority.

• Will an increase in firearm legislation end school shootings?

All three candidates support farmland and open space preservation and all three oppose an increase in firearm legislation.

Unger, who favors harsher sentences for those who misuse guns, said, "Lock them up and throw away the key."

Elsenheimer said, "No law can change a human heart. There is no legal action, though sometimes we cry for them."

The election during which these seats will be decided will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7. For voting information call (231) 547-7200.

Jamboree will be held July 27 - Aug. 8, 2007, at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, England hosted by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom. Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting in the UK, is close to both Hylands Park and London.

Using the theme "One World, One Promise," Scouts will test skills with teenage youth from many lands, take part in com-

petitive events and enjoy the fellowship and pageantry of world Scouting. Jamboree activities will include touring London prior to returning home.

The world gathering includes 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders and staff from 155 countries.

Stolt is one of four Scouts who will attend from the Scenic Trails Council. Stolt, an eighth-grade student at Concord Academy

in Petoskey is the son of Glen and Lynda Stolt of Charlevoix. Stolt attended the 2005 National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. and is looking forward to this event with much eagerness and enthusiasm.

"It will be an experience like no other to be able to interact with other Scouts and scouters from 155 different countries," he said.

The last World Jamboree was held in 2003 on a Pacific Ocean beach in Thailand. The first was in England in 1920. Only one, in 1967, has been held in the United States. At that event, 12,000 youth from 105 countries camped at Farragut State Park in northern Idaho.

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The first grant honors library director, Valerie Meyerson, for her vision and leadership during design, development and construction of the new library. The grant will purchase two

"This beautiful new library will serve as a gathering place and center of learning for Charlevoix," said benefactor,

For information about library programs, call the Charlevoix Public Library at (231) 547-2651 or visit www.charlevoix.lib.mi.us.



Two grants were recently awarded from a special fund, created by Charlevoix summer residents Lynne and Mason Rosenthal, to support the new Charlevoix Public Library. The first honors library director, Valerie Meyerson and the second recognizes Charlevoix residents Don and Kay Heise. Pictured above are (front, from left) Kay Heise, Don Heise, (back, from left) Mason Rosenthal, Valerie Meyerson and Lynne Rosenthal.

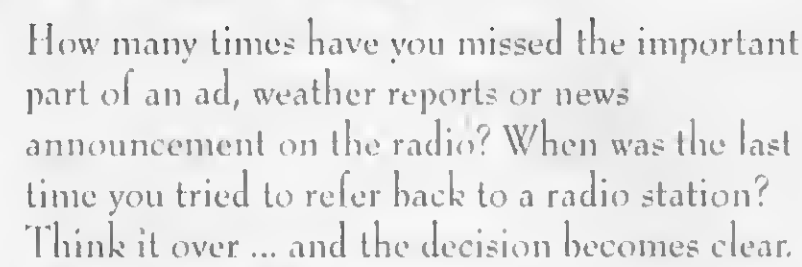
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Local deer harvest on par with last season

According to wildlife biologists with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, white-tailed deer numbers across the state of Michigan are similar to a year ago.

The biologists have estimated this year's combined archery and firearm deer harvest will be similar to last year's total, about 415,000 animals, with an estimated 60 percent of those deer taken in southern Michigan.

About 725,000 individuals are expected to go deer hunting this year. Deer hunters will contribute more than \$500 million to Michigan's economy through the purchase of food, lodging, transportation and equipment.

According to the Department of Natural Resources' annual statewide deer hunting forecast, the deer herd is dynamic and not evenly distributed across the state. The white-tailed deer's reproductive capability and their ability to adapt to the variety of habitats across the state have resulted in a Michigan deer herd estimated to be over 1.6 million animals. This is exciting to citizens who enjoy hunting

or observing deer, but is problematic to the habitat and the overall ecosystem.

Deer-vehicle accidents are still high in many areas, damage from deer to agricultural crops remains high, and both growth and vegetative composition in some forest areas has been disrupted by deer.

Deer distribution also varies within every deer management unit (DMU). Most deer are found on private land. According to the Department of Natural Resources, harvesting deer through hunting helps keep the deer herd in balance with the habitat. The group claims regulated hunter-harvest of both sexes is necessary to maintain a healthy and thriving deer population.

Antlerless deer license quotas are established for each deer management unit to achieve a desired harvest of antlerless deer for that unit. Where an increased deer population is desired, no antlerless deer licenses are offered.

"Overall, we are expecting this year's harvest to be approximately

an equal number of antlered and antlerless deer," Clute said. "But in southern Michigan, we would like to see the antlerless harvest exceed the antlered harvest."

Deer hunting in the northern Lower Peninsula will be about the same as a year ago. The buck harvest is expected to be similar to last year and the antlerless deer harvest is expected to be down. There are fewer deer management units open to the harvest of antlerless deer on public land than in 2005. Antlerless licenses are not available for Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake or Wexford counties. The Department of Natural Resources also will be collecting deer heads from hunters wishing to cooperate in the ongoing statewide surveillance for bovine tuberculosis.

For the more detailed forecast, visit the Department of Natural Resources Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.



Courtesy photo

Matthew Murray, 13, of Charlevoix, shot this six-point buck in Charlevoix County on Sept. 23, the first day of the youth hunt. Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials have said the deer harvest in the northern Lower Peninsula should be similar to last season.

Weekend storage unit break-in spree

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a series of breaking and entering events at storage units in Marion Township.

The incidents are believed to have taken place late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, Oct. 15 when several suspects kicked in doors of 20 pole barn storage buildings in the Woodland Storage, Winter Harbor and Boat Works complexes off Loeb Road.

The thieves took a variety of portable items from various buildings, vehicles or boats stored inside.

Citizens who may have had their building entered or damaged and wish to file a report are asked to contact the Sheriff's Office if they have not already been contacted.

Anyone with information about the incidents is asked to contact Sheriff George Lasater or Lieutenant Don Sproul at (231) 547-4461. A \$500 reward has been offered for information leading to an arrest.

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Security bill calls for more notice in live fire zones

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This year's funding bill for the Department of Homeland Security includes a provision requiring the Coast Guard to provide enhanced public notice beyond just marine band radio when preparing for live fire weapons training on the Great Lakes.

Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) and Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI) announced the passage of the provision late last week, saying it would help to keep the public safe.

"Great Lakes mariners deserve to know, before they set out, if the Coast Guard is going to be conducting training exercises that could affect their plans," said

Obey. "No matter how the Coast Guard finally decides to handle its training areas, this provision will ensure that boaters get fair warning of areas to avoid."

"Northern Michigan fishermen and boaters do not always view marine band radio as their primary source of nautical information. Many recreational fishermen do not have the radios, so it is imperative that the Coast Guard provide as much notice as possible," noted Stupak. "This legislation will ensure that, at minimum, the Coast Guard employs other methods of communication to put out the word that they will be conducting a live fire exercise."

Citing concerns that the Coast Guard's recent proposal to establish live-fire zones (including one in Charlevoix) on the Great Lakes was not well-coordinated with the public, the final conference report for the Homeland Security appropriations measure specifically directs the Coast Guard to "notify the public beyond just using marine band radio."

The legislation was signed into law by President Bush on Oct. 4.

The Ninth Coast Guard District, which includes the Great Lakes, is proposing the establishment of 34 zones throughout the Great Lakes that will periodically be

used for live gunfire training exercises. The safety zones are expected to occupy a total area of 2.5 percent of the surface area of the Great Lakes or 2,376 square miles.

Obey serves as the top Democrat on the U.S. House Appropriations Committee. Stupak, whose district includes more shoreline than any other Congressional district with the exception of Alaska, has been calling for greater oversight and public input into the Coast Guard's live-fire proposal.

Public meetings for the Coast Guard to gather input will be held throughout the Great Lakes Basin in coming weeks.

The Coast Guard has scheduled public meetings for Nov. 3 in Charlevoix.

The Coast Guard has also extended its public comment period into early November, allowing citizens that are unable to attend the meetings to file comments.

Public comments or concerns can be submitted through three different methods. The public may enter their comments via the Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>, via fax at (202) 493-2251 or via mail at Docket Management Facility U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Crooked Tree to host Native American exhibit, Ghost Supper, Friday Oct. 27

At 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, the Crooked Tree Arts Center will open a new exhibition entitled, "Anishnaabek Generations."

The opening will coincide with the annual Ghost Supper at the center and is free and open to the public. The exhibition will feature work created by local Native American Indians and covers a broad range of media and artistic expression.

Some of the artists being represented are Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Kim Keshick, Chris Walker, Jacob Keshick, Pauline Walker, Dave Shananaquet, Mini Wabaninkee, Ellie Payton, Tony Miron, Daniel

Chingua, Frank Ettawageshik, Rochelle Ettawageshik, Lois Beardsley and Hal Wiggins. There will be other artists represented as well.

All are invited to the Ghost Supper to share a meal and listen to stories and music provided by local Native Americans.

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Foul weather can't drench Apple Festival fun



Glen and Sandy Rosin, of Bloomfield Hills, purchased a bag of peaches from the Cherry View Orchards booth at Apple Festival. As they paid the vendor, small chunks of hail were coming down. But, the two said the weather wouldn't stop them from enjoying the festival.

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Julie Voci, a member of Charlevoix's Xi Epsilon Gamma sorority, sells cake in East Park during the three-day Apple Festival.



A little bad weather was nothing for these seasoned snow lovers who attended Apple Festival in Charlevoix. (From left) Emily Heck and Brande Mulhaupt of Marquette sipped coffee to stay warm and lugged around perfect pecks of apples.

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Charlevoix residents star on YouTube



BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Now anyone can be the star of their own home movie, humorous commercial or horror skit with the 20-month-old free Web service www.YouTube.com.

The new Internet craze has even reached Charlevoix. Simply go to www.YouTube.com, type Charlevoix in the search box and you will find several videos ranging from vacationers enjoying a camping trip, to a home movie of a youngster running around with an ice-cream cone, to a carload of teenage girls joyriding near Lake Michigan Beach.

"It is pretty user-friendly, and to be able to share video and pictures with relatives out of state is wonderful," said Cathy Lord, a Genesee County resident who uploaded the movie of her family's camping trip in Charlevoix to www.YouTube.com. "Plus, some people have pretty funny stuff on there."

Those concerned with strangers seeing their private home movies can determine whether the videos are available to a select few or a few million viewers.

How to post a movie to YouTube

First, you must register with basic information about yourself.

All you need is a digital still or movie camera and access to a computer with either Apple's iMovie or PC-based Windows Movie Maker.

Create an mpeg or avi file using Dvix or Xvid or upload them from certain cell phones, though you can create a mov file using iMovie.

Videos and slide shows must be maximum 10 minutes or 100 Mb or smaller.

Go to www.YouTube.com and click on the "upload" icon on the upper right corner of the screen.

Follow the basic instructions which require you to title and describe your movie, tag it with keywords which will help others find your movie more quickly. For example, if your movie is about camping, one of your tags would be, "Camping."

You must also choose which category best describes your movie or slide show.

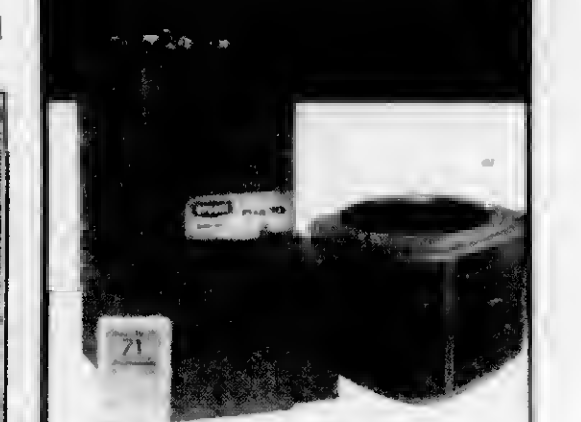
Lord said much of her family lives in other states. She said www.YouTube.com allows her to share moments such as her children's birthdays, sporting events and family trips with everyone by simply uploading them to the site.

"My mom always watches everything I post and my cousins are 2,500 miles away. They can only come every three or four years to visit, so it's a way to keep in touch and it's even better because it's video," Lord

said. "They have these little invites and you can invite vari-

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YouTube craze sweeps Sheriff's office offers seniors Fall Clean-up assistance program

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ous people to watch your video. The nice thing is it doesn't really download it to your machine, it just lets you watch it."

She added, "It doesn't take all that long to upload it."

While obscene material is prohibited from www.YouTube.com's site, there are many videos of women in revealing outfits striking various poses, adult related humor and violence.

"I think, probably, people should always screen what their children watch. I would," she said. "But, pretty much, people use it in a responsible manner."

But, she added, "You never know."

To see how user-friendly the site actually is, this reporter used a few photos from the cooking dinner on the engine trip I took last week.

After turning the still digital images into a slide show using iMovie, the .mov file was com-

pressed for Internet use and uploaded to YouTube's Web site within five minutes.

There was a processing time of 15 to 20 minutes after the file was uploaded before the movie could be viewed by anyone else. But once the movie is uploaded, you can walk away from the computer.

All in all, I would say www.YouTube.com is as user-friendly as a Web site can be. Those with even basic computer knowledge should be uploading their home movies in minutes.

To see The Drive For Dinner, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCK7SIQnPg0> or just cruise the site to see thousands and thousands of whacky and entertaining episodes.

If you're a Star Wars fan and you could use a good laugh, check out my personal favorite, the "Chad Vader" series. It follows a guy named Chad AKA Darth Vader, in full Vader regalia, as the frustrated day shift manager of a grocery store.

YouTube business facts

- A deal announced on Oct. 9 that YouTube was to be purchased from co-founders Steve Chen and Chad Hurley by Google in a stock deal worth \$1.65 billion.
- Founded in February 2005, the site's full services were not open to the public until November of last year.
- Estimates by sites such as Wikipedia have claimed YouTube has more than 100 million videos viewed and more than 60,000 videos uploaded to the site per day.

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Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater recently announced the continued Sheriff's Office Fall Clean-up program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Sheriff Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by

a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean up of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks, etc.

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Learn to earn

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Charlevoix Country Club to go private



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"From the beginning, the vision was to become a private club, and we feel now is the right time to become private to best serve our current and future members," said Kip Thomas, an owner of Charlevoix Country Club. "As a semi-private club, we were trying to serve a variety of constituents. As a private club we will be able to totally focus on improving the private club experience for our members."

The transition comes 13 years after the club opened in 1993 as a semi-private recreational facility and residential community. The Charlevoix Country Club offers its members a number of amenities including: Mahogany's, an award-winning full service restaurant, a members' lounge, tennis courts,

outdoor heated patio, heated swimming pool with separate men's and women's locker rooms, a snack shop serving hot meals and cool drinks, a fitness center available to membership 24 hours a day, and the golf course and associated golf practice facilities.

The Jerry Matthews designed golf course is known for its impeccable grooming and playing conditions. The course was recognized by Golf Digest in 2004 with a four-star rating. Two Guys Who Golf's Web site writes Michigan Golf Course Reviews and they say, "A course that boasts private club conditioning and service. Beautifully manicured bent grass fairways and the clubhouse is upscale all the way."

Golfing and non-golfing members alike will be delighted by the ambiance and cuisine presented in Mahogany's. The full service restaurant, with potato encrusted walleye and steaks as signature dishes, received the Northern Express Readers

Choice award for Best Steaks in 2005 and the Best Romantic Place for dinner award in 2004.

Mahogany's is located in the 15,000 square foot clubhouse that features a wrap-around dining porch, a 28-foot tall fieldstone fireplace, full service bar, players lounge and complete pro shop.

Club members can take advantage of a number of activities. The golf activities include the annual member/guest tournaments, club championships, Friday night couples golf, family fun days, match play tournaments and men's and women's leagues. The club's full social calendar includes an annual welcome back and new members welcome party, a mid-summer beach party, Oktoberfest, pumpkin carving party, the Holiday Dinner Dance, and the ever popular New Year's Eve party.

"We believe our facilities and the amenities we offer are top-notch and second to none," said Thomas.

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Charlevoix Country Club changes to members only status CLUB

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"While we considered a number of alternative business models, we decided that now was the time to further distinguish ourselves as one of the few private country clubs in this part of the state."

Other than limited outside golf play and a few special events to showcase the club, the entire facility will be "private, members only."

Through the remainder of 2006, the Charlevoix Country Club is offering special incentives for new memberships and for current social members to upgrade to full membership. Interested persons should contact Kip Thomas at (231) 547-



Photo by Julie Witthoft

(Left) Members of the Rainbow Shoppe staff and board of directors gathered at the local thrift store's new location in the former Norman Brumm Showroom building, located at 06480 Old U.S. 31 South near the intersection of Bell's Bay Road and U.S. 31, to honor the selfless donation of store employee Kim Kelley who gave \$1,100 to the purchase of the new site. The store still needs to raise \$13,000 by Jan. 15, 2007 to make the \$50,000 down payment. They reopened at the new site on Oct. 10. Pictured at left (from left to right) are Rainbow Shoppe board members, Todd Thompson and Rita Orłowski, Kelley, Barbara Jensen, treasurer of the Rainbow Shoppe board of directors and store manager, Robin Maurer.

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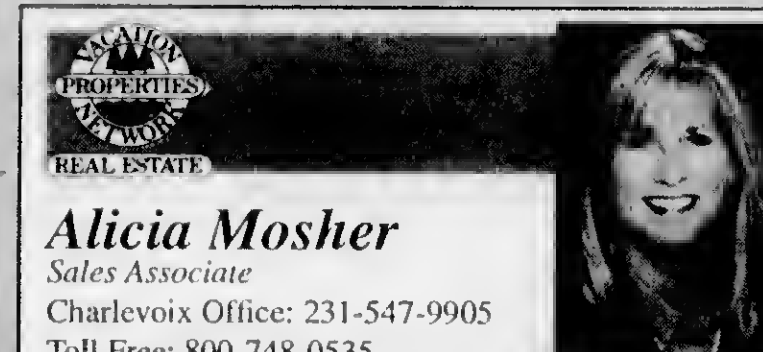


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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder hoops head into league showdown with two big wins

It's on the road for a showdown for the Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team.

The Rayders won a pair of critical games last week, topping Boyne City, 74-72, in overtime on Oct. 10, then had an easier time with Elk Rapids, 77-38, on Thursday, Oct. 12.

Charlevoix takes a 9-3 overall, 6-1 league mark into a game Tuesday, Oct. 17, at East Jordan. The Red Devils and Rayders share the league lead. Both are 6-1.

Against Boyne, a variety of Rayders had their foot on the pedal.

Junior guard, Desi Faust, who finished with 14 points, sunk all four of her 3-point attempts in the first half to help give Charlevoix a 31-29 half-time lead.

Sophomore, Tammy Potter, had a double-double, 14 points and 11 rebounds. At 5-foot-8, she took it to Boyne City's taller front line in the fourth quarter. She scored five points in a 30-second span to bring the Rayders to within two, 57-55, with two minutes left in regulation.

Senior guard, Lori Zimmerman, made two lay-ups in the final 30 seconds of regulation, the first slashing out of the half-court, the second taking it end-to-end, to tie the game, 62-62. She missed the and-one chance on the second hoop with 10 seconds on the clock — Charlevoix was 13-for-31 from the stripe — but Boyne City's Allison Aown couldn't convert a last chance on the other end.

Zimmerman did convert a lay-up and bonus with 2:20 to go in overtime to give Charlevoix its largest lead since the game's opening minutes, 70-64, and the Rayders played out the win. She finished with 15 points.

Robyn Petzak scored the Rayders' first six points, then four in overtime, and finished with 14. Senior center, Ashlie Bradley, had nine rebounds for

Charlevoix and senior guard, Sasha Spenceley, had five rebounds and five steals.

"This was the first time this year we showed the drive it takes to win this kind of game," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said.

Senior forward, Holly Stanek, slowed by foul trouble, led Boyne City with 19 points. Given that she went for 30 a week ago at Kalkaska, the Rayders could live with that. Junior center, Jessica Knysz, added 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Ramblers.

"I thought we played really well defensively against Holly," Haske said. "We worked hard to get position against her and she earned every point she got."

On Thursday against Elk Rapids, Spenceley had 11 points, six rebounds and six steals to lead the Rayders, while Lori Zimmerman and Murphy Gillespie both scored nine, with Zimmerman adding four assists and five steals. The Elks are 4-8, 2-5.

Charlevoix's JV team also won both games. KC McCary had 22 points and 12 rebounds and Meridith Rich added 14 points in a 65-53 win over East Jordan. Ericka Faust scored 15 points, and Bridget Peters had 11 points and 10 rebounds in the Rayders' 66-47 win over Elk Rapids.



Courtesy photo

Adventure campers

Charlevoix Cub Scouts recently completed the four-day, three-night Webelos Adventure Camp at Camp Greilick, each earning numerous activity pins. Those who attended are (front row, left to right) Nicholas Snabes, Kyle McGarey, Mac McPherson, Jeff Musser, Aaron DeVries, Johnathon Lindfors, Jackson Buday, Brian Musser, (back, from left) Parker LaVanway, den chief Trevor Currier, Duane Musser, and den chief Dan Riley. Boys in first through fifth-grades can join Cub Scouts by calling (231) 547-7347 or (231) 547-6862.

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Beaver Boodle

A record breaking 127 participants entered the Island Boodle 5K Run and Walk on Oct. 7. The runners had a perfect day and enjoyed the beauty of the course along Paradise Bay. The event benefited the Island Sports Boosters and was organized by Gail and Mike Weede. The first place overall winner of the 5K run was Cameron Burton (21:18) and first place winner of the 5K walk was Rick Speck (34:58).

This week's exciting Rayder sideline action

Rayder fans can look forward to end of the season regular play this week as well as playoffs.

Charlevoix played at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16 against Boyne City at Kipke Field in a district soccer opener. Results from this game were not available by press time.

The Charlevoix golf team played Monday as well in the weather-delayed Division III regional tournament in Big Rapids. Results were not available by press time. If they finish in the top three there, they'll play in the state tournament this weekend, Friday and Saturday.

The Charlevoix football team will end regular season play at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20 when they face Grayling on their home turf, Kipke Field.

The girls' basketball team will follow-up its Oct. 17 showdown for first place against the Red Devils, with a home game at 6 p.m. on Oct. 19 against Harbor Springs.

The cross country teams will compete in their final meet of the season at 9 a.m. on Oct. 21 at the Elk Rapids Invitational.

Results from these sporting events will appear in next week's Courier.

Men's rec basketball meeting is on Oct. 23

There will be an organizational meeting for adult men's basketball at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 in the basement of Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State St.

There will be a discussion about having a 35 and older or 40 and older "No Fast-break Basketball"

league. There will also be a discussion about a co-ed basketball league.

Those interested in the programs are asked to attend.

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Football team continues its winning drive toward playoffs

Charlevoix picked up momentum heading into the playoffs as Cliff Jones rushed for 80 yards on six carries Friday, Oct. 13 in leading the Rayders to a 29-0 win over Harbor Springs on an absolutely miserable night at the Rams' Ottawa Stadium.

It was the Rayders' fifth straight win and they improved to 7-1 overall, 5-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. Harbor is 1-7, 1-5.

Unable to generate much of-

fense through the air, thanks mainly to horrible weather conditions that included gusty winds, and snow mixed with rain, the Rayders turned to the ground game for all four of its touchdowns.

Jones scored on a 21-yard run, Dan Swenor scored on a 15-yard run, Kyle Jones scored on a 3-yard run, and Drew Klooster scored on a 5-yard run.

"With the weather, our passing game was non-existent,"

Charlevoix coach Don Jess said. "It was the worst I've seen, as a player or coach, because there was everything — snow, wind, rain."

Matt Kanine and Cliff Jones each scored a two-point conversion, while Klooster led Charlevoix's defense with 12 tackles, and Chris Waha had 10.

"Harbor Springs has some big, strong kids up front," Jess said. "They're getting better every game."

Girls' cross country finish fifth at Oct. 14 Northern Lower Peninsula Invitational

Charlevoix junior, Alina Dhaseleer, finished in 20 minutes, 17 seconds Saturday, Oct. 14 to

win the girls' race in the Northern Lower Peninsula Cross Country Invitational at Ogemaw Heights High School. Charlevoix finished fifth with 108 points in the 10-team girls' event.

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Scott Blechel	234			Twilighers	14	10		Martene Evans	533	188		
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Paul Bunyan Lanes

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LOTS 138, 139, AND 140, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

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Dated: October 11, 2006

Walloon Lake Properties LLC, Mortgagee

Attorney:
Burke T. Lewis
301 West Lake Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 526-6600
(L-10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Four Cents (\$225,524.04), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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Local Time, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, said mortgage will be foreclosed by e sale et public auction, to the highest bidder, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the under-lying, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West, thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 2595.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43" East 182.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said Northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" West 248.96 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

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secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of November, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.80% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The Southeast 1/4 of Lot 2, Block G, of N. Morgan's Addition to South Boyne (now city of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 10/5/2006

Wells Fargo Bank N.A.
As Trustee Mortgagee
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank N.A.
As Trustee
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgages made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. dated the 8th day of December, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 20th day of July, 2006 in Liber 756 of Charlevoix County Records, Pages 886-895, respectively on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thou-

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sand Six Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$221,674.63), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 338.00 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16'04" East 2293.5 feet to a 1.5" pipe at the east quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US-31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55 degrees 46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded as of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57 degrees 19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; Thence continuing North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52 degrees 45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10 degrees 55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19 degrees 56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58 degrees 46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29 degrees 36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of the said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears

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North 39 degrees 09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24 degrees 39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along a curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00 degrees 31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64 degrees 17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12 degrees 32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77 degrees 33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77 degrees 27'51" East 567.90 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, Subject to the rights of the public and governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

Parcel No. 15007-118-008-10

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: September 28, 2006

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee
Howard & Gupta, P.C.
Ajay Gupta
Attorney for
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(L-10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Duane R. Skop, a single person, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 30, 2002 and recorded May 2, 2002 in Liber 468, Page 895, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 79/100 Dollars (\$109,212.79) including interest at 5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on OCTOBER 27, 2006. Said premises are located in the Township of South Ann, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a three-fourths inch rod at the East quarter corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence South 0 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds East along the East line of said Section and along the center line of

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Ranney Road 497.18 feet; thence North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 34.79 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Westerly line of said road; thence continuing North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West 1346.87 feet to a one-half inch rod on the East eighth line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 58 seconds West along the East eighth line 111.37 feet to a one-half inch rod on the East and West quarter line of said Section; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds West along said East eighth line 661.19 feet to a one-half inch rod on the North line of the South one-half of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast fractional quarter of said Section; thence South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East along the last mentioned line 51.05 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Southwest-erly line of Flagg Road; thence continuing South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East along said last mentioned line 34.61 feet to the center line of Flagg Road; thence South 31 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East along said center line 663.61 feet; thence continuing along said center line on a curve to the left 238.67 feet (radius of said curve is 242.54 feet and the chord bears South 59 degrees 53 minutes 35 seconds East 229.16 feet) to a point on said East and West quarter line; thence South 88 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds East along said East and West quarter line and along the center line of Flagg Road 673.56 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter and part of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. Excepting there from: Commencing at a three-fourths inch rod at the East one-quarter corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West one-quarter line of said Section North 88 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds West 599.04 feet to a point in the centerline of Flagg Road; being the point of beginning of this description; thence South 05 degrees 08 minutes 22 seconds West 33.05 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Southerly line of said road; thence continuing South 05 degrees 05 minutes 22 seconds West 279.39 feet to a one-half inch rod; thence North 71 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds East 719.14 feet to a one-half inch rod on the East one-eighth line of said Section; thence along said East one-eighth line North 00 degrees 01 minutes 01 seconds West 651.19 feet to a one-half inch rod on the North line of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast fractional one-quarter of said Section; thence along aforementioned line South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East 51.05 feet to a one-half inch rod on the Southwesterly line of said road; thence continuing along aforementioned line South 88 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds East 34.61 feet to the center line of said road; thence along said centerline South 31 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 663.61 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the left 238.67 feet (radius of said curve is 242.54 feet and the chord bears South 59 degrees 53 minutes 35 seconds East 229.16 feet) to a point

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on said East and West one-quarter line; thence along said centerline South 88 degrees 05 minutes 05 seconds East 74.52 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East one-half of the East one-half of fractional Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 7 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: September 27, 2006

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
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File No. 326.0157
ASAP #792750
(L-10/4, 10/11, 10/18)

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made October 10, 2003, by Lori Brzezczkowski, a single woman, as mortgagor, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on October 14, 2003, at Liber 578, Page 883, Charlevoix County Records, which mortgage was assigned to The Bank of Northern Michigan Mortgage Company, LLC, by an assignment of mortgage dated October 10, 2003, and recorded on October 14, 2003, at Liber 578, Page 898, Charlevoix County Records. This mortgage has been amended by Loan Modification Agreements dated February 2, 2004, recorded February 4, 2004, at Liber 596, Page 526; dated March 29, 2004, recorded April 5, 2004, at Liber 606, Page 407; dated October 10, 2004, recorded November 30, 2004, at Liber 653, Page 410; dated January 10, 2005, recorded January 14, 2005, at Liber 662, Page 647; dated February 10, 2005, recorded March 9, 2005, at Liber 670, Page 795; dated April 10, 2005, recorded May 11, 2005, at Liber 681, Page 136; dated June 10, 2005, recorded July 12, 2005, at Liber 691, Page 850; dated October 10, 2005, recorded November 16, 2005, at Liber 716, Page 750; dated December 10, 2005, recorded January 26, 2006, at Liber 728, Page 128; dated February 10, 2006, recorded March 24, 2006, at Liber 737, Page 106; and dated May 10, 2006, recorded May 30, 2006, at Liber 748, Page 952, all in the Charlevoix County Records.

The entire balance secured by said mortgage has matured and become fully due and payable according to the terms of said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice \$205,749.71 principal, \$3,714.10 interest, and late fees of \$102.97; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Noice is now given that on Friday, November 3, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at

Parcel 3: Part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 4, T33N R5W, Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan; Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 4; thence South 01°08'55" East 2558.91 feet, (Recorded as South 01°10'04" East 2559.02 feet) along the West line of said Section 4 to the West 1/2 corner of said Section 4; thence along said West line, North

01°08'55" West 507.09 feet (recorded as North 01°10'04" West), to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said West line, North 01°08'55" West 515.75 feet (recorded as North 01°10'04" West), thence North 89°58'37" East 766.76 feet; thence South 01°10'03" East 204.50 feet, (recorded as South 01°10'04" East); thence North 89°59'57" East 520.09 feet, (recorded as 520.00 feet), to the centerline of Maple Hill Road; thence along the centerline of Maple Hill Road, South 01°28'58" East 199.97

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OCT. 18 RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL LUNCHEON

The Charlevoix County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will host candidates Sharon Unger and Jason Allen at a luncheon to take place at noon on Oct. 18 at the school across from the Boyne City Public Library on Main Street.

All retired school personnel and their guests are encouraged to bring questions to the meeting.

The cost is \$8 and includes lunch prepared by the Boyne City High School hospitality class.

A drawing will conclude the meeting. For reservations, call (231) 582-7506.

OCT. 19 PLATE NIGHT

Kids' Corner Preschool invites the community to Plate Night from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 in the gym at Charlevoix Elementary School. Children can draw pictures to be made into keepsake, usable plates. Or bring a photo size 3 x 5 to 8 x 10 to have it copied onto a plate, platter or tray.

The cost is \$10 per drawn plate, \$15 per photo plate, \$17 per photo platter or \$17 per photo tray. Proceeds benefit the preschool.

Face painting, pizza, treats and juice will also be available.

For more information, call (231) 547-2794.

OCT. 20 FISH FRY

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host an all you can eat Old-fashioned Fish Fry from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20 at the church, located at 104 State St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The dinner will include fish and chips, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert.

The cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under 5.

OCT. 21 SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey will host a dinner event at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Garfield's, located at 1301 Spring St. in Petoskey's Kmart plaza. All singles age 40 and over from area churches are invited to attend.

To make a reservation, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

OCT. 23 GLOBAL WARMING VIDEO

A free viewing of the film on global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth," will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 in city council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall.

The film addresses the growing concern about climate change and offers suggestions as to how individuals and government units can begin to meet the challenge of reversing the trend toward global warming.

For more information, call Bruce MacArthur at (231) 547-6960.

OCT. 24 ADULT BAND RE- HEARSAL

Adults with beginner to advanced music skills are coming together to form a new band.

An adult band class will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Charlevoix High School hand room.

An instrument rental program is available.

For more information, call Evelyn Wujcik at (231) 547-6376.

OCT. 28 NATURE HIKE

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Raven Ridge Preserve located off Fuller Road in East Jordan, forester, Chris Anderson, will lead fall color nature hike while teaching participants how to identify trees using bark, twigs and seeds.

Call (231) 347-0991 for more information on the hike.

OCT. 29 BRASS BAND PERFORMS

The Northern Michigan Brass Band will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

OCT. 29 EUCARIST CELEBRATION

St. Mary Church will host a special liturgy aimed at strengthening the relationship between the Native American people and the Catholic church. The Eucharist Celebration will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. Members from area tribes are invited to wear Native American regalia. Fr. James Gardner, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Bellaire, will be the main presider, with Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and other priests of the diocese will attend. Professional Native American musicians will participate under the direction of Dan Hall. A reception will follow in the parish hall. For more information, call (989) 732-5147.

OCT. 31 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will host its annual Harvest Festival from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. A light dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The event will also feature a costume contest, door prizes and a candy scramble. Children of all ages are welcome. Safe Harbor Baptist Church is located south of Charlevoix at 06046 Old U.S. 31 South, near the intersection of U.S. 31. For more information, call (231) 547-6283.

NOV. 4 SHOP CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities event on Nov. 4. Participating merchants will donate 10 percent of purchases to a participating non-profit or charity of your choice.

NOV. 13 HOSPITAL CONTEST

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is pleased to announce that their "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" is now open.

Visit the hospital gift shop, read the information and win a \$100 gift certificate if your gift shop name is chosen. Entrants need not be pres-

ent to win.

The gift shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The contest deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Judges will choose the best gift shop name on Nov. 13.

OPEN HOUSE ENTRIES SOUGHT

St. Mary's Home and School Association is seeking entrants for its 13th Annual Charlevoix Open House Holiday Craft Show.

Arts and crafts entries must include contact information, a photo and description of the work being submitted, as well as a \$50 check made payable to St. Mary School. This cost will afford the applicant an 8-foot by 10-foot space to display their wares.

Those accepted into the show will be notified no later than Nov. 17.

The show is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Applications can be mailed to St. Mary School, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

The Beaver Island Youth Consortium is sponsoring a care package drive for local men and women serving in our nation's armed forces. If you know someone who would appreciate a little bit of home in a box, contact Sarah at (231) 448-2067 with their name and address. Care packages will be sent out in early October.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

Fall and winter hours at the Harsha House Historical Museum are from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

LADIES ONLY SWIM

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

STORY HOUR

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

FOOD PANTRY

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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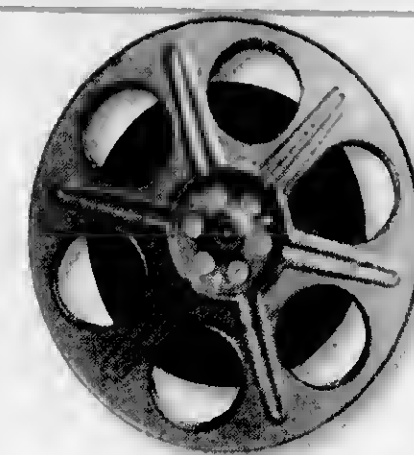
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JUKEBOX

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 19 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 20 and 21 Bumpus Hound.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 20 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

Weatherlane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 20 and 21, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone; 8:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 20 Misbehaving; and 8:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 21 Doc Woodward and the Trio — upbeat jazz.

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Avenue 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20 and 21 John Perry — piano.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 20, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Name that NATIVE!



Nominate a native.
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E-mail your pick to news@charlevoixcourier.com or cut out the box and send it to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Entries must include the name, address and phone number of the submitter as well as the "Name that native" publication date. Entries will be received for one week from the publication date and will be randomly drawn. The winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate from the "What's for dinner?" featured restaurant. Congratulations to Bonnie Bellows of Charlevoix who successfully matched Carol Ochs to her childhood picture from the Oct. 11 "Name that Native" contest.

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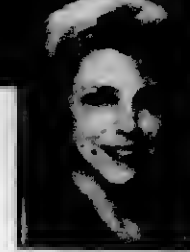
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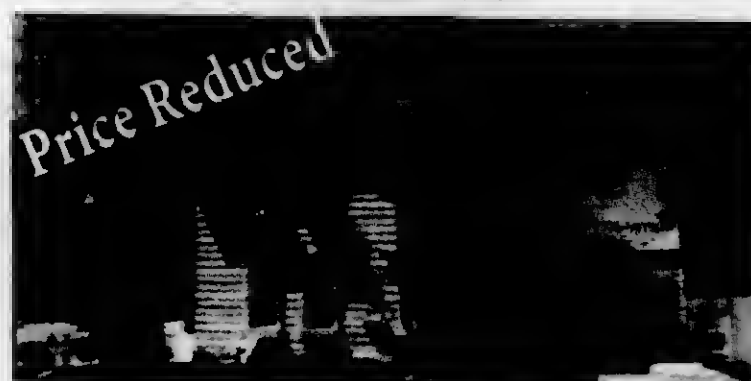
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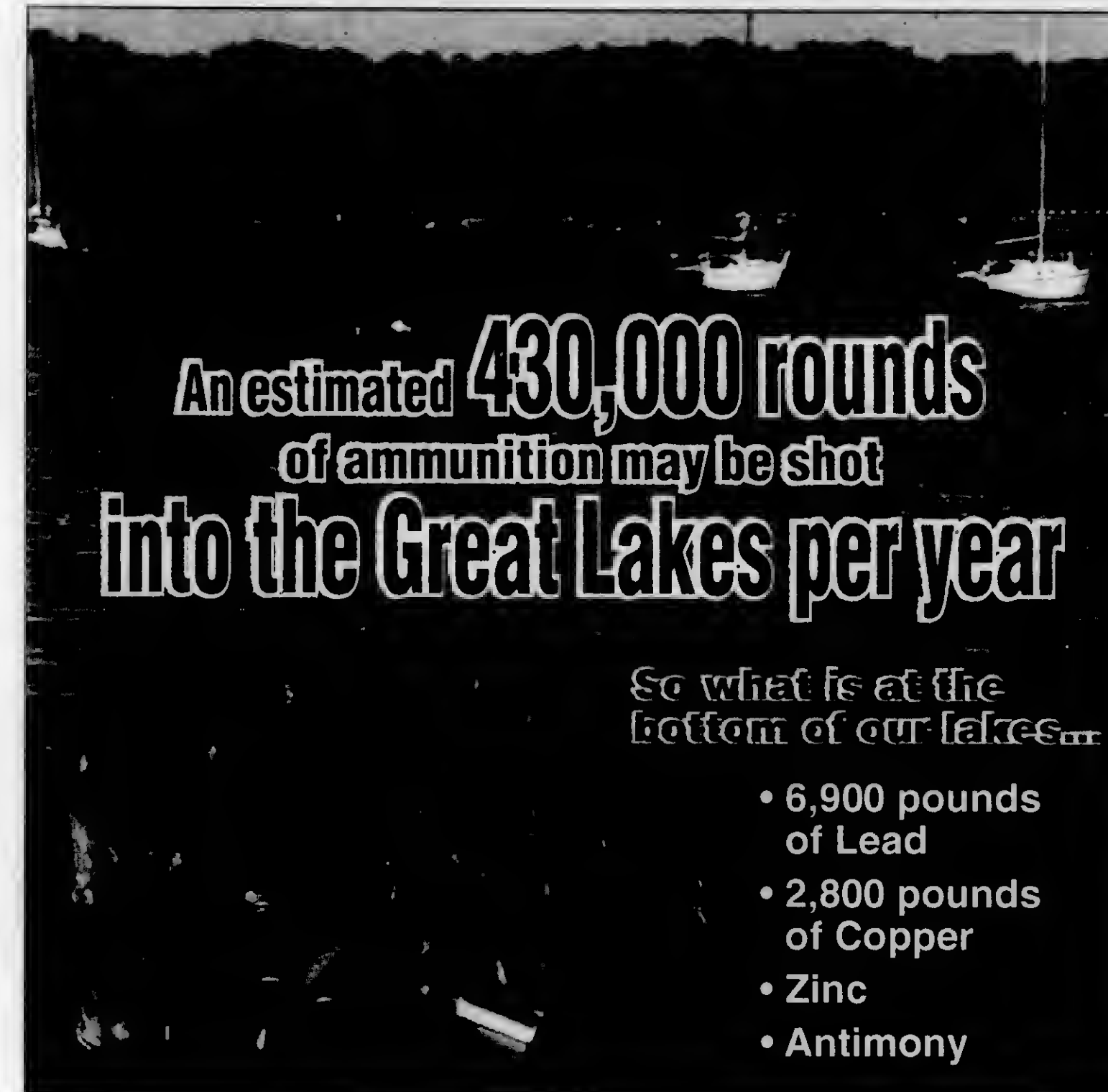
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An estimated **430,000 rounds** of ammunition may be shot into the Great Lakes per year

So what is at the bottom of our lakes...

- 6,900 pounds of Lead
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Graphic by Jessie Healy

An open house/public hearing on the Coast Guard's live fire exercises runs from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in Charlevoix. A conservative estimate of 430,000 rounds per year may be shot into the Great Lakes if this live fire plan is approved, for a total of, as reported by the Associated Press, 6,900 pounds of lead and 2,800 pounds of copper introduced into the lake every year. The bullets also contain zinc and antimony.

Coast Guard live fire plan raises environmental, safety concerns

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Concerned with machine-gun fire on, and the introduction of toxins into, Lake Michigan? The United States Coast Guard wants to hear what you think.

An open house/public hearing on the Coast Guard's live fire exercises runs from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

"For right now, there's a temporary hold on actual live fire exercises until the public comment period is over, Nov. 13," said Petty Officer, Matthew Schofield, spokesman for the Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio.

Coast Guard cutters and small boats are being equipped with the M-240 bravo machine gun which fires a lead payload, copper jacketed 7.62 NATO round.

"They shoot a specified number of rounds to increase proficiency

and practice in real working type scenarios," Schofield said. "It gives us a real world scenario. It's one thing to stand flat on the ground to shoot something, but it's another thing altogether to be out on the lake and have the effects of a moving base and a moving target."

He added, "The Coast Guard has (conducted) an extensive environmental impact study before even thinking about doing this."

According to the 89 page "Preliminary Health Risk Assessment for Proposed U.S. Coast Guard Weapons Training Exercises" report prepared by E2M and CH2M Hill in January 2006, a conservative estimate of 430,000 rounds per year may be shot into the Great Lakes, for a total of, as reported by the Associated Press, 6,900 pounds of lead and 2,800 pounds of copper introduced into the lake every year.

The bullets also contain zinc.

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Marina bids come in \$800,000 under estimate

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix's East Park and marina renovation project scored an \$800,000 coupon last week.

Bids were opened for the first and second phases of the \$11 million project on Oct. 19. These first two phases were estimated to cost about \$3.8 million but bids came in

around \$3 million — an almost \$1 million savings to the city.

"This is great for Charlevoix," mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said. "People are hungry (for work) and bids are lower than estimated costs all across the state."

According to John Schlak, an engineer with the firm handling the marina project, United Design

Associates of Cheboygan, both the seawall replacement contract and new dock system contract were lower than what was initially estimated. However, the seawall was proportionally lower than the floating piers.

He added that Charlevoix City Council is expected to award the contracts to the lowest qualified

bidder. Approval of the dock and seawall contracts will also need to come from the state funding agency, the Waterways Commission, which is funding 75 percent of the marina project. The Downtown Development Authority will pay for the balance.

Of the eight bidders vying for the contract to replace the existing

sea wall, Molon Excavating Inc. of Traverse City was the low bidder at \$1,616,578.53. The second low bid was from a Charlevoix business, owned by Ben Cunningham called R.B. Lyons Inc. Cunningham's bid was for \$1,722,025.

The seawall replacement project is called Phase 1. It will include

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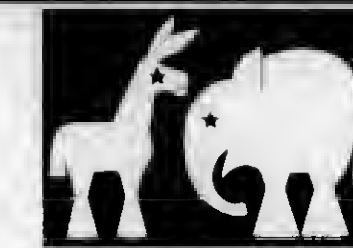
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Oct. 21	44	36	.09
Oct. 22	49	37	.41

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Terry Lynn Bailey, 54, Elmira. Trespassing. Serve 30 days in jail with 30 days held in abeyance; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$150 in fines and costs.

Joseph Thomas Schmidt Jr., 47, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, 62 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; \$1,035 in fines and costs.

Justin Lee Whipple, 23, Petoskey. Possession of marijuana. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 20 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,050 in fines and costs.

Chad Robert Martin, 25, Petoskey. Embezzlement-agent/trustee, greater than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail with 314 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$5,784.01 in fines and costs.

Andrew Blackwood Begole, 29, Pleasant Ridge. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling \$400.

John David Critchfield Jr., 20, Birmingham. Minor in possession/purchase/consume-alcohol. Serve 10 hours of community service work; \$200 in fines and costs.

Judd Miebael Petro, 25, Harbor Springs. Disorderly conduct-drunk. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Jarod William Kirby, 19, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to write a letter of apol-

ogy to the school; \$860 in fines and costs.

James Joseph Bufalino, 29, Grosse Pointe Farms. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling \$400.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joe Skop Construction, 01889 Addis Road, Boyne Falls, by Joe Skop

Scotts Landscaping & Flower Care, 15631 Rosebelen Lane, Charlevoix, by Scott A. Louiselle

M & M Health Care Service, 09113 Grabam Road, East Jordan, by Ada Medina and Cherie Meniel

Klooster Farm, 15544 Klooster Road, Marion Township, by Keith R. Bills and Becky J. Bills

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Bryan J. Bradford, 29 and Katbryn J. Case, 24, both of Boyne City

Loi Thanh Nguyen, 38 and Linda Nguyen, 39, both of Charlevoix

Aaron David Otis, 30, Ueluelet, British Columbia and Sasithorn Julie Puntahachart, 27, Chicago, Ill.

Jason Keith Gradel, 25 and Nichole C. Argue, 21, both of Oak Harbor, Ohio

BIRTHS

Emma Judith Speer weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Oct. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jamie and Amanda Speer of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Rayne and Miranda. Her grandparents are Kevin Speer, Cliff and Cheryl Osborn, Judith McPerson, all of Charlevoix and Vi Dinwiddie. Her great-grandparents are Jack and Sandy Fuson and Paul and Norma Stanfield, both of East Jordan.

Skye Lee Fuller weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces was born on Oct. 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Raymond S. Fuller, Sr. and Carolyn M. Fuller. The baby's sibling is Raymond S. Fuller Jr. The grandparents are Wallace and Anne Winters and Mary Bruff of Charlevoix. Great-grandparent is Marie Lowden of Saginaw.

Gwyn Vivian Shears weighing 11 pounds, 4 ounces was born on Oct. 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Misty Gillespie of Boyne City and Aaron Shears of Gaylord. Her sibling is Dominique Michaniewicz. Her grandparents are Jim and Julia Churchill, Cal and Sharon Gillespie of Boyne City and Lee Shears of Gaylord.

Abigail Elise Parrell Kuznicki weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Oct. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ben and Megan Kuznicki. Her siblings are Emma and Joclynn. Her grandparents are Vicky and Barry Kuznicki of Saginaw and Meg and Dave Ranch of Charlevoix.

Destiny Michell DeRosia weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces was born on Oct. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jessica DeRosia and Jessie Wisdom of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Michell DeRosia of East Jordan and Arlene Ennis of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Joyce and Jan Nichols of Flint.

Madalyn Ami Hopkins weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Oct. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amanda Suttle and Jeremy Hopkins of Oden. Her grandparents are David and Tomalynn Suttle of Elmira, Cheryl and Grady Smyley of Petoskey and Gerald and Teresa Hopkins of Boyne Falls. Her great-grandparents are Doris and the late Myron Hopkins and Pauline Talton of Petoskey.

Forest Lee Marquardt weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Oct. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Valerie and Gerald Marquardt of Boyne City. His sibling is Kimberly Marie Simpson. His grandparents are Gerald and Melody Marquardt and James and Marlo Stoneham of Charlevoix.

Aiden Joseph Speigl weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Oct. 13 at the Marquette General Hospital to Stephen R. and Crystal Speigl of Gladstone. His grandparents are Steve and Reta Speigl and Susan and Paul Caseiani of Charlevoix.

Hazelwood Counseling
Ann Hazelwood
licensed professional counselor
231.675.2804
by appointment

Sheriff's Office offers fall clean-up assistance

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater recently announced the continued Sheriff's Office Fall Clean-up program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Sheriff Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean up of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks, etc.

Sheriff Lasater advises only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

Senior citizens must call the Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103 to sign up for the yard clean-up program.



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Locals prepare to fight Coast Guard live fire plan

LIVE FIRE

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healthful in small amounts and antimony, a toxin found in flame-retardant mattresses and car exhaust.

While small amounts of copper and zinc are essential for proper health and antimony is found in some medicine, overdoses of any of these can have negative effects on health.

When asked about possible environmental concerns relating to the live fire exercises, and whether a company such as CH2M Hill, which receives hundreds of millions of dollars in government contracts each year, should be doing environmental reports for the same government, U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak wrote in an e-mailed response, "Every year, 65 million pounds of fish are harvested from the Great Lakes, contributing at least \$1 billion to the Great Lakes economy so the ecological effects of the Coast Guard's proposal must be considered."

He added, "I am not entirely confident that the Coast Guard's environmental study contemplates the full impact of more than doubling the amount of lead and other metals that are dumped into the Great Lakes."

While the Traverse City Record Eagle recently reported the Coast Guard would introduce more lead into the lakes than all Michigan industries combined, CH2M Hill's health risk assessment stated, "In summary, sediment, surface water, and fish tissue concentrations of antimony, copper, lead, and zinc did not exceed human health and ecological values."

A statement on the CH2M Hill Web site claims, "Our success coordinating with regulators and addressing community concerns ensures that environmental regulations and public involvement issues do not adversely affect the testing, evaluation, destruction, or cleanup goals at a given site."

The Coast Guard anticipates it will have 34 "Safety Zones," each approximately three miles in expanse.

"To effectively protect the public, we need to be staffed, trained and equipped to defend the homeland and enforce laws," Schofield said. "The Coast Guard strategically chose most zones in areas that are low traffic areas. So there's very minimal risk. Safety is the utmost important thing. It's not something that's taken lightly at all during any training with weap-

ons."

The Preliminary Health Risk report states exercises will not occur near potable water supplies. Schofield said the Coast Guard will adhere to a minimum of five miles from shore when conducting live fire exercises.

Superintendent of the City of Charlevoix waste water treatment plant and water treatment plant, Jim Caldwell, said the longest water intake pipe running into Lake Michigan is 2,000 feet long and will be nowhere near five miles from shore.

But, Caldwell said, the Charlevoix plant does not remove lead, copper, antimony or zinc from the water other than what naturally settles during the waste water treatment process.

Charlevoix resident, Christa-Maria, has concerns with live ammunition being fired, "In the path of ferries and boats."

"How will this affect tourism on Beaver Island?" Christa-Maria asked. "Most of the boats in our harbor do at least one trip a year to Beaver Island, so why do they (Coast Guard) need to do live fire exercises and use ammunition that has lead in it?"

Christa-Maria said all the government needs to do is call the lead levels permissible, "Then they can pretend it's not there. But, when you see all the (safety) zones, you know it's not just a little bit of lead that's going to be going in the lake."

Christa-Maria said she thinks the maneuvers are a good idea,

but should be done in areas and at times where there is no boat traffic.

"They can have those maneuvers on the Pacific or Atlantic (oceans) where they have more room and where they don't have fresh water to contaminate," she said. "People should be afraid to take their sailboat to Beaver Island knowing... there will be live fire. I know they (Coast Guard) have warning programs, but there are a lot of open-ended questions I have."

Beaver Island resident, Mary Scholl, believes the Coast Guard should choose one place on Lake Michigan, mark it as a danger zone and practice there.

"I really don't think they need to use lead with copper coating on it, which is deadly. I think they could use plastic bullets or lasers to learn how to fire guns, particularly across ferry routes," she said. "It seems like lunacy...It feels like homeland security is out to kill us all. And to take one-third of the Great Lakes and turn it into a practice range?"

Scholl added, "I love the water and the lakes and the fish and the people. I love the Coast Guard, but it seems to me that this is not a wise policy."

Scholl doesn't understand why the state of Michigan would outlaw the use of lead bird shot, but allow busbel baskets of lead bullets to be shot into the lakes.

"They say they'll warn people. How do you warn somebody that has no phone, no radio? People go fishing on the outer islands. Some

Who: United States Coast Guard
What: Public hearing on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire exercises.
When: 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3.
Where: Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

of them nde those little water crafts and they don't have radios," she said.

The risk assessment was evaluated for training activity which would last five years.

"Risks associated with training activities that extend beyond this five-year period are not evaluated in this (report)," the report stated. "Chemical concentrations in fish were modeled from predicted concentrations in sediment and surface water. The use of generic,

literature-derived exposure models and bio-accumulation factors introduces some uncertainty into the resulting estimates."

According to an Oct. 6 press release from Stupak, he worked to urge the Coast Guard to give people in this area a chance to opine.

"There are 11 live fire zones spread throughout the waters off the shores of my district," Stupak said. "Yet the Coast Guard originally planned not to have any meetings in my district."

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Staff votes on five statewide ballot proposals

EDITORIAL

While the Courier will not be endorsing individual candidates this election season, we will reveal how we weigh in on five statewide ballot proposals.

The reason for endorsing proposals and not people is simple — ballot proposals are a plain “yes” or “no” to legislation that has a concrete outcome while candidates are packed with promises they may never deliver.

First up, Proposal 1, a constitutional amendment that would require money held in conservation and recreation funds to be used for their intended purposes. We vote “yes” on Proposal 1. These funds commonly come from hunt-

ing licenses and fees and should be directed to sustaining recreation — one of Michigan’s most important resources.

Proposal 2 deals with the sticky subject of affirmative action. If approved, it will ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes. This includes state and local government, public colleges and universities and school districts. We support the ban on affirmative action. We vote “yes” on Proposal 2 and argue that different standards should not be applied in hiring or admitting an individual based on the aforementioned factors — the common

denominator in both situations should be qualifications.

If approved, Proposal 3 will allow hunting of mourning doves in Michigan with a small game license and a \$2 mourning dove stamp. We support dove hunting in Michigan and will vote “yes” on Proposal 3. Studies have shown hunting of the birds will not drain the population and hunters from other states have expressed interest in hunting the birds here, bringing their wallets with them. While the opposition claims there is economic value in the doves which are songbirds, we argue the stamp funds, which will be used to fund state fish and wildlife programs, along with revenue from hunters, will outweigh the cost.

Our fourth “yes” vote is on

Proposal 4. If approved, it would become more difficult for the government to take private property by eminent domain for private purposes. We don’t find it funny when the government takes something from one person, gives it to another and then tells us it’s for our own good. We don’t think a drugstore, restaurant or research facility has more right to our land than we do. While this only helps protect us from having our property transferred to another private entity, it’s a step in the right direction as far as protecting the rights of homeowners is concerned.

Our only “no” vote is on Proposal 5, a legislative initiative to establish mandatory school funding levels. It would increase current funding by about \$565

million and require the state to provide annual increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools and universities. Any deficiencies would come out of the state’s general fund. We feel the first step in the education equation is controlling operating and health care costs. A proposal that could compromise the state budget that has no checks and balances for student achievement is throwing money out the window in the hopes that it will somehow produce positive results.

Please research these proposals on your own before casting a ballot on Nov. 7 and continue to follow local candidate election coverage in the Charlevoix Courier in an effort to make informed decisions this election season.

Voting is an unnatural act unique to humans



EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Is voting an unnatural act? We share a lot of characteristics and even anatomy with earth’s creatures. The vast majority of our functional genes are identical to those of most other mammals. And our similarity to other apes and primates is obvious to anyone who has spent time at a zoo.

The physical similarities are often amusing or interesting, but the behavioral characteristics can be troubling. Among our near and distant animal relatives we find behaviors that among humans would be labeled crimes. Enslavement, infanticide, bullying, theft and a host of other unsavory actions are a part of the survival armament of many animals. Even that most necessary behavior, the production of viable offspring, often involves troubling activities on the part of our near and far relatives.

If you in any way doubt our relationship to all the world’s creatures, I would draw your attention not to a textbook of genetics or biology, but to two poems by Pattian Rogers in a collection called “Fire-keeper.” The poems are entitled, “The Family is all There Is” and “On Being Eaten Alive.” Ms. Rogers knows the world we all live in.

Most of those sometimes unsavory behaviors can be labeled “natural” in the sense that they occur as a necessary part of the behavior of creatures in the natural world. And to the extent that we share a genetic history with those creatures they are a “natural” part of our heritage. If you examine human behavior broadly, we sometimes and in some places do all the things we are likely to abhor in the behavior of our animal relatives. We generally like the adjective

“natural” until it involves something we don’t like.

By contrast, some behaviors are totally human, and we are about to engage in one of them. Voting for candidates, ideas or proposals and agreeing to live by the outcome of those votes is purely and solely human, and as such might be described as an “unnatural” act. It is certainly not something we can observe in other creatures. We might even distinguish humans as “organisms that vote,” which is a better distinction than tool use or language, which we more or less share with a lot of other animals.

Voting does bring out some of the less desirable “natural” characteristics like unfair competition, deception, cheating and even purchasing votes. But most of such fraud is perpetrated by the seekers of votes rather than by the voters. We could with good reason apply the same principle to voting that we do to criminal justice. Better that a few should vote fraudulently than that even one legal

voter is denied that right.

Voting by its nature is going to produce an unsatisfactory outcome for some percentage of the participants, but we all generally believe that if a majority is satisfied, others should at least agree to “wait ‘til next year.”

When the time comes, vote with all

the passion you can muster and agree to abide by the outcome. Perform a totally human and completely unnatural act on Nov. 7.

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LETTERS to the editor

VOTE FOR SALTONSTALL

Editor:
Connie Saltonstall has proven to be an excellent Charlevoix County Commissioner. She is on the ballot for re-election.

Connie seeks input from all levels of the public in order to make fair decisions. Among other things, she worked hard for the senior citizens to assure they received a fair share of the county Senior Center Millage funding. She also worked toward saving \$200,000 of our tax money by holding the contractor responsible for fixing the ventilation problems at the Charlevoix County Jail.

As a native of Charlevoix, Connie has demonstrated a keen interest in community service. She has served on boards of the Charlevoix Public Schools, hospice and Northern Community Mediation to mention a few.

As a service, Connie has not taken retirement or health and dental insurance offered by the county for her position. Obviously she sees the role of a county commissioner to be a dedicated representative of the public.

During her time as a county commissioner, Connie Saltonstall has proven to be an effective representative for us. Let’s keep her there.

Gordon W. Van Wieren Sr.
Charlevoix

VOTE ‘NO’ ON PROPOSAL 3

Editor:

Shooting doves is not a Michigan value and has been rightfully banned for 100 years. Some people will argue that “Michigan’s doves are hunted in 40 other states.” I guess that may explain why, 30 years ago, I had 50 mourning doves on the power lines behind my home each morning and now I only have four.

Mourning doves mate for life and raise their young together. Those babies could be orphaned in their nests, as doves are still nesting when the shooting season would begin. They live a surprisingly long time — that’s if they don’t end up as live targets first. After all they are the state’s symbol of peace.

It’s about time the citizens of Michigan are allowed to voice their opinions. On Nov. 7, let’s let Michigan’s “Bird of Peace” live in peace. Vote “no” on Proposal 3.

Carol K. Hobbs
Charlevoix

FOLLOW THE MONEY TRAIL

Editor:

With all of the talk about campaign reform and the public’s general discomfort with the enormous amount of money needed for a candidate to be elected, would it not be a good idea for those politicians running for office to follow the practice of our race car drivers? How about requiring candidates, when campaigning, to wear big patches with the names of their corporate sponsors clearly visible and identifiable so the public can intelligently evaluate just who will have access and the inside track when it comes to a vote?

We should be seriously concerned about our legislators’ votes being controlled by special interests with deep pockets. We need to know whose interests our legislators are or will be serving...the ones whose names are on the big patches, or the constituents back home.

As the saying goes, “Follow the campaign money trail.”
Ellen Addington
East Jordan

VOTE FOR EVANS

Editor:

As not only lifetime friends of Joel Evans but also attending the same church for many years, we can attest to the fact that he gives 100 percent to every task that he’s given and that he’s very effective in everything that he does. Whether it is in financial decisions, planning committees or other leadership roles, he has always been reliable to see a job completed and to see it done correctly. In a present leadership role in our church, and in the past, as owner of a lumber company for many years, serving as township supervisor and also on the East Jordan school board, he is well qualified for County Commissioner. He will be fiscally responsible for the county’s tax money.

Please cast your vote for Joel Evans on Nov. 7.
Paul and Connie Bradley
Charlevoix

VOTE FOR GRANHOLM

Editor:

I generally have voted Republican most of my life, but have followed Gov. Granholm closely, and am glad to say I voted for her. The main reason was my horror at the direction John Engler was taking

Michigan as he ruled from his throne. He left Michigan with a huge deficit, had cut everything that wasn’t a pet project, extended early retirement to many departments — leaving Granholm with many huge problems, experienced staff retired and a Republican legislature he had shaped politically.

Last June, the Associated Press reported that in her presentation at the Detroit Chamber’s Regional Mackinac Policy Conference on Mackinac Island, “Granholm’s presentation included a run-down of her accomplishments and spoke of her initiatives in education, job training, streamlining regulation, mentoring and health care and presented a 22-page booklet laying out her economic plan.”

As far as I’m concerned, it’s a miracle she has kept us afloat and stemmed the tide in many areas including an appreciation of tourism’s contribution to our economy. If we can’t give her a Democratic legislature to work with, at least don’t put DeVos in a position to return to crony politics and take us deeper in a hole. It will be a long haul, but I’m comfortable that we’re lucky to have Gov. Granholm working on our behalf.

Dee LaFata
Lake City

JOIN CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Editor:

Last year at this time I attended for the first time a meeting of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project. I was amazed and impressed as to how much this organization accomplished for families during the Christmas holiday.

From providing mittens, to holiday meals with all the trimmings, this organization does it all. We should be thankful we have such a dedicated and well-run group of people in our community. Those who would like to help can contact Bev Boss, chairperson at (231) 547-2078 or Rosemary Horton at (231) 547-2359. Both can answer questions or take donations and contributions.

Joan C. Lemerand
Charlevoix

‘KUDOS’ TO LIBRARY PLANNERS

Editor:

I just visited Charlevoix’s new library for the first time. It is an absolutely beautiful facil-

ity, much nicer than one would anticipate a small community possessing. Charlevoix and all the individuals who worked so hard to bring this dream to fruition should be extremely proud of the results.

Judith Schneider
Charlevoix

LETTER CORRECTION

My letter to the editor on Oct. 11 implied that Charlevoix County Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, received retirement, health and dental insurance. That is not the case, in fact she opted not to take those benefits.

Paul Richards
Charlevoix

MAKE INFORMED VOTE

Editor:
As the political races intensify, heralding the upcoming election, non-stop ads through the media and our mailboxes continue to increase.

The candidates are telling us what they will do for us if elected or re-elected, the political parties are telling us why their party is the best for the nation, and the special interest groups are funding those who will support their agendas, regardless of the will of the people.

When we compare the accomplishments of Congress over the last decade, we find little difference between the parties concerning the candidates campaign promises that have been unfulfilled. Many American citizens simply have given up their right to vote because they feel “it won’t make a difference.” According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as many as 35 percent of eligible Americans are not registered to vote — that’s 45 to 65 million people. Less than half of the voting-age population actually votes in any given election. Americans are blessed to have a “government of the people, by the people, and for the people,” but democracy has one key requirement, our participation.

Looking at one voting group of Americans in 2002, only 43 percent of Christians actually bothered to vote. When people of faith fail to vote, is it any wonder that policies are enacted that are contrary to believers’ core values? Our faith in God should influence our values in life, and that includes the political arena. People of faith,

grounded in moral truth, must be prepared to discern those candidates best able to uphold moral values. Our charge is not simply to vote the way our friends or family vote, or the way our political party wants us to vote. Instead, we must vote our values, our beliefs and our convictions. We need to stop being good Republicans or good Democrats and start being good Americans.

An informed vote takes effort. The choice is not always easy, but it is always significant. You can make a difference in the future of our nation, the character of its leadership and the moral health of its people, but only if you cast your informed ballot.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

RE-ELECT SALTONSTALL

Editor:

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, you have the opportunity to re-elect Connie Saltonstall as the First District Commissioner for Charlevoix County.

You can be assured that when Connie commits to a project she gives it more than 100 percent.

Working with the Charlevoix Emmet Coalition for End-of-Life, she organized the guide, “Resources for End-Of-Life Issues” that was distributed to the libraries in Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties.

Connie holds seats on many boards and committees in the county. Because of her involvement in the community she presents a unique perspective of the issues, and she offers ideas and suggestions that are forward thinking.

Connie has my vote, how about yours?

Pat Johnson
Bay Township

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

Editor:

Change is in the air. We now have new representatives on the Charlevoix County Commission, school board and city council. Come Nov. 7 we have the opportunity to change the state legislature and the state senate by electing Tom Bauer to the 105th house district and Sharon Unger to the state senate. We should also reelect Connie Saltonstall to the County Commission for the hard work she put in during her first term in office.

Amy McIntyre
Charlevoix

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COMMUNITY Charlevoix people

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Photos by Julie Witthoef

Art good enough to eat off of

(Above, left) Vanessa Cunningham and her children Mason and Kamri were one of many families that attended the Charlevoix Kids' Corner Preschool annual Plate Night event on Oct. 19 at Charlevoix Elementary School. (Above, right) Lily Brya, 2, created a plate and decorated her pudgy toddler hands in the process.

St. Mary seeks entrants for Holiday Craft Show

St. Mary's Home and School Association is seeking entrants for its 13th Annual Charlevoix Open House Holiday Craft Show.

Arts and crafts entries must include contact information, a photo and description of the work being submitted, as well as a \$50 check made payable to St. Mary School. This cost will afford the applicant an 8-foot by 10-foot space to display their wares.

Those accepted into the show will be notified no later than Nov. 17.

The show is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Applications can be mailed to St. Mary School, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

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Little Traverse Civic Theatre brings Broadway hit to local stage

The Little Traverse Civic Theatre is preparing their hilariously bawdy revival of Stephen Sondheim's, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum."

The show will open on Thursday, Nov. 2 with a special preview night as the first of an eight-performance, two-week-end run.

This sultry musical features risqué burlesque comedy that has been leaving audiences rolling in the aisles since its Broadway debut in 1962, and includes such memorable tunes as "Comedy Tonight" and "Everybody Ought To Have A Maid." The Tony-Award winning show is composer/lyricist Sondheim's longest Broadway run to date and was transformed to the big screen in 1966 with a very young Michael Crawford among the starring cast.

Based on the comedies of the ancient Roman playwright Plautus, Forum tells the story of a slave named Pseudolus and his attempts to win his freedom by encouraging a romance between his master's son, Hero,

and a young virgin, Philia, who is owned by Marcus Lycus, a dealer in courtesans, and promised to the swaggering, narcissistic general, Miles Gloriosus.

The show includes longtime Little Traverse Civic Theater veterans mixed with talented newcomers and includes Steve Spencer as Pseudolus/Prologus, Eric Grandstaff as Senex, Josh Hill as Hysterium, Chris Anderson as Marcus Lycus, Tracy Thomson as Hero, Frank Nemecek as Miles Gloriosus, Betsy Willis as Domina, and Erin Biehl as Philia.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday from Nov. 2-5 and Nov. 9-12 at the Ross Stokes Theatre of Crooked Tree Arts Center, located at 61 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey.

Tickets are \$10 for Preview Night on Nov. 2 as well as Sunday matinees. They are \$18 for all other nightly shows, and \$10 for children age 12 and under.

Tickets may be reserved by calling (231) 348-1850 or by visiting www.ltcet.org.

Great Start Expo introduces parents to local resources

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host its annual Great Start Expo on Thursday, Oct. 26 in the lower level of the hospital.

Parents, babies, preschoolers and parents-to-be are invited to attend this free event.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Schroeder: Oct. 2, 1912 - Oct. 17, 2006

Margaret D. Schroeder, 94 of Sun City Center, Fla., died on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Palm Gardens Nursing Home.

She was born on Oct. 2, 1912, in South Boardman, the daughter of Arthur D. and Jennie (Dick) Tosier. Margaret graduated from Kalkaska High School and County Normal in Mount Pleasant. She then taught at the Dick School, which was located on the Dick Family

Farm in South Boardman. She married John Schroeder of Mancelona. The couple lived in Charlevoix, where they owned and operated Schroeder's Drug Store for over 30 years. John and Margaret retired in Sun City Center, Fla.

Margaret is survived by her children Angie (Don) Sergeant of Sun City Center, Fla. and Janet Schroeder of Fennville; two grandchildren Scott (Barb)

Sergeant of Suffolk, Va. and Shaime Sergeant of South Bend, Ind.; three great-grandchildren, Austin, Megan and Tyler Sergeant. She will be greatly missed.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, John. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Mancelona. Memorials may be given to Holland Hospice at 270 Hoover Blvd., Holland, MI 49423.

Edith LaClair: Feb. 17, 1915 - Oct. 22, 2006

Edith Lillen LaClair, 91 passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 22 at home with her family.

Rite of Christian Burial took place at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated. Interment took place at Saint Mary's Cemetery.

Edith was born on Feb. 17, 1915, to George and Flossie (Swain) Somerville in Antrim County, and had six siblings, Marg. Alice, Cliff, Art, Maxine and Jean. She married William George LaClair in 1934, and they had three children, Janet, Ronald and Judy.

Edith is survived by her son, Ronald LaClair and his wife, Nancy, of Pottsville; daughter,

Judy Miller and her husband, Arthur, of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Stacie Woods, David Miller, William LaClair, Daniel LaClair and Robin Welch; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Maxine Ruis, of Ellsworth. Her husband preceded her in death in 1960, and daughter, Janet, died in infancy.

Edith was employed by Gulf & Western Stamp in East Jordan from 1955, until she retired in 1980. She was secretary of the International Union U.A.W. Local 1503. She was a staunch Democrat all of her life.

Edith cared for herself at her home in Charlevoix until a month before her passing when she was in the care of her daughter and son-in-law.

Edith loved her flower garden and it showed. Her loving care made it the showplace of her neighborhood. She was an avid reader all of her life and had books delivered monthly from the library. The last few years of her life she had learned to use her computer, checking daily for e-mails from her children and grandchildren. She kept her home as neat as a pin and her 1983 Olds Cutless Supreme that she had purchased new was kept in showroom condition.

Thanks go out to all at Charlevoix County Hospice, whose care made her passing easier for her and her family; and to where memorial contributions may be sent. Also a special thanks to Dr. Doskocch.

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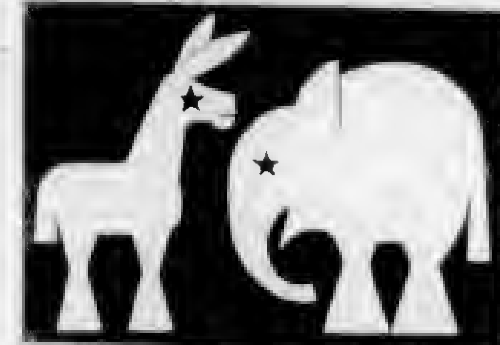
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Evening Service (P.A.S. 3rd of the Week)	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intimacy	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
Pastor: Ryp Hunkins	547-6430	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	
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Voters asked to decide local and state ballot measures



ELECTION 2006

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 20 ballot proposals will be decided upon at the upcoming Nov. 7 general election.

STATEWIDE PROPOSALS

Charlevoix citizens will help decide the fate of state proposals such as affirmative action, dove hunting, Department of Natural Resources funding, eminent domain and educational funding.

Chair of the Democratic party, Bill Lovett, said the board of directors of the local Democrats only took stances on two proposals, and one of those is no longer on the ballot.

"Our party recognizes the importance of diversity in employment, education and how it can promote equality," Lovett said of Proposal 2, an initiative that would ban programs designed to prefer people based on skin color, sex, and origin in government jobs and educational institutions. "If approved, it would ban all efforts to promote inclusion and equality in housing, education, employment and many other services."

While local Republican chair, John Haggard, would not speak for his party, he said, "I'm voting in favor of that one. I don't believe anybody should have priority in this day and age or prefer-

ences in education and employment."

Haggard said things have changed in the last 40 years.

"I think everybody should be judged on their merits and not their race, gender, creed or religion," he said. "It should be whoever is best qualified."

While Charlevoix's Democratic board of directors did not officially opine on any other issues, Lovett was willing to give his take on Proposal 5, a two-part initiative which would cap the amount the schools pay for retirement benefits and guarantee increases in funding at least at the rate of inflation and help reduce the inequity in funding amounts among school districts.

"All expenditures must be taken into account in tight fiscal times such as now," Lovett said. "We elected the legislators and governor to be able to balance those decisions in a year-by-year basis. If there is a real shortfall, then education may need to have a reduction, as we would with public safety, prisons, highways and all other public services."

On principal, Lovett said, he would vote "No" on Proposal 5. Lovett's counterpart on the other side of the political aisle agrees on Proposal 5.

"If you guarantee one unit of government, then what are the rest of the units going to do?" Haggard said. "I'm all for education, but I'm not in favor of guaranteeing anybody anything even if the economy is doing terrific."

Proposal 4 would make it more difficult for private entities to forcibly purchase private land. It also sets a rate of 125 percent of the fair market value of the

privately owned land.

"I oppose Prop 4 as well. With my history in working for state government I strongly support the citizens initiative to bring proposals to the ballot for all the voters, but at the same time, because of the serious consequences in putting things in the constitution, I'm reluctant," Lovett said. "There are times when...in light situations the public's best interest is that land be confiscated."

He added, "Just in the last year the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled in favor of private property owners and restricting government use of that power, therefore I rely on the courts to make those decisions."

Haggard favors Proposal 4.

"I don't think it's right that units of government can come in and just condemn property for the benefit of commercial takeover," he said. "If it's close to an industrial park and it can help employment, that's something else."

Lovett believes mourning doves are not game birds and opposes Proposal 3.

"They are too small to be used for food," he said.

Haggard disagreed.

"I'm all in favor of it. I've hunted in Mexico for mourning dove, white wing dove, pigeons," he said. "It's a delicious eating bird."

Haggard worries a ban on dove hunting could lead to bans on the hunting of other animals.

Lovett opposes Proposal 1, preventing the legislature from taking funding from the Department of Natural Resources, on the basis that he fears unintentional consequences of adding to the state constitution in the years to come.

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Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Island community center legal dispute resolved

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

The gray cloud hanging over the Beaver Island Preservation Association Community Center, currently under construction in downtown St. James, has blown over.

On Oct. 12, the association announced that its two-year legal dispute with the architectural firm, Cox Medendorp Olson Architects, has been resolved through arbitration.

The arbitrator, who met with the association and the architects in September, found the Grand Rapids based architectural group, which filed suit against the association in January 2006, had breached its contract with the association. Consequently, the arbitrator denied its claim that the association owed them \$150,000 in design fees, plus interest and attorney fees.

"We are relieved and celebrating. This was very good news. We expected it on the one hand, but it was up to one person to decide a complicated set of issues — you just never know," said Judy Lanier-Gallagher, president of the Preservation Association of Beaver Island.

The fees the association allegedly owed were payment for a \$3.4 million community center design created by Cox Medendorp Olson Architects. However, the design exceeded the amount contracted for by about \$2 million.

Members of the preservation group claim the architects then refused to redesign the building within their \$1.5 million budget.

"They designed a building we couldn't build," Lanier-Gallagher said.

The arbitrator ordered the preservation group to pay an acoustical consulting fee of \$26,600 plus interest — which they had previously agreed to. The association group has this money in hand.

"The results are binding. We can't go to court and the lien will be taken off the building," Lanier-Gallagher said.

The 14-member association board of directors hired Slocum and Associates of Kalamazoo in March 2005 to design and oversee construction of the center which has been underway since fall 2005.

The new 9,300 square-foot community center is being built on the property where Dockside Market used to stand, across from the Beaver Island Boat Company dock off Main Street. The market, built in 1887 was the first building on Beaver Island to have electricity. The association bought the property



Photo by Julie Witthoft

President of the Beaver Island Preservation Association, Judy Lanier-Gallagher, waves to a passerby from outside the new Beaver Island Community Center. The association announced that its two-year legal dispute with the architectural firm, Cox Medendorp Olson Architects, has been resolved through arbitration.

in 1995. "It will again be a welcome center for visitors. People are so happy to get their building back," Lanier-Gallagher said.

The market's original stamped steel facade was restored this summer and is the new face of the center.

Upon completion, it will in-

clude three main areas. The first is a welcoming center that will include the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, and a lobby area. The second is a youth and senior

center. The third is an event center. Its functions will be many including an events area for celebrations and weddings, a cinema and theater, as well as a senior and youth center.

"It's going to make a big difference for the community. It will help keep our visitors and residents together. With development growing, it will be important to have a central place to share," Lanier-Gallagher said.

The total cost of the project is \$2 million. So far, the group has raised \$1.5 million, most of it from Beaver Island residents and business owners. The group has turned to Michigan foundations for assistance.

With this sticky lawsuit behind them, Lanier-Gallagher is hoping project donations will pick up.

"We think it harmed our fundraising abilities," she said. "It scared people away. But it didn't deter us, we have a stable, hardworking board of directors."

The goal is for the center to open during the summer of 2007.

To donate to the project, make checks payable to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation with Beaver Island Community Center specified in the memo line P.O. Box 718 East Jordan, MI 49727.

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Local groups unite to fight global warming

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
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Charlevoix environmentalists plan to establish a committee to discuss renewable resources.

Bruce MacArthur of Charlevoix attended the Oct. 16 Charlevoix City Council meeting to shed light on the impacts of global warming.

MacArthur applauded the city's efforts as a Tree City, the recycling program and the proposal for an idle free zone as cars wait for the bridge to close.

But he hopes more will be done by establishing a committee of county, township and city officials as well as environmental group representatives to present a renewable resource audit.

The committee met Monday, Oct. 23, after the viewing of "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary on global warming, at Charlevoix City Hall.

"The efforts to stop global warming is heating up in Michigan," MacArthur said. "We're saying it's time to do something about global warming."

The council responded with support by signing a letter to U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, to encourage more research funding for renewable resources.

MacArthur said northern Michigan could play an important role in the global warming issue. A study by the Michigan Public Power Agency in 2000 analyzed eight communities between Lansing and Harbor Springs for the feasibility of wind power and reliable renewable resources for power. The Charlevoix area was rated the number one place for the feasibility for wind power. The study included a recommendation for St Marys Cement plant.

Dale Glass, Charlevoix Township supervisor, is part of the committee.

"People share a concern for the environment and worry about the rapid consumption of natural fuels," Glass said. "It's a matter of interest to just about everybody and me personally."

Bill Henne, president of WATCH — Water and Air Team Charlevoix — is supportive of the initiative.

"Two out of every three Americans believe our elected



Courtesy photo

Mike Powers, a member of Michigan Interfaith and Light, briefly discusses global warming before a recent viewing of "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary on global warming, at Charlevoix City Hall. He is working with local WATCH representatives to establish a committee that will steer a local energy audit.

leaders should do more to deal with global warming," Henne said.

Mike Powers, a member of Michigan Interfaith and Light, is working with area churches

and environmental groups to inform the masses about global warming. Powers, who may assist the committee, is spearheading a letter writing campaign to Stupak, who serves

on the House Energy and Commerce committee.

Powers said there is scientific evidence of global warming — the average snowfall is

decreasing, area bays are not freezing for the winter and lake levels are decreasing. He believes the higher temperatures are linked to the lower lake levels.

Powers shared the importance of looking to the future.

"In 20 years, kids will look to us and say when you heard global warming was happening, what did you do?" Powers said. "We need to think about the benefits in this and what legacy we leave our children."

The new committee includes Courtney Schmidt of St Marys Cement, Bill Henne of WATCH, Ingrid Nedwick of the Charlevoix Garden Club, Roger Knutson, a past Charlevoix Shade Tree commissioner, Susan Vrondran of Boyne City Public Schools, Nancy Ferguson of Charlevoix Go Recycle, Dale Glass, Michael Buttigieg, of the Charlevoix Planning Commission and other representatives from the community. For more information, call Henne at (231) 547-9587.

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Time runs out on preservation referendum

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Bob
Taylor

Bob Taylor's plan to put the Charlevoix County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Ordinance to a vote of the people was thwarted — by the Friday, Oct. 20 deadline and an apparent self-imposed technicality.

Taylor said the Charlevoix County Clerk's office gave him the wrong petition, a move he claims slowed his progress.

"What the county tried to

give me was a referendum form whereby I would have had to get signatures on separate documents in the different townships and cities," he said. "After I went to the election bureau I found out there was another form they (county) were unaware of. And by the time I got that form, my time was already eaten up."

Charlevoix County Deputy Clerk, Cherie Browe, said the pe-

tion form Taylor received from the county would have worked just fine.

"It would have caused more leg-work, but I don't know any reason why it wouldn't have worked," she said. "The only difference between the form he got from (the county) and the one the state sent him is the form from the state was county-wide."

She added, "We didn't give him

a countywide one (form) because we didn't have one. It wasn't anything we even knew existed."

Taylor said a month wouldn't have been enough time regardless.

"I had to try, but there's no way you can get that amount of signatures the way the system is set up," he said.

Taylor said the timeline for petitioning people for a recall referendum is 180 days.

"If you do a referendum on an issue like an ordinance, you have to get the letter of intent in within seven days from when the ordinance was published in the newspaper," he said. "Then you have your 30 days to get signatures."

Taylor needed signatures by 15 percent of the voters who participated in the last gubernatorial election.

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Referendum fails, Farmland Preservation Ordinance stands TIME

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During the public comment session of the Wednesday, Oct. 11 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' meeting, Taylor asked the board to rescind the ordinance and redo it properly.

The board did not respond to Taylor's request.

However, Charlevoix County Planner, Larry Sullivan, said there is nothing to redo.

"As far as I know, no language changes are being proposed at this point," Sullivan said. "A lot of time and effort went into it including input from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Michigan Farm Bureau. We're comfortable with it as it stands — a strictly voluntary program."

Sullivan said there are still several steps which need to be taken before the county can accept applications from farmers.

"It will be a little ways down the road before this will be an actual viable program," Sullivan said. "Townships will have to get their zoning ordinances in order. In most cases they will have to make some amendments to their zoning ordinances to meet the requirements set forth by the Department of Agriculture."

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, is comfortable with the ordinance as it is written.

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AAA reminder 'Don't veer for deer'

October and November are two of the most dangerous months in Michigan, especially for the state's 1.75 million white-tailed deer and the motorists who crash into them.

According to AAA Michigan, car-deer crashes in Michigan cause at least \$130 million in damage annually, with an average of \$2,000 per vehicle. Recognizing this fact, Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm has proclaimed October as "Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month."

The Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC), which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary, asks motorists to be extra alert when driving this fall. The coalition, a broad affiliation of groups representing law enforcement, traffic safety, insurance, natural resources, higher education and strategic regional planning in the public and private sectors, seek to increase awareness of the problem among the driving public and reduce the number of deaths and injuries occurring each year on state roads. The safety message for motorists is "Don't Veer for Deer."

"Statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object, such as a tree or

another vehicle," said coalition chairman, Jack Peet of AAA Michigan. "No one wants to see a deer destroyed, but striking the animal is often the safest action."

In 2005, Michigan experienced a reduction in the number of total car-deer crashes, which are at their lowest level since 1995. According to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center, there were 58,741 deer-vehicle crashes in 2005, down from the 62,707 crashes reported in 2004. However, officials note that many crashes also go unreported, so actual crash numbers are much higher.

In 2005, Kent County once again topped the state's counties in the number of vehicle-deer crashes with 2,169 crashes. The remaining top 10 were Jackson (2,111); Calhoun (2,018); Oakland (1,704); Montcalm (1,576); Eaton (1,450); Ingham (1,439); Kalamazoo (1,303); Lapeer (1,238); and Clinton (1,229).

More than 17 percent of all crashes in Michigan involve deer. Last year, nine motorists were killed and 1,700 were injured as the result of a car-deer crash, compared to three killed and 1,647 injured the previous year.

Nearly half of all collisions

with deer crashes occur in the October-to-December mating season when deer are very active, and crashes spike again in spring when the season's first grass appears along highway rights-of-way.

"Deer are often seen calmly feeding near highways, but when they panic, they may appear in front of your windshield in no time at all," said Penney Melchior, Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division Field Coordinator. "Drivers must be prepared — look for other deer following the first in

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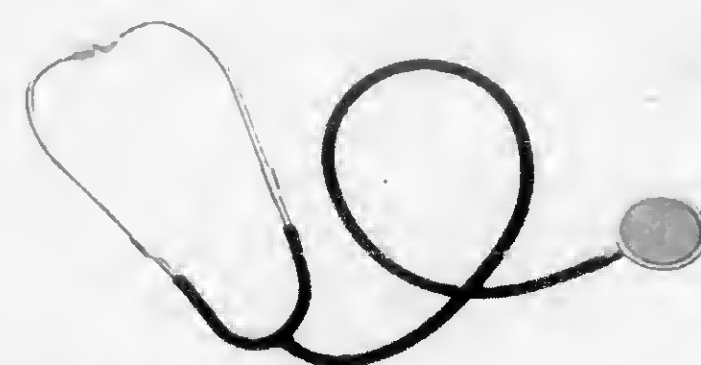
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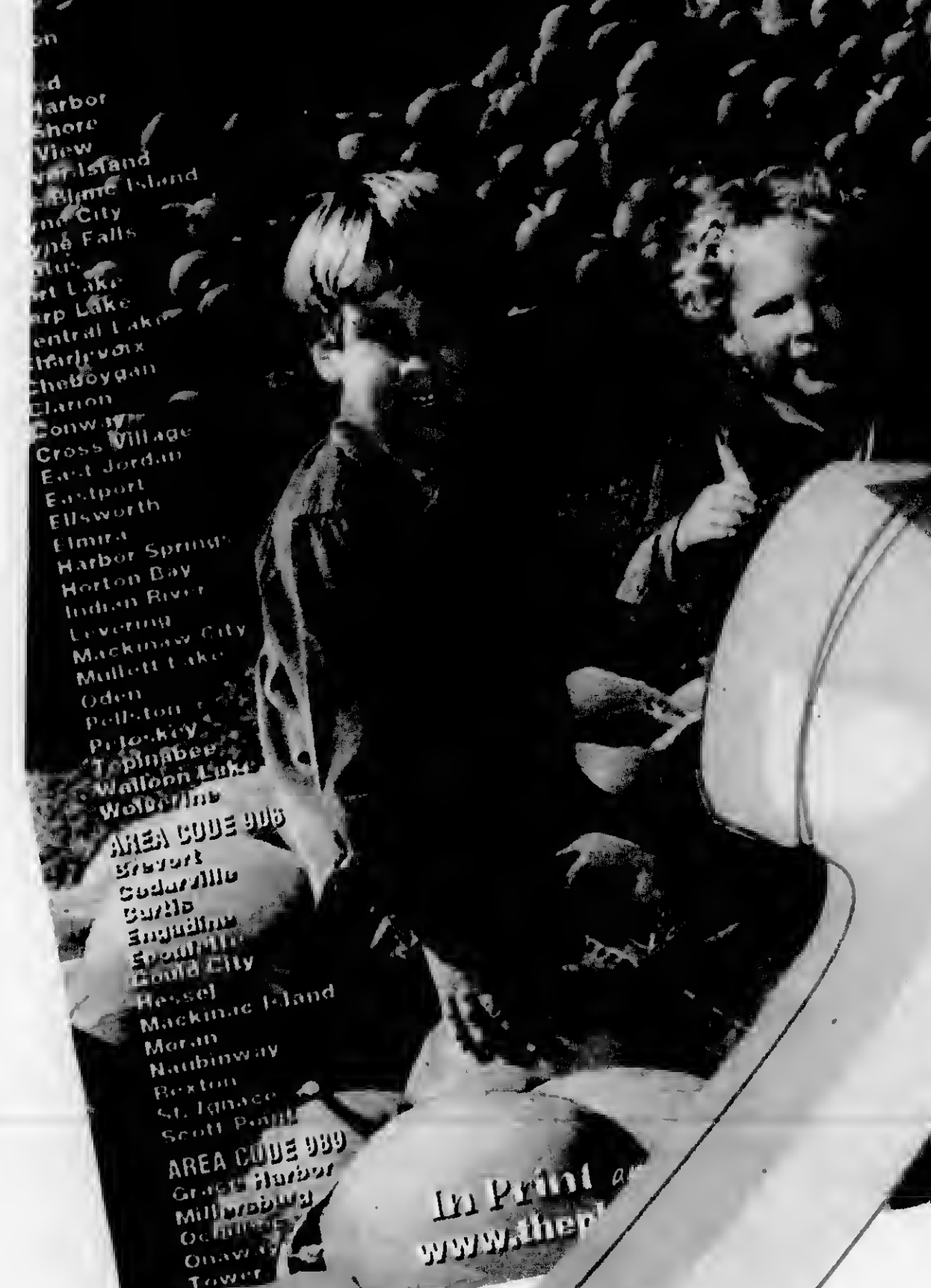
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Road art

Posing next to his work of art while working in Charlevoix, Robert Bear of Bay Shore said he spent approximately 400 hours researching, painting and detailing his memorial to military veterans. Each side of the truck sports a mural depicting the U.S.' four major conflicts. The top of the truck is adorned with Bear's depiction of the Statue of Liberty. Bear's beauty was in nine shows this summer for a total of 13 trophies in several categories.



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City employees fight for better benefits

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
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Some Charlevoix employees agree that MERS Premier Health is not exactly what the doctor ordered.

Employees, who are paying more out of pocket costs and traveling farther for medical problems, shared their frustrations during at the Charlevoix City Council meeting on Oct. 16.

"There are no allergists signed up. We have to travel to Gaylord or Traverse City," said city employee, Judy Przybylski. "There are no anesthesiologists (in the area). If I have surgery, don't put me under."

Some family doctors that have been used for years can no longer be used without paying out-of-network costs. Some employees are being charged more than their insurance handouts said the co-pays would be.

"The plan would be a good plan if we had the doctors around here who accepted it," Przybylski said.

The city switched to the MERS Premier Health, an established health care pool for municipal employees, in September. The city was formerly a Blue Cross Blue Shield carrier.

The Municipal Employees'

Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) is a statewide public employee retirement plan that offers benefit plans, contribution plans and MERS Group Health Solutions. MERS serves governmental entities such as counties, cities, townships, villages, road commissions, hospitals, medical care facilities, libraries, community mental health boards and transportation authorities.

Several city employees attended Monday's meeting sharing a laundry list of problems from health care to the lengthy arbitration. A city contract with the Communication Workers of America — representing the clerical, wastewater, electric and street department workers — expired in March.

City manager Mike Wiesner said the city is negotiating a contract to create parity among the city employees, with the goal that the communication workers would have the same health care benefits as other employees. The council went into closed session to discuss these items.

The group was vocal about the MERS package. The decision to switch to MERS was made by a committee with representatives from fire and police, union and non-union employees, the Communication Workers and management, including city treasurer Rick

Brandi, who also serves on the MERS board.

The insurance change is creating some growing pains.

"Obviously you have to look at the big picture and most people are happy," Brandi said. "MERS provides better benefit packages with less out of pocket costs for the employees with an improved dental and vision program."

Before the switch, employees had the opportunity to send a letter requesting their health care providers join the MERS network. Brandi said when the city first reviewed the program not enough health providers or pharmacies were on board, but now there are more providers in the network.

Charlevoix Area Hospital, the largest health care facility in Charlevoix, is MERS friendly.

"We are a participating hospital with MERS so it shouldn't be an issue with city employees to utilize our services," Charlevoix Area Hospital chief executive officer, Bill Jackson, said.

But not everyone's signed up for MERS — mostly specialists and some family doctors' offices.

Brandi said he pays out-of-network costs for his son to see his allergy specialist.

Jackson said issues with specialists not participating in

health networks is an industry issue — not just a MERS issue — and the results are frustrating for consumers.

Phil Allen, a pharmacist at Rite Aid in Charlevoix said the change is not impacting business.

"Sometimes when you switch plans there is a big headache, but there hasn't been any problems," Allen said.

Allen said some card holders are not pleased.

"I've had a lot of people come through who are not happy with the co-pay," Allen said.

But in the rising health care programs, Brandi said more Michigan municipalities may consider MERS. The city was looking at 14.4 percent increase for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The MERS increase was in the single digits, Brandi said.

The city budgeted \$430,000 for health care in 2005-2006 compared to \$200,147 a decade ago. Brandi said the change should reduce the rising costs.

Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said the city provides a competitive health care system far exceeding what most employees provide.

But some council members

shared concerns about the MERS program.

"It seems like we have insurance, but no insurance," councilman Gabe Campbell said.

The group of employees also have a beef with the high premiums new employees are paying for benefits.

Scott Blanchard said the system should be more equitable.

According to the new hire clause of insurance caps, implemented three years ago, a person hired after 2004 will receive a cap for family health insurance at the average of the family and the two person rate. This is 11 to 20 percent of the health care premium.

"New employees are paying for insurance and not much more," Blanchard said.

Przybylski worries that the costs will encourage turnover among young families.

"It's hitting the new employees with families the hardest, who are essentially working to pay for health insurance. Some employees are paying close to \$180 for insurance caps during each pay period," Przybylski said.

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Rayder Marching Band takes first division rating at Oct. 18 competition

The Rayder Marching Band attended their first competition of the 2006-2007 school year on Oct. 18 in Ewart.

That day, they sat through the last three hands in the cold rain awaiting the results. Everyone stood as the drum majors from each band lined up in front of the bleachers. The weather no longer mattered when they announced Charlevoix's rating.

The band cheered as they

heard the announcer tell them they earned a first division rating — the highest mark. Band director, Jayne Bennett, told the band members that the judges gave them rave reviews and all A's for the music.

The Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band, made up of about 13.5 percent of the high school population and nine eighth graders, comes together to create a band of nearly 70

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Crooked Tree Ghost Supper offers culture, food and art

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will host the annual Ghost Supper, at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Ghost Supper is a collaborative event that brings the center and the local Odawa community together. The Ghost Supper coincides with the Anishnaabe Festival as well as the native community's yearly tradition of holding feasts to honor departed loved ones. There is no charge for the supper.

Each and every visitor is honored, fed and appreciated for their visitation and participation in the feast. A buffet of native foods, turkey, smoked whitefish, fry bread and family recipes will be offered.

"We welcome people to bring a dish to share," said Mary Wiklanski,

community cultural coordinator, Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Native Visions will perform throughout the evening with storytelling, drumming, singing, women's hand drummers and flute at the Ghost Supper.

The annual Anishnaabek Arts exhibit will open the night of the Ghost Supper. This year's exhibit is entitled, "Anishnaabek Generations" and features artwork created by local Native American Indians and covers a broad range of media and artistic expression.

For more information, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell St. in downtown Petoskey.

Knights of Columbus to host annual Hunter's Banquet, Thursday, Oct. 26

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 is hosting the 4th Annual Hunters' Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 26.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Building, located at 15144 Bells Bay Road in

Charlevoix.

A special raffle will be held for a \$1,000 shopping spree at Jay's Sporting Goods in Gaylord.

This year, the name has been changed from Sportsman's Dinner to Hunters' Banquet to recognize the many attendees of both genders who

have enjoyed prior events. A special guest speaker will update all on the latest trends in hunting big game.

Dinner tickets are \$15 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

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- Carry a flashlight so you can see & be seen easily.
- Discard commercially produced candy if the wrapper is loose or the seal has been broken.
- Drivers watch out! Children become careless from excitement and may run into the road.
- Choose a costume that is easy to walk in, easy to see out of and can be seen by drivers.
- Remind your children to look both ways and cross streets only at corners.
- Use a reflective tape on your costume so people driving cars can see you.
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A light dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The event will also feature a costume contest, door prizes and a candy scramble. Children

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Anderson said costumes are priced as low as \$9.99 and go up to \$49.99. Masks range in price from \$9.99 to \$19.99.

If you haven't yet picked your costume, Anderson said don't fret.

"We're usually in pretty good shape right up until Halloween," he said.

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Fall 500

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Stewart returns to Zonta's Young Women's Day event

Laurie Stewart will serve as keynote speaker for the Zonta Club of Charlevoix Area Young Women's Day planned for Nov. 11 at Camp Daggen, located at 03001 Church Road in Petoskey.

The young ladies who attended last year's event specifically asked that Stewart be invited back. Stewart will lead young women in the sixth through ninth grades from Charlevoix and the surrounding school districts with a new interactive program featuring topics of self-esteem, goal setting, confidence building, positive peer pressure and other topics related to young women.

There will be no cost to the young women attending this

event. Lunch will be provided. T-shirts and goody bags are available to the first 100 registrants. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the event.

For more information, contact Betsy Granstra at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, (231) 547-0982.

Zonta Club of Charlevoix Area meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday every month at Grey Gables restaurant in Charlevoix.

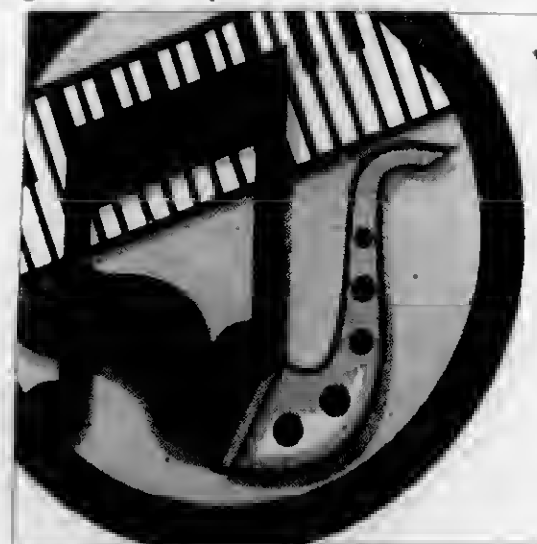
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Community Reformed Church to host blood drive on Nov. 16

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East Jordan Rotary Club presents a variety show

The East Jordan Rotary Club is sponsoring a family oriented variety show at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 in the auditorium at East Jordan High School.

Billed as "Northwest Michigan's Got Talent," the show will feature a variety of performers from around the region. Appearing from the Charlevoix area will be performance poet, Ron Willey. Willey is well-known for his master storytelling repertoire and his ability to hold his audience spellbound.

Also appearing will be folk singer, Patti Clark, whose native folklore and music has captivated

both adults and children.

Among the many other entertainers rounding out the show will be several young entertainers and a new local group called the East Jordan Honey Bun Singers.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund the many local programs the East Jordan Rotary Club supports.

Tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. They are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix, Mary's of Boyne in Boyne City and Busy Bridge Antiques and Café Casa in East Jordan.



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Remember when...

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This year, the 2006 Award for Preparedness was presented to the Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Office of Emergency Management. Chosen from the nominations from across the state, the letter of

nomination cited "The tremendous efforts of the first responders, emergency providers and local officials for all three counties in preparing for and conducting a tri-county, full-scale emergency exercise known as Operation Black Forest."

In his report to the Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Board of Directors, county coordinator Jack Messer credited the tremendous efforts of staff, volunteers and emergency response professionals in preparing our counties for an actual disaster.

In the words of Cheryl Boyer, assistant county coordinator, the emphasis is, and has always been, on team work.

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Charlevoix resident publishes kitchen design book

Award-winning kitchen designer and Charlevoix resident, Liz Firebaugh, a Certified Kitchen Designer, announced the release of her first book, "Design with Taste."

In a career that has put its imprint on over 1,000 kitchens, Firebaugh has enjoyed a steady and increasingly visible position in a crowded field. Her kitchen designs appear regularly in national magazines like *Better Homes & Gardens* and *Woman's Day*, and she has accumulated numerous awards for her work.

In 2005, the National Kitchen & Bath Association put Firebaugh and her Petoskey studio, Signature Kitchens, in the pantheon of top national kitchen and bath designers with the "Pinnacle of Design" award, the nation's top kitchen design award. To celebrate, Firebaugh created a book — not just any book, but a combination of high-end kitchens coupled with generous input from the clients who call these

kitchens home. The result is a combination kitchen design and cookbook, perfect on the kitchen counter or the coffee table.

"I wanted to showcase my designs, and give a big thanks to all those who helped me along the way," Firebaugh said.

Family photos, client quotes and favored recipes fill the cookbook section and illustrate a major point in the kitchen design industry — these rooms really work.

At 200 pages, "Design with Taste" rivals any kitchen design book currently on the shelves of major bookstores.

"Liz's award-winning kitchens, coupled with enthusiastic client participation, gives the book its uniqueness," explains Michele Nickel-Frasz of Nickel Design, the Boyne City publisher. "Liz's open, easy manner — not to mention a true passion for design — turns many clients into friends. As a result, there was no shortage of people eager to support book."

"Design with Taste" takes the pristine showroom kitchen and connects it firmly to the real world. The true American kitchen gets used, it gets messy, it's a center for entertaining, homework and quiet moments. It is the nerve center of the home.

Of course the stars of the book are the kitchens themselves. Some are small, some are bigger than a decent-sized apartment, but all are distinguished by fine design and materials. Design with Taste is the perfect primer for those who are planning a kitchen or for those who only dream.

The book, published by Nickel Design Inc. of Boyne City, is available at the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix. It retails for \$46.

Firebaugh's showroom is located in the Northview Design Centre on U.S. 31 in Petoskey.

For more information, call (231) 439-0100 or visit www.signaturekitchensonline.com.



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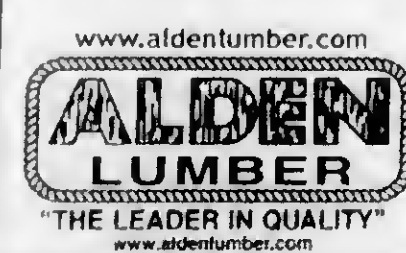
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CHARLEVOIX COURIER 31

City lands financial break in \$11 million marina project

MARINA

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removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75 feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of park, 850 feet, and other miscellaneous work. Schlak said work is expected to start before Dec. 1 and the targeted completion date for Phase 1 is near the end of April 2007.

Only two bidders tried for the floating dock system contract — Flotation Docking Systems Inc. of Cedarville and Great Lakes Docks and Materials LLC of Muskegon. Flotation Docking of Cedarville was the low bidder by a narrow margin. Their bid was \$1,328,989 while the Muskegon provider came in at \$1,463,204.

Installation of the new docks is referred to as Phase 2. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220 feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Schlak said the docks will be fabricated this winter and will be installed once ice conditions allow in the spring. Utilities are expected to be hooked up and operational near

the end of June 2007.

Construction of Phases 1 and 2 is expected to take about four-and-a-half months. The ultimate goal is to have the water side of the project complete by Memorial Day 2007.

Schlak said he has worked with both low bidders on previous projects. Most recently, United Design partnered with Molon on Traverse City's Clinch Park Marina overhaul; and with Flotation Docking Systems on numerous dock jobs including those in St. Ignace, Presque Isle, Rogers City and Marquette.

"They're well-known on the lakes for their floating pier systems," Schlak said.

The grand scope of the \$11 million project, which includes major changes to East Park like construction of a new performance venue and a new harbor master's building, will extend through the 2007 tourist season.

East Park will likely only be open from Clinton Street to Mason Street next summer — meaning art and craft shows will have to be relocated for one year. Demolition of the bandshell and existing Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building is expected to take place on Dec. 10.



File photo

This aerial shot of the Charlevoix Municipal Marina and East Park shows the project area that will be covered in the \$11 million renovation project. The first two construction phases, which were bid out last week, will include replacement of the seawall, which runs 850 feet along the marina, and of the existing 17 piers with a 67-slip floating dock system.

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Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI
The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The mayor proclaimed October 22-28 Nation Save for Retirement Week.
- Public Hearing held regarding the application by DCL, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.
- Motion passed to have the development plan remanded to the City Planning Commission for their review and recommendation using the new development plan standards and that if the Planning Commission completes its review, the matter be brought back to the City Council at the November 6, 2006 meeting.
- Motion passed to accept the bid from Tn County Excavating for \$34,302 for the sewer extension at Michigan Scientific.
- Council generally agreed to support the campaign against global warming by submitting a letter to Congressman Stupak.
- Motion passed to purchase a Res-Q-Jack from Sales and Marketing of Michigan for \$3,200.
- Motion passed to accept the bid from Cleaner One for \$31,824 for cleaning services at City Hall and the Electric Department office area.
- Motion passed to accept the bid from Cleaner One for \$1,440 for window cleaning service at City Hall.
- Motion passed to accept the bid from Service Master for \$4,800 for carpet cleaning services at City Hall and the Golf Course pro shop.
- Resolution adopted approving the Application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for DCL, Inc.
- Motion passed to have Council move into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategies with regards to the CWA contract.

Council adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX PROBATE COURT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 06-011037-DE

Estate of Vera Aura Rebec, Deceased.
Date of Birth: May 9, 1915

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Vera Aura Rebec, who lived at 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Michigan died March 10, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shirley Hill, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: October 18, 2006

Scott Beatty (P24202)
111 State Street, Ste. 1,
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

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3095 Oden Island Drive
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NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of five (5 %) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

LOTS 138, 139, AND 140, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 11, 2006

Walloon Lake Properties LLC, Mortgagee

Attorney:
Burke T. Lewis
301 West Lake Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 526-6600
(L-10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Erik K. West and Colleen K. West, husband and wife as tenants by their entirety, Mortgageors, to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of November, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of October, 2005 in Liber 709 of Charlevoix County Records, page 545, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank N.A. As Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine and 30/100 (\$105,729.30), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of November, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 3.80% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The Southeast - of Lot 2, Block 6, of N. Morgan's Addition to South Boyne (now city of Boyne City), according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 10/5/2006

Wells Fargo Bank N.A.
As Trustee Mortgagee
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank N.A.
As Trustee
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470
Troy, MI 48064
(248)362-2600
ASAP# 704617
(L-10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01)

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Household Finance Corp III, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Polestive & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-56136(HSBC) ASAP# 794167 (L-10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25)

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CIRCUIT COURT SALE

CASE NO. 05-905-20-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of September, 2006, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein IRWIN UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY was the Complainant; and Dorian N. Lange; Anne Lange; Lange Limited, LLC; Migaldi Family, LLC; Republic Bank; Independent Bank South Michigan; Capitol National Bank, N.A.; and Charlevoix Holdings, Inc. were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the front lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of December, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon, local time, the following-described property, viz:

PARCEL 1: COUNTRY CLUB PARK PARCEL (INCLUDING PARCEL "A" OF THE SUSAN CASCIANI PROPERTY)

In the Townships of Hayes & Charlevoix, Charlevoix County Michigan, COMMENCING at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN THE MILITARY, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by William Paraschos and Valerie Paraschos, Husband and Wife to Westmark Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 2, 1999 and recorded July 13, 1999 in Liber 367 Page 633 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Household Finance Corp III, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Fifty-Four Cents (\$117,213.54) including interest 9.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, November 3, 2006. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of Lot 6 and the South one-half of Lot 7, Block A of Stockman's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Charlevoix, according to Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 31, Charlevoix County Records. Commonly known as 106 Alice Street, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

Household Finance Corp III, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Polestive & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 06-56136(HSBC) ASAP# 794167 (L-10/4,10/11,10/18,10/25)

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In the Townships of Hayes & Charlevoix, Charlevoix County Michigan, COMMENCING at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West

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Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76 degrees 04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76 degrees 04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77 degrees 42'20" West and as South 77 degrees 39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5 degrees 59'01" East, (recorded as South 4 degrees 25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence, South 87 degrees 59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2 degrees 00'25" East (recorded as South 0-21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76 degrees 18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Section 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said section line and the East line of said block South 1 degrees 00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87 degrees 51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0 degrees 55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88 degrees 51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1 degrees 03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89 degrees 14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1 degrees 05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1203.49 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50 degrees 23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North .34 degrees 01'39" West 243.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West & a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 15, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

PARCEL 2: BALANCE OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST LYING SOUTH OF U.S.-31

In the Township of Hayes, Char-

levoix County, Michigan, COM-

MENCING at a 3/4" pipe at the

South 1/4 corner of Section 18,

Township 34 North, Range 7 West;

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West 918.25 feet to a 1/2" rod being

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said Section line South 76 degrees

04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2"

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West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the

Southeasterly line of Highway

U.S.-31; thence continuing North 34

degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to

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thence along said centerline North

55 degrees 58'21" East 1222.54

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description; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 230.00 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod the Southeast-erly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 219.64 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 355.07 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 02 degrees 00'25" East 100.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 55 degrees 58'21" West 176.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 524.55 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, and containing 3.829 acres.

*Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit or part thereof taken, used or deemed for street, road or highway purposes.

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Dated: October 4, 2006

JANE E. BRANNON
Charlevoix County Clerk

By: Donald Schneider
Deputy Sheriff

Raynor D. Zillgitt, Jr. (P39824)
Willingham & Cote, P.C.
Attorneys for Complainant
333 Albert Avenue, Suite 500
East Lansing, MI 48823
(L-10/04, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01,
11/08, 11/15)

NOTICE TO
ALL CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of CHARLES L. MOSES, Deceased.
Date of Birth: AUGUST 19, 1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Charles L. Moses, the decedent, who lived at 12680 Klooster Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on August 26, 2006. There is no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Rita E. Brodin, Successor Trustee of the Charles L. Moses Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: October 12, 2006

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Rita E. Brodin, Successor Trustee
% Hoffman & Hoffman
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Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(L-10/25)

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NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF
THE BREITHAUP
FAMILY LIVING
TRUST DATED
AUGUST 11, 2004

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles H. Breithaupt who lived at 2125 Eagle Island Road, Boyne City, Michigan died October 4, 2006.

You are hereby notified that Joann C. Breithaupt is the acting Trustee of the Breithaupt Family Living Trust dated August 11, 2004. At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above referenced decedent's estate. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Joann C. Breithaupt, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: October 25, 2006

John P. Temes (P21335)
1101 N. US 31
Petoskey, Michigan 49770
(231) 347-7777

Joann C. Breithaupt
2125 Eagle Island Road
Boyne City, MI 49720
(231) 582-7615
(L-10/25)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagee, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 8th day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Four Cents (\$225,524.04), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 259.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43" East 182.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwest-erly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwest-erly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said North- westerly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North

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43°27'31" West 248.96 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No. Part of
15007-118-009-10

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 09-28-06

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee
Howard & Gupta, P.C.
Ajay Gupta
Attorney for
Premier Realty Group, Inc.
1020 Springwells
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$290,722.35) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on

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PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwest-erly line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwest-erly line of said highway; thence continuing along said section line, South 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet

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feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plot Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwest-erly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 38°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 286.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: September 27, 2006

Drafted By:
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagee, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. dated the 8th day of December, 2004; and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 20th day of July, 2006 in Liber 756 of Charlevoix County Records, Pages 886-895, respectively on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$221,674.63), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 338.00 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16'04" East 2293.5 feet to a 1.5" pipe at the east quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwest-erly line of Highway US-31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55 degrees 46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57 degrees 19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwest-erly line of said highway; Thence continuing North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52 degrees 45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10 degrees 55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19 degrees 56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58

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Parcel No. 15007-118-008-10

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: September 28, 2006

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by JIMMY S. MINTON and GEORGINA A. MINTON, husband and wife, Mortgageors, to THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, on March 25, 2003, in Liber 526, beginning on Page 456, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight and 56/100 (\$122,278.56) Dollars, including interest at 8.930% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Friday, December 1, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 8.930%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and inclusions

attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION NORTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 1022.58 FEET, THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SAID SECTION, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 156.43 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 554.75 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF PINCHERRY ROAD, THENCE ALONG SAID ROAD LINE NORTH 01 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 156.43 FEET, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 560.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5946 PINCHERRY ROAD, CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720-9005.

TAX PARCEL NO. 001-006-015-35.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The fore-closing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: October 13, 2006

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee
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OCT. 25 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS

Anyone interested in watching the Charlevoix County Commissioners interview prospective candidates for the position of county administrator, may attend the 1 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25 in the commissioner's room located at 203 Antrim St. in downtown Charlevoix.

OCT. 26 GREAT START

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host its annual Great Start Expo on Thursday, Oct. 26 in the lower level of the hospital.

Parents, babies, preschoolers and parents-to-be are invited to attend this free event.

More than 30 businesses, vendors and community resources will be on hand to introduce their programs and services for babies and young children. Included in the mix are health and safety tips, childcare and early childhood development options and age-appropriate toys and games. Information and registration for the hospital's prenatal, safety/CPR, and breast feeding classes and the twins group will also be available. Guided tours of the birthing center will be offered.

Parents and youngsters are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes. Marell Staffell will be providing free professional photos at this event. Many door prizes are anticipated again this year including a Pump-N-Style breast pump valued at \$350.

More information about the Great Start Expo is available by calling the Charlevoix Area Hospital Birthing Center at (231) 547-8669.

OCT. 28 NATURE HIKE

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Raven Ridge Preserve located off Fuller Road in East Jordan, forester, Chris Anderson, will lead fall color nature hike while teaching participants how to identify trees using bark, twigs and seeds.

Call (231) 347-0991 for more information on the hike.

OCT. 29 BRASS BAND PERFORMS

The Northern Michigan Brass Band will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix. Tickets

are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

OCT. 29 SPECIAL LITURGY

St. Mary Church will host a special liturgy aimed at strengthening the relationship between the Native American people and the Catholic church. The Eucharist Celebration will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord. Members from area tribes are invited to wear Native American regalia. Fr. James Gardiner, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Bellaire, will be the main presider, with Bishop Patrick R. Cooney and other priests of the diocese will attend. Professional Native American musicians will participate under the direction of Dan Hall. A reception will follow in the parish hall. For more information, call (989) 732-5147.

NOV. 1 SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT

The Atwood/Ellsworth Cadet Boys Club is hosting a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, located on U.S. 31, 10 miles south of Charlevoix.

Donations will be accepted to support the cadet program. Cadets is a Christian boys club that includes counselors and boys working together through Bible discussion, badges, crafts, games, outings and service projects. For more information, call pastor Dave at (231) 599-3290.

NOV. 4 SHOP CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities event on Nov. 4. Participating merchants will donate 10 percent of purchases to a participating non-profit or charity of your choice.

NOV. 10 HOSPITAL CONTEST

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is pleased to announce that their "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" is now open.

Visit the hospital gift shop, read the information and win a \$100 gift certificate if your gift shop name is chosen. Entrants need not be present to win.

The gift shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday.

The contest deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Judges will choose the best gift shop name on Nov. 13.

NOV. 13 HOSPITAL GUILD MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. Members will be voting on changing the bylaws, monthly meetings and are asked to bring a favorite holiday recipe. Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

NOV. 16 BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

For an appointment, call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) or drop in.

Donors are asked to bring an American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- North Central Michigan College's Microsoft Word Basics Class, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 24 and 26.

- Writer's Group, 6-8 p.m., Oct. 25.

- "Medicare Prescription Plans...are they for you?" 1-3 p.m., Oct. 30. Call (231) 547-2651 to register.

- Computer Tidbit: Better Internet Searching, 1-1:30 p.m., Nov. 1.

- Author: Doug Stanton, 7 p.m., Nov. 2.

- Ann Campbell's educational work in Peru, 1-3 p.m., Nov. 4.

- North Central Michigan College's eBay Basics Class, 1-4 p.m., Nov. 4 and 11.

- Youth Department events:

- Lapsit Story Time (ages birth-3), 10:05 a.m., Oct. 26.

- Oct. 26: Pre-K Story Time (4-5), 10:30 a.m.

- "Paws for a Story" kicks off at 11 a.m., Oct. 28. School-age children reading to a dog. To register, call (231) 547-2651.

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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 27, Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone; 8:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 27 and 28, Doc Woodward and the Trio — upbeat jazz.

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Avenue 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28, John Perry — piano.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 27, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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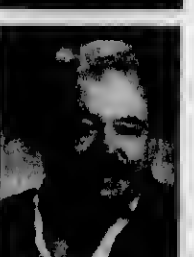


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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Trick-or-treat

Kaleb Pollington, 14 months old, and his mother, Krista Westman, strolled around Charlevoix Area Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 26 during the annual Great Start Expo, a showcase for doctors, dietitians, nurses and purveyors of toys and learning supplies for youngsters.



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

D. Wayne O'Neal (pictured above) is the frontrunner for the Charlevoix County administrator's position. The county has budgeted \$74,500 for the job.

The county's \$74,000 man

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners may have found their \$74,500 man.

Less than eight hours after commissioners finished interviewing D. Wayne O'Neal of Eastpointe and Gail Fox of Wilson Township, O'Neal was chosen for salary and other con-

tract negotiations.

"My interest in the position up here in Charlevoix?" O'Neal said during the interview. "My wife and I spent our honeymoon on Deer Lake in a chalet, and I used to come up here in my teens and camp on the Jordan River. We love it up here...it's beautiful."

He added, "And, I've always

been interested in county government as well as municipal government."

O'Neal, a former city manager with 30 years experience, said he has worked as a personnel officer, lead negotiator and a budget writer.

District Two County Commissioner, Randolph

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Danny
Russell

Deputy Police Chief, Scott Hankins, that at around 4:30 a.m. on Aug. 27, his father admitted he committed a robbery and asked Daniel to help him leave town.

According to Daniel's testimony, his father then showed him the black gun he used in the robbery and he watched as he burned checks. Late last week, a nine person dive team made up of area law enforcement agents searched for the gun in Lake Charlevoix, near the Belvedere Club Casino.

A search warrant executed Oct. 24 at a home on Antrim Street in Charlevoix uncovered a barbecue with burned paper fragments and clothing items matching the description given by the Family Video clerk on duty the night of the incident.

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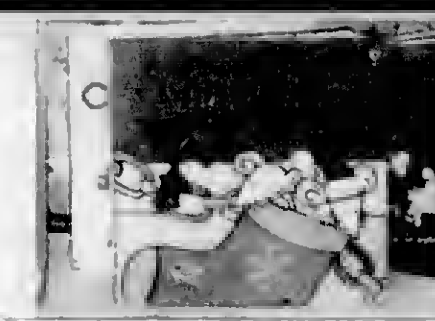
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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Adam Charles Martin, 21, Beaver Island. Failure to report an accident. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$300 in fines and costs.

Mary Ruth Snell, 27, Boyne City. Attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; must take all prescription medication; \$700 in fines and costs.

Daniel Scott Russell, 24, Ellsworth. Receiving and concealing stolen property—more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 53 days, to serve 97 days in jail, 215 days held in abeyance; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,250 in fines and costs.

William John Burton, 39, Waterford. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Debra A. Bennett, 43, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Keith Sean Morrison, 38, West Minster, Colo. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

John Paul Fiedorek, 19, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve eight days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Eugene Lee Behling, 46, Boyne

City. Driving while license suspended—first offense. Serve 10 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Neil Elliot Howie, 23, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. Serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$550 in fines and costs.

Zachary Dane Whitley, 19, Boyne City. Possession or sale of switchblade weapons. Serve 360 days in jail with credit for one day, 359 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; not to possess or use weapons; \$400 in fines and costs.

Steven Anthony Fettig II, 26, Oden. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; \$930 in fines and costs.

Mary Jean Dybilas, 42, Charlevoix. Weapons possession while under the influence of alcohol. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for 26 days, to serve eight days in jail;

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\$300 in fines and costs.

Malcolm Bruce Bowinan, 44, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Serve six days in jail; \$150 in fines and costs.

Geoffrey Allyn Britt, 47, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Andrew Victor Kantola, 18, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve six

months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$860 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Keith Edward Hartwick, 32, Redford. Motor vehicle-unlawful driving away. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 120 days in jail. Operating while intoxicated. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 120 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$5,385.38 in fines and costs.

Anthony Allen McCaslin, 29, Charlevoix. Criminal sexual conduct—fourth degree (force or coercion). Sentenced to 365 days in jail

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Son of armed robbery suspect tips off police

ARREST

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The incident took place shortly after the video rental store closed at midnight on Sunday, Aug. 27. Danny Russell is now charged as the ski mask wearing, gun-wielding man who took the store's night deposit bag, containing \$800, and the purse of a female employee of Family Video and then locked her in the trunk of her car for 10 to 15 minutes.

Danny Russell had been released from Charlevoix County Jail on Aug. 13 following his April 4 conviction on charges including misdemeanor larceny by conversion \$1,000 to \$20,000 and performing an occupation without a license. Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, explained the circumstances associated included Danny agreeing to roof a

home, accepting money for the service and never doing the work.

Danny Russell's other prior convictions include operating while intoxicated in 2001, a misdemeanor for resisting and obstructing a police officer in 2003 and a domestic violence charge from 1995.

Danny Russell is scheduled to undergo a preliminary examination at 3:45 p.m. on Nov. 7 in Charlevoix County District Court.

Jarema said he will push to have charges including using a firearm in the commission of a felony, which carries a two-year prison sentence and unlawful imprisonment, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison, added to the existing armed robbery charge which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

He may be charged as a habitual offender which would increase his sentence.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

A nine-person dive team made up of representatives of several area law enforcement agencies, including the Emmet County Sheriff's Office, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the tribal police out of Petoskey and the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, were in Charlevoix, Oct. 27 to search for a gun an armed robber may have thrown into Lake Charlevoix after knocking off Family Video in August. The water was about 48 degrees the day of the dive. Breaking from the dive are (from left) Scott Ford, Don Stead, Bill Smith, George Lasater Jr., Jim Nowka, Norm Conklin, Bob Hart and Rick Hoig.

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with credit for 84 days in jail, to serve 240 days in jail. Larceny in a building. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 84 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve two years probation; \$880 in fines and costs.

Charles Ronald Pitcher, 31, Charlevoix. Probation violation—police officer-fleeing, fourth degree (vehicle code). Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 177 days in jail, to serve 270 days in jail, probation is revoked; \$960 in fines and costs.

Daniel Leonard Merriman, 49, Beaver Island. Operating while intoxicated—third offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, to serve 365 days in jail; \$870 in fines and costs.

Stephen Douglas Bugai, 27, Beaver Island. Operating while intoxicated—third offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail to serve 300 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; serve 480 hours of community service work; \$1,870 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Travel Nurse Reports, 27220 Barney's Lake Road, Beaver Island, by Jeff and Bill Cashman

Woodsong Soap Company, 407 South East St., Boyne City, by Carole Hague

Joseph's Dreams, 8112 Streamwood Drive, Central Lake, by Catherine Lou McGuire

Erickson Construction &

Snowplowing, 02592 Erickson Road, Boyne City, by Dennis B. and Evy L. Erickson

Circle G Performance, 2577 Lalone Road, Elmira, by Ronald D. Grubaugh II

Choice Packs, 217 Belvedere Avenue, Charlevoix, by Glenn Matthew Wachler

Beaver Island Gardens, 26801 Paid Eenog's Road, Beaver Island, by Heidi Vigil-Conner

MARRIAGE

The following people were recently granted a marriage license

by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Thomas Edward Vallance II, 22 and Sue Ann Brooks, 22, both of Boyne City

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

David Buchan vs. Betty Buchan
David Wayne Somers vs. Joy Lynn Somers

Sheryl L. John vs. Richard L. John

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Stop supporting parties that don't support you



THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I'm throwing my vote away this Nov. 7. At least that's what all the so-called knowledgeable sources tell me.

There was a time when I thought only two parties mattered. In 2000, I voted for George W. Bush even though his party doesn't represent me. Like too many people, I voted against, not for, someone because I couldn't stomach a shred of the Clinton administration or Al Gore to remain in the White House.

By 2004, I was so discouraged with developments in our government, I didn't vote at all.

I know, I know, "Vote or die,"

says the rapper. "Rock the vote," says MTV. Pick the lesser of two evils said my high school government teacher.

Is that really where we're at? Do we eat off whatever platter is placed before us, regardless of how pungent the victuals?

The political analysts, armchair politicians and AM gabbers say my chad should swing with a powerful party. And until now, I thought the rhetoric.

But Repub's don't vote Dem when their candidate lags, and picking someone who doesn't represent me never helped my country or my conscience.

Determined to support my beliefs, I looked for alternatives. That was when an old friend turned me on to the Libertarian party.

I was shocked. Libertarians stand for less control over businesses, smaller government, fewer taxes, personal responsibility and self-control of our bodies.

From the Libertarian Web site,

www.LP.org, the Libertarian party intends to, "Repeal all laws that presume government knows better than the individual how to run that person's life." I can get down with that philosophy.

They would return property seized via eminent domain and outlaw the practice in the future. They would work to repeal all gun control laws.

Libertarians, "Oppose government actions that either compel or prohibit abortion, sterilization or any other form of birth control." I find the former a grim practice, but after all, freedom can be a dirty, deadly thing.

The government has no right to, "Define or license personal relationships. Sexuality or gender should have no impact on the rights of individuals." I think you already know where I stand on this one.

Libertarians would turn big spenders in our government from debt-incurring to budget-balance-

ing. Oh, the right-wingers claim to favor smaller government and fiscal responsibility, and the president did cut taxes, he just forgot to cut spending.

Libertarians will make room in prison for murderers and child molesters by decriminalizing outlawed behaviors such as recreational drug use and prostitution.

The Democrats jaw all day long about civil liberties, but only seem to focus on fighting for the right to kill an unborn baby. As if smoking a joint or visiting a hooker is equally or more reprehensible than gutting a pregnant woman with a surgical vacuum cleaner and a scalpel.

I don't expect all ills in this country to be healed if and when the Libertarians liberate us. Neither do they make that promise. But, they certainly have a better grip on the idea of Constitutional freedom than our current masters.

I have fallen for the fear tactics

of the mainstream parties for the last time. God knows ignoring my beliefs to vote for them has produced only self-betrayal.

From now on I vote based on my conscience and not the million dollar propaganda espoused by mainstream jackasses — or elephants.

If it is true more registered voters abstain from participating than not, we could make a real difference this month.

Some Michigan Libertarian candidates are, Bill Hall for Attorney General, Greg Creswell and Scotty Boman, running for Governor and Lt. Governor respectively.

I don't expect the right or left to join me next Tuesday, I just hope my fellow freedom lovers will stop supporting parties which don't support them.

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Mementos from the past are gifts for the present



A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Mementos of the past are gifts for the present.

Cleaning and recycling is like confession for the soul. While in this process my endorphins kick in and all is well with the world.

That familiar feeling returned after cleaning, sorting and disposing many items while moving my dad into an assisted living facility. Through his tears and our quiet talks his focus was on the loss of mementos that

had played such an important part of his life. I looked around and most of what I could see were items purchased during his 50 years of marriage and many things that I thought should be discarded. I didn't understand at the time what he meant when he said he was losing his treasures and his whole life was being thrown away. I soon learned what he meant.

While stacking what I thought were small note books and debating whether to toss I am grateful to have given them a second look. Each little notebook was a one-year diary dating back to 1940. I felt reading them would be daunting and intruding. We siblings queried shortly as to toss or keep and as a second thought I said, "Keep."

On my return visit, curiosity got

the best of me. I flipped open one of the notebooks. The page I landed on was dated Dec. 8, 1941. At the top of the paragraph was one word, "WAR," printed by my father in large, capital letters.

I read with disbelief the description of where he was and what was taking place the day after Pearl Harbor had been bombed. I then began to treat each new diary with renewed respect. I felt ashamed that we even considered letting this piece of history be lost.

Another page revealed when dad proposed and mom accepted. The diaries became a story of my parents' lives with information about dances, football games and places they traveled to. It also included hardships when money wasn't coming in and how they made it

through those lean years. All this information was there for us to see and written in dad's own hand.

Our current lives move at such a fast clip so how wonderful it is that someone takes note of their day. When we reach a new chapter in our lives it often involves a move.

We all collect things — books, stamps, coins, music, rocks and in my case, cookware. What seems so important to us will seem irrelevant to someone else. If nothing else I have learned that living each day is truly a gift and recording it for the next generation is educational, inspiring and heartwarming.

Albeit even though I am not a fan of old record albums, stamps and coins, someone out there is. Finding the right match to connect with these items is exhilarating es-

pecially when you want to clean house and know your items will find a new home rather than grace a landfill.

So even in my middle-aged years I've learned something new. I need to clean the clutter from our house and find matches for my collections. Our children may not give a second look to the items we treasure. This has inspired me to return to my journaling so a small portion of personal history will be available for the next generation. But I think I'll mark that box, "Do not discard — this is your family history."

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

LETTERS to the editor

LIBRARY IS A PERFECT FIT

Editor:

Now, in the center of our unique village heats a strong, enduring heart, its vibrations trembling and invigorating the vitals of Charlevoix. Kudos to Valerie Meyerson, the architectural team, the library board, Friends of the Library, the donors and all the satellite groups responsible for delivering to our community a library building that stands as not just a big building to hold books but by the measure of functional design is one of the finest concepts realized among the hundreds of libraries I've visited throughout the continent.

Some unique design elements include the ability to use a community room without having the whole library open, nearly everything accessible on one floor, the main entrance leading directly to the circulation desk and from the desk, the ability to monitor key elements of the whole floor.

Further, the mating of function with design aesthetics the lights, room arrangements, landscaping and milieu invite us to use its repository of knowledge in print, audio, visual and community sharing to ennoble us as individuals and in our relations with others. And it is not a selfish structure designed just for this generation. On the contrary, it exceeds the relatively modest demands we or even our children will make of it, promising instead to encompass possibilities for future generations we cannot even imagine nor are able to anticipate.

Further, unlike other public use building locations that encircle our city limits like distant moons, the new post office, the new high school, the new pool and who knows what next, our library is in our town.

Congratulations. John R. Alberts Charlevoix

Vote for Shirlene Tripp who is straightforward and honest and will learn how things work before she jumps in and disrupts a working process. Shirlene will serve the people — not a personal political agenda.

Margo Johnson Charlevoix

VOTE FOR TRIPP

Editor: Shirlene Tripp has over 25 years experience in government service and understands the workings of local government and its various committees. Her approach is to learn the facts, understand the issues, communicate with all parties and then make a decision. She will insist on open, respectful dialogue between the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners and

citizens. She will work hard as a county commissioner and will be honest about giving or taking credit.

Her opponent has been less than honest in taking credit for negotiating a contract for the Charlevoix Senior Center to receive reimbursement from the senior millage. She never attempted to learn the facts about how senior programs and services are regulated and how expenses are accounted. She does not acknowledge that the senior center would be receiving these additional monies, without her involvement, because they finally agreed to participate in the millage-funded nutrition program.

In the course of helping, she frightened some seniors by telling them that the Commission on Aging opposed a contract and that the senior center would have to close its doors — both are totally untrue. She also delayed the ultimate contract by telling the senior center to bypass the Commission on Aging for revision and recommendation to the County Board — a two-month delay. To this day, as a commissioner, she does not understand how senior millage funds are regulated, allocated or accounted and continues to mislead people about the facts.

As a mediator whose interest should be getting all parties to resolution, she should have learned the history and facts and understood that resolution was on track. It appears she was only looking for a talking point or paragraph in her campaign material.

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Commission on Aging.

She put in a lot of work and long hours in meetings with the Commission on Aging, the County Commissioners and the Charlevoix Senior Center and has shown her desire and interest in helping the senior citizens of Charlevoix. She has been a great asset on the Board of Commissioners and to all of the citizens.

Earl Muma Director Charlevoix Senior Center

VOTE FOR GRANHOLM

Editor:

Republican Dick DeVos has argued, in televised debates and elsewhere, that the problems currently facing Michigan are the result of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's failed policies. This assertion defies logic and history.

Republicans have controlled the state Senate for 22 years straight. Republicans have controlled the state House of Representatives for seven years straight. Granholm's Republican predecessor, John Engler, reigned for 12 years in the governor's office, and the last three of those years he worked alongside friendly Republican majorities in both houses of the state capitol.

Many of Granholm's challenges — economic difficulties and an under-funded public education system, for example — have been spawned by years of Republican dominance. For further study, revisit the state budget crisis upon Engler's departure in 2003 or investigate ways in which Proposal A has been "tweaked" over the last decade at the expense of local school districts.

Considering recent developments in Michigan, Washington and around the world, it's understandable that Republicans would want to distance themselves from their own track record. But it's irresponsible to place the blame elsewhere, and voters know it.

Patrick Conway Ellsworth

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION?

Editor:

When I looked at the new library, and it is spectacular, I did not see any insulation during construction. Can that be true? Also, why doesn't the black fence all match. I've asked several workers, and they said they

The Township was notified

by the Michigan Department of Treasury of incorrect and late filings, and failure to follow the state's mandated procedures. Problems with the state could result in the withholding of state revenue sharing payments to the township, revocation of its surety bond and other costly actions. Jason frequently failed to timely remit school and county taxes collected by the township. These local taxing authorities had to contact the township and demand their tax share.

Jason failed to remit approximately \$270,000 to Charlevoix Public Schools, due Sept. 20, 2004 but paid June 30, 2005 upon demand by Charlevoix Public Schools.

Jason overpaid the county \$295,530 which the county discovered and issued a refund check which she "doesn't remember receiving," requiring a second check by the county. The tax fund should be close to zero after summer and winter tax collections and their nearly immediate disbursement periods, but the township board discovered in May 2006 approximately \$271,772 in this fund. It was owed to the general and/or road fund.

Jason has failed the township. Assistance in her elected position is available from the state, county and accountants, including myself. She failed to avail herself of this help. Her best interest, and the township's, is to resign now and avoid potential recall, plus considerable financial expense to all.

N. David Scott Boyne City

have been asked that many times and they did not know.

Also, why aren't the bars in the windows in the glass. It'll be a major job to do window cleaning.

William and Dorothy Irwin Charlevoix

LIBRARY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Editor:

The new library is very well insulated. All walls have new insulation and the roof has at least twice as much insulation as required by code. The new windows are of the highest standard to keep the heat in the building in the winter and out in the summer.

The fence around the children's garden is two different fence types because we wanted to stress the curving line versus the straight lines in the look of the fence. The landscape committee, the library board, and I all like the look of two different fence types.

When the library board was in the site selection process, the community felt very strongly about historically preserving the old school. The library board of trustees selected a window that would not only preserve heat in the winter and cooling in the summer, but they chose a window that would best replicate the original 1927 windows. We have examined the cost of window cleaning and have found a service that does not squeeze the windows, but has a distilled water process to clean, thus keeping the costs somewhat reasonable.

Please direct any other questions about the library to me.

Valerie Meyerson Director Charlevoix Public Library

DEBRA JASON SHOULD RESIGN

Editor:

I am a resident of Eveline Township, Charlevoix County and a retired Certified Public Accountant with considerable experience in township accounting and reporting.

After Debra Jason was elected Eveline Township treasurer it became apparent at township monthly meetings that she had no background for this position. During the next four years I gave her notes volunteering to help her gain necessary knowledge to do the treasurer's work. She did not call for assistance. Her failures are numerous.

The Township was notified

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Editor:

We have known Shirlene for 41 years. She has been our neighbor for all of those years. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have Shirlene and Bob as neighbors who are always there willing to help.

Shirlene was born and raised in Charlevoix County and has seen numerous changes. We feel she is fair, approachable and concerned for the welfare of all residents. She is not opposed to change and we feel her decisions will be based on if they are the right ones for Charlevoix County residents.

Shirlene was the Hayes Township Treasurer for several years and always had time for questions and was very conscientious.

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Historical Society Author leads 'Americans at War' program this Thursday at library hosts dinner fund-raiser, Nov. 8

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present the Ninth Annual Fund-raising Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Villager Pub, located at 427 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

This year's dinner is in honor of the late John Gaskin, a past society president, who often served as a greeter at previous society fund-raisers at the Villager Pub.

The menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti for \$6.95, two pieces of whitefish, cole slaw and fries for \$8.50 and burritos for \$8.95.

Society members will serve as hosts and wait staff. All tips will support the Charlevoix Historical Society. Door prizes will be awarded and the grand prize is dinner for two at Terry's Place.

This is a non-smoking event. Call 547-0373 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for more information.

Red Cross Blood Drive Nov. 16 at Community Reformed Church

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

For an appointment, call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) or drop in.

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The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will host a program entitled "Americans at War" featuring award-winning author, Doug Stanton, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 in the community room at the new library, located at 220 Clinton St.

Stanton's first book, "In Harm's Way," was greeted with acclaim in 2001, including being named Publisher's Weekly Notable Book of the Year. Over nine months on the New York Times best-seller list, "In Harm's Way" tells the story of



Doug Stanton

America's worst naval disaster at sea, the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, and the heroism of the men who survived. Stanton's soon-to-be-released "The Horse Soldiers" required travel in 2005 to Afghanistan and over 100 in-

terviews with U.S. military personnel.

A graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy, Hampshire College and the University of Iowa, Stanton is a full-time writer for national publications including Esquire magazine and has appeared on NBC Nightly News, the history Channel and CNN live.

The public is invited to attend at no charge. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the evening.

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'The Christmas Tree Ship' author presents local program, Nov. 10

The Charlevoix Historical Society and Friske Orchards present the story of "The Christmas Tree Ship."

Join author Rochelle Pennington at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 for a program at the Charlevoix Depot detailing one of the most well-known shipwrecks of the Great Lakes.

The true story behind "The Christmas Tree Ship" is one of the most loved legends of the Great Lakes. The legend has been the subject of paintings, poems, stories and songs for the past century. "The Christmas Tree Ship" is a coffee table gift book.

Pennington's research was featured on the Weather Channel's Storm Stories. The television program airs nationally each Christmas as a holiday special. Pennington is interviewed during the program.

Recently, the legend was made into a stage musical production (The Christmas Schooner) and is performed during the holiday season around the nation.

The ship was lost in "The Great Storm of 1912" and rests on the bottom of Lake Michigan. The



The Christmas Tree Ship

ship is still filled with Christmas trees today and the shipwreck site is one of the more popular dive sites on Lake Michigan for deeper dives. The trees from the original Christmas Tree Ship were always cut in Michigan and were always destined for the Chicago, Ill. market.

A "new" Christmas Tree Ship began sailing six years ago in memory of the original ship. The ship is loaded with Christmas trees in Michigan near the city of Cheboygan on Lake Huron and then sailed to Chicago, Ill. There, the trees are given to needy families. This year, the ship will sail down Lake Michigan during the first weekend of December.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at (231) 547-0373.

Holly Daze tickets on sale now

The 14th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "An Enchanted Evening," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The committee is busily planning a spectacular evening to kick off the 2006 holiday season.

Guests will once again be treated to free valet parking as they arrive, entering to the sounds of Tom Kaufman and will be encouraged to participate in the silent auction during cocktails. Guests will receive a special full color photograph to commemorate the evening.

After the cocktail reception, guests will enjoy the wonderful sounds of the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers as they move to the King's Grand Ballroom for dinner and the live auction.

The live auction will have items that focus on once in a lifetime experiences and other "enchant-

ing" items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items for patients of the hospital.

The evening will be full of surprises according to committee co-chairs, Nancy Wright and Mary Facalak.

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$100 per person (\$60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. Tickets will be limited due to last year's near sell-out

crowd, but are now available by calling (231) 547-8685 during normal business hours.

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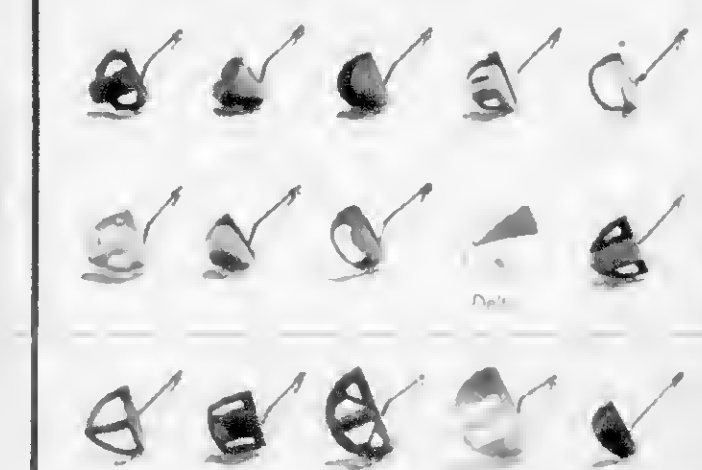
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Jeanne Ann Hater: July 6, 1922 - Oct. 1, 2006

Jeanne Ann (nee Kneflin) Hater, 84, of Cincinnati, Ohio died on Oct. 1.

She was the beloved wife of dearly departed, Robert E. Hater Sr.; loving mother of Dianne M. (William) Dreyer of Charlevoix, Robert E. (Mary Sue) Hater II of Cincinnati, Ohio, Suzanne L. (George F. "Ricky") Meyer Jr. of St. Louis, Mo., Jeanne A. (Timothy) Gilchrist of Denver, Colo.; dear sister of Charles "Bud" (Rita) Kneflin; devoted grandmother of George F. "Ricky" (Susie) Meyer III of St. Louis, Mo., Heather (Brad) Strahom of St. Louis, Mo., Amie (Mark) Fitzgerald of Nashville, Tenn., Holly (Rob) Lazarus of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jodie (Joel) Bergantino of Florence, Ky., Shannon S. Dreyer of Petoskey, William C. (Anne Doyle) Dreyer II of Charlevoix, Jill (Kevin) McMaster of Bentonville, Ark., Kelly R. Dreyer of Charlevoix, Lindsay Gilchrist of Denver, Colo.; cherished great-grandmother of Annie Meyer and William Meyer of St. Louis, Mo., Caroline Strahom and Ellie Strahom of St. Louis, Mo., William Fitzgerald and Courtney Fitzgerald of Nashville, Tenn., Jaden Bergantino and Ashley Bergantino

of Florence, Ky. and Liam Doyle Dreyer of Charlevoix; many nieces and nephews; and a loving and loyal friend to many.

Jeanne was born July 6, 1922, in Sedamsville, Ohio. She was the daughter of Charles J. Kneflin and Marie Margaret (Gilligan) Kneflin. She graduated from Seton High School where she was a member of the journalism club and the Greek club. After graduating as a dietitian from the College of Mount St. Joseph in 1944, she worked as a chemist at Shenley Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Ind. On June 20, 1946 she married Robert E. Hater of St. Teresa at Avilla Church in Western Hills. After his death in 1979, she became a director of his business, Hater Industries and Charlevoix Manufacturing Company.

As a passionate community volunteer, a savvy business woman, she served on many boards. She was president of the board at the College of Mount St. Joseph, she was a member of St. Vincent De Paul Society, an animal lover and loyal supporter of the Humane Society of America, she served as a Pink Lady at St. Francis and St. George hospitals, she served food to the needy at the soup kitchen, volunteered and served many at Dunham House,

she was a member of St. Antoninus Church for 54 years, and a member of the Altar Society at St. Antoninus Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jeanne was a member of the Belvedere Club and spent every summer in Charlevoix until recent years. She was also a member of St. Mary Church in Charlevoix. She served on the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Board as well as a member of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Lighthouse society. Jeanne was also a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society and was a large supporter of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool building project.

At age 50, Jeanne owned and operated Hidden Heritage, an antique/floral shop.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert E. Hater and her parents, Charles J. and Marie Margaret (Gilligan) Kneflin. The Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Antoninus Church in Cincinnati, Ohio and interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The family suggests memorial contributions or donations be made to the Humane Society of America, the College of Mount St. Joseph, the Alzheimer's Association, Charlevoix Children's House or the charity of your choice.

Marjorie Radle: Dec. 11, 1919 - Oct. 22, 2006

Marjorie Jane Radle (nee Miller) of Mequon entered into eternal life on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the age of 86.

Beloved wife of the late Edward S. Radle. Loving and devoted mother of Tom (Pam), Peggy (Ken) Wattenbach, Bill, Jim (Sandi), Pat (Patty), Mary Sas and the late Susie. Proud grandmother of Mike, Brian (Heather), Tim (Lara), Mary (Chris), Mike, Brad, Katie, Daniel, Kenny, Samantha, Jeffrey and Eric. Dear

great-grandmother of Anna, Logan, Trevor and Claire. Loving sister of the late Peggy (Wally) Waller. She is further survived by other relatives and friends.

Marjorie was born on Dec. 11, 1919 in Charlevoix, the beloved daughter of Earl and Margaret Miller. After graduating from college and receiving her bachelor of arts degree in education, Marge traveled the country working as a legal secretary. On

July 6, 1946, she married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Edward S. Radle. Together they moved to Milwaukee, Wis. where they lovingly raised six children together. They loved to travel but their greatest joy was spending time with their family.

A celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial took place on Oct. 26. Burial will be private for the family in Charlevoix.

Glenn Kenney: Oct. 24, 1924 - Oct. 28, 2006

Glenn L. Kenney, 82, of Charlevoix, and Fountain Hills, Ariz., died Saturday, Oct. 28, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Mary Willis will officiate. Interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Glenn was born on Oct. 24, 1924, in Covert, the son of Lawrence and Ida (Bostwick) Kenney. He graduated from South Haven High School in 1942, and then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the Marshall Islands. Glenn earned a bachelor of arts from Michigan State

University in 1949. On June 26, 1948, he married the former LaRue H. Leverenz in South Haven, and they made their home in Grosse Pointe Woods from 1951, until moving to Charlevoix in 1958. Glenn owned and managed Kit Carson Lumber Company in Charlevoix until retiring in 1989. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, and the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Glenn served on the Charlevoix Area Hospital, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, First State Bank and Charlevoix Public Schools boards. He enjoyed boating, golfing and traveling.

Glenn is survived by his wife, LaRue of Charlevoix; children, Dick

(Pat) Kenney of Fountain Hills, Ariz., Cheryl (Sam) Buitendorp of Horton Bay, Kim (Boh) Kierczynski of Traverse City; grandchildren, Sarah and Cara Kenney, David and Seth Buitendorp and Rebekah Moes and Trevor, Troy and Kali Kierczynski; great-grandchildren, Sterling and LaRue Moes; brother, Bill Kenney of Charlevoix; sister, Lois (Jack) McDonald of St. Joseph. Glenn's sister, June Leever, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice. Friends may meet the family at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

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Tackling the 2006 holiday gift season

Spending trends and tips and gift ideas



KIDS CORNER

Julie Witthoef

In my experience the sound of the cash bells is a little quieter if I start early. So, the November edition of Parenting is dedicated to holiday shopping.

This column offers budgeting tips from local investment advisor, Derek Chown of Charlevoix's Edward Jones Investments as well as gift ideas from local retailers on what the hot toys are this season.



Derek Chown

results did show some interesting trends.

Of those surveyed, he broke the group into three household income categories — \$25,000 to \$50,000; \$60,000 to \$100,000; and \$110,000 to \$310,000.

In the \$25,000 to \$50,000 income bracket, the families he spoke with tended to take a "Christmas is for the kids" approach, spending an average of \$174 total on their two children and a total of \$49 on spouse gifts.

Just one income bracket higher, the Christmas purchases more than doubled for the kids, jumping to \$460 and skyrocketed to

\$300 for spouses.

Parents have learned that the jingling sound many attribute to Santa's sleigh bells during the holiday season is actually cash flowing out of pockets, wallets and purses.

This can be an emotional decision, parents commonly want to do everything for their kids, which means charge it now, sweat it out later. But Chown's advice is to stay rational and do what you can.

Those with the means to pay off the credit card balance could benefit from holiday shopping with plastic by finding cards with rewards points programs like those linked to an airline.

Everyone's best bet is to budget by setting an amount you can afford to spend and sticking to it. Make a list of gift recipients, assign each a dollar amount that can be spent and start shopping.

Two downtown Charlevoix retailers, The Rocking Horse Toy Company and Up North Kids, gave us an inside look at what's flying off the shelves this holiday season. And the best part is both offer the chance for toys to go from the shelf to a spot under the tree, with free gift wrapping.

The Rocking Horse is carrying a new line of toys from Brainy Baby that have babies ages six months and up, smiling. The full line of Brainy products range in price from \$5 to \$25.

Toddlers will keep busy after opening a popular Bruder truck aimed at kids ages three and up. The line of trucks are \$25 and up. Other toddlers who can't get enough of Groovy Girls dolls and accessories will enjoy the full line of offerings available for between \$11 and \$12. The Groovy Girls



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Cold, snowy winter days leading up to Christmas can be spiced up with this Christmas "Kid Kit" from the popular brand Usborne. It is available at Up North Kids in Charlevoix.

product line is geared to children ages four and up.

For the family gift, the Rocking Horse has Tumbling Dice from Nash Games. A game that will bring laughs and math skills learning. The sturdy, all wood board retails for \$69.95.

Just a block down from the Rocking Horse is newcomer on the kids commodity scene, Up North Kids. A family tradition can be started or continued here.

While looking for unique gifts, pick up a new Christmas book ranging in price from \$5 to \$20. The store carries the popular Usborne and Barefoot books as well as others.

Melissa and Doug art supplies, like the stage stepping, adjustable easel (ages three to seven, \$50) or the huge line of puppets (ages three and up, \$14.99 each) are favorites this holiday season.

Armed with these budget and gift ideas, the final detail to remember is to enjoy it. Don't let the hustle and bustle be a bummer. Enjoy the excitement and magic of the holidays.

Julie Witthoef is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

The youngest celebrants of the holiday season will love this new line of toys from Brainy Baby, carried at the Rocking Horse Toy Company.

'Must reads' from library director

Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for November reading.

ISABELLA HATKOFF, "OWEN AND MZEE." AGES 4-8

The true story of Owen, the baby hippo rescued after the tsunami, and Mzee, the giant tortoise who befriended him at the Haller Park wildlife refuge in Kenya. Wonderful photos accompany this story of daring rescue, a very odd but gentle friendship, and the people who care for these very different but special creatures.

KELLY CUNNANE, "FOR YOU ARE A KENYAN CHILD" AGES 3-7

If you are a Kenyan child, mother may send you out to watch grandfather's cows. But, like any child the world over,

distractions abound. Greeting the tea shop owner, chasing a monkey, visiting neighbors and playing soccer make the time fly before the child remembers the cows. And where have they gone? Hopefully, grandfather has been keeping a closer eye on them. Beautiful, colorful, wide-eyed illustrations playfully extend this gentle story.

GARY PAULSEN, "THE AMAZING LIFE OF BIRDS" GRADES 6-9

Duane Homer "Doo Doo" Leech is having a hard time navigating puberty. He's literally tripping over his own feet. Be cool? Isn't happening. Ask a girl out? Forget about it. Between falling in the cafeteria line, trashing the library and starting an infectious disease scare — none of which are his fault — Duane is just trying to get through the day.

LETTERS

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entious as a township treasurer committed to serving the public. She is willing to go the extra mile to resolve issues and is not intimidated by opposition or hard work.

We have found Shirlene to be honest, fair, trustworthy, knowledgeable and committed to anything she is involved with.

In closing, her experience, knowledge and concern for taxpayers makes her an excellent choice.

Please show your support and cast your vote for Shirlene Tripp, First District Commissioner.

Ron and Sally Buckner
Charlevoix

VOTE 'NO' ON CITY PROPOSALS 5 AND 6

Editor:

I would like to thank the citizens for their trust in me the past two years and would like to share my feelings on the upcoming election.

As I see it there are some issues being brought up by the candidates that need some clarification as well as some perspective of the proposal amendments.

(To learn the mayor's perspective on moving the Venetian Festival carnival and discussions of firing city manager, Mike Wiesner, see the related article entitled, "City Council candidates sound off on four issues" on page 15 of this week's Courier.)

I would like to explain all of the city proposed charter amendments that will be on the ballot. City Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 all address "house cleaning" items. These are items that needed clarification and updating because of past changes and state election law changes.

City Proposals 5 and 6 are the issues I feel warrant some consideration. Proposal 5 addresses the issue of the city manager's term of employment. This issue would not effect the current city manager. What it would do is limit a new city manager to a term of three years. They would then be re-appointed by a majority vote of city council. This does two things in my perspective. First, it limits any type of job security and would therefore limit the quality of candidates applying for the job. I believe it would be hard to ask someone to relocate their family for what may be a three-year job. You would find that the city manager would be more worried

to the editor

about pleasing council members to retain their job instead of addressing the issues of the city as they should. I believe that the current wording of the city charter is satisfactory. When we hire any other employees of the city we do not do so on a temporary basis. In a city manager based government, which we do have, does it make sense to do so to the person council hires to run the city? I also ask you to consider, would you have taken your job knowing that in three years you may be looking for new employment?

Proposal 6 is the issue of limiting severance packages to three times the average salary or wages for the three months prior to termination. I believe that the people vote council people into the position to make decisions such as these. A severance package is only there to reward someone for their service to the city in case of a termination without just cause. If an employee of the city had a severance package and was terminated for cause such as conviction of a felony or willful or intentional misconduct, then they would not receive the package. It's basically there for compensation if they were released for no good reason. A severance package could be offered by council to an employee as a reward for

their good service to their community.

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider the information above when voting on Nov. 7. Please feel free to contact me about any questions about the city's welfare.

Norman L. Carlson Jr.
Mayor
City of Charlevoix

VOTE FOR EVANS

Editor:

Election day is fast approaching and as we review the candidates, let us keep in mind the results of the August primary. Joel Evans successfully won the Republican Charlevoix County Commissioners race in District Four. Joel again needs your support and vote to win in the Nov. 7 election.

Joel Evans has a lifetime of experience in public service. Involved in local government as a township supervisor and in the community serving on a local school board, Joel's ability reflects as caring concern and dedication. Being a business owner, he knows what it takes to be financially responsible. Being retired, he has the time to devote to you. Take the time to vote for him.

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Holiday glow

On Oct. 26, Pat Flaherty of Holiday Lighting Service of Manchester, stringing Christmas lights on Bridge Street trees. They arrived Oct. 23 and completed the project on Oct. 28. The same company has held the decorating contract for four years. On Oct. 2, city council approved \$14,780 for Christmas lights. The cost is under the \$27,000 the city had budgeted.

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The event will feature over 40

moms and teens selling oodles of "gently used" infant, children's and teen clothing, toys, books furniture, bikes and more.

Adults who are 18 and over and wish to attend will be charged a \$2 entrance fee.

For moms or teens looking to unload some gear, event coordinator Beth Martin still has booth space available. There is a charge of \$25 per space. Proceeds from

this year's event will benefit the Charlevoix Elementary School.

Volunteers to help set up and run the event are also still needed. The opportunity to shop from 8 to 9 a.m., before the doors open to everyone else, is offered as an incentive to vendors and volunteers.

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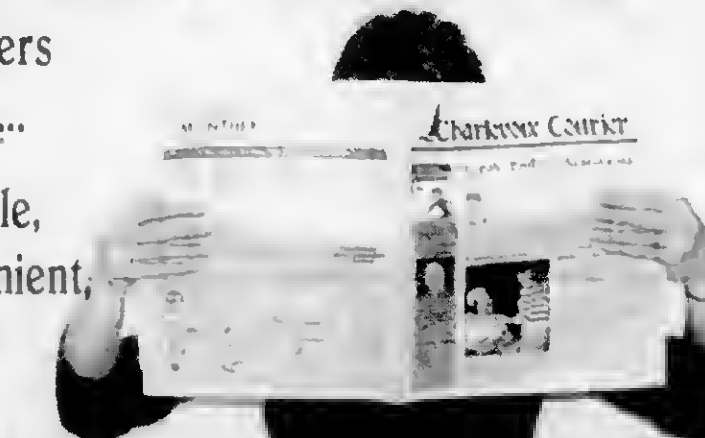
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County Commissioner - Districts 1 thru 6
City Mayor and Councilmembers (City of Charlevoix)
Township Supervisor (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Clerk (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Treasurer (to fill vacancy, if any)
Township Trustee (to fill vacancy, if any)

And to vote on the following proposal (s): (if any)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROPOSAL 06-1: A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES.

PROPOSAL 06-2: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES.

PROPOSAL 06-3: A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES.

PROPOSAL 06-4: A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES.

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AMEND THE TIMING OF THE COUNCIL'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

AMENDMENT TO ALLOW DEPUTY MAYOR TO VOTE WHEN MAYOR IS TEMPORARILY ABSENT OR DISABLED.

AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER THAT IS UNENFORCEABLE UNDER STATE LAW.

AMENDMENT SETTING A THREE-YEAR TERM FOR FUTURE CITY MANAGERS.

AMENDMENT ADDING SEVERANCE PAYMENTS TO ADMINISTRATION FOR FUTURE EMPLOYEES.

AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CLERK KEEP THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ELECTORS IN A POLL BOOK.

AMEND CHARTER TO REQUIRE THAT BOTH CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE OPERATING BUDGET BE DUE AT THE SAME TIME.

AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CITY ASSESSOR ATTEND ALL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS.

AMENDMENT TO ALLOW BOARD OF REVIEW TO END WHEN THEIR WORK IS COMPLETED.

AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTION OF A DEPUTY MAYOR AT THE MEETING FOLLOWING THE VACANCY.

AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE CITY CLERK TO SET BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING THAT EXCEEDS STATE LAW MINIMUM OF REQUIREMENTS IF NECESSARY.

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County approves \$12 million budget

Prosecutor's office wins plea for higher pay

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A 4-2 vote and an approval of the over \$12 million 2007 budget by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners on Oct. 25 came with a victory for an office which has pleaded for substantial pay increases for nearly four years.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema's pay increase from approximately

\$76,000 to \$84,000 and assistant prosecutor, Mark Muniak's bump from \$44,860 to \$48,000 were last minute additions to the budget. Chief assistant prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara's nearly \$10,000 raise was approved by a majority vote of the board after Fanara took her case to the commissioners for the second time that day.

"It's nice to see that the com-

missioners realize and appreciate the work that we are doing," Fanara said. "We're getting a lot of high felony convictions."

Ever since the previous prosecutor, Mary Beth Kur, slashed the prosecutor's budget on her way out of office in 2003, Jarema has struggled to bring his pay up to what he deems is an appropriate level.

"I was grateful and thankful

the commissioners appreciate the job we're doing," Jarema said. "But those pay increases for my staff are still thousands less than the budget for 2004."

Jarema's office operates with fewer staff members than the former prosecutor.

"I submitted for my salary to be what (Kur's) was. If you take her salary (\$84,700) and do a two percent increase it would be

\$90,000 today," he said. "I told the commissioners I didn't want a dime more than the prior prosecutor made."

Chairman of the board, Victor Patriek and District Five Commissioner, Denny Jason, were the two "No" votes on Fanara's increase.

"My highest thing on that was, all county employees got two

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Administrator, finance department new to county budget

BUDGET

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percent," Patrick said. "I don't think it's fair Shaynee got about a 17 percent raise."



Shaynee Fanara

He added, "And I don't know how anybody can work on the premise that you can get paid more for bringing in money from fines — that's like paying a (police-man) extra for giving out more tickets."

Jason could not be reached for comment by press time but had

spoken on the subject at the 1 p.m. meeting the same day.

"The other departments are doing a good job too. We have to look at the overall picture and not individual sections of the county," he said.

Fanara repeatedly cited the thousands of dollars worth of forfeitures she had brought into the county's coffers as one of the reasons she should receive an increase.

"I feel if we can't count on (similar) amounts of forfeitures coming in, we can't have someone's pay on having forfeitures coming in every year," Jason said. "Whether this is an anomaly or not, I just don't want to see the county get in a position where we're not being fair to everybody."

Fanara said the commissioners need to pay. "Good money

to get good employees."

"You are getting that and it's still going to be less for your chief assistant than Emmet's (County)," she said. "And as far as, 'Can I guarantee bringing in that money?', I'll tell you right now I've got Traverse City China One. That's going to be close to \$21,000."

She added, "What on earth gives me an incentive to keep bringing this money into this county?"

District Six Commissioner, Shirley Roloff responded, "We're paying you to do so."

Fanara said she could, "Actually have it court ordered so that it goes to the Traverse City PD, but that's not the right thing to do."

In the days following the meeting, District One Charlevoix County Commissioner, Connie

Saltonstall, said she voted to increase Fanara's pay because Fanara has proved herself.

"I think over the last year they've aggressively and successfully prosecuted cases," she said. "I think you have to pay fair salaries to get quality people."

When asked if she was concerned employees from other departments may feel entitled to increases in their pay, Saltonstall said, "I don't think the other departments were cut."

The funds used to cover the financial increases for the prosecutor's office were diverted from the county's contingency fund.

New items in the budget include \$74,500 set aside for the

new county administrator and a transfer of funds from the clerk's office to the recently created finance department which will remove three individuals from the clerk's office.

The Charlevoix County Finance Department will consist of a payroll clerk, an accounts payable clerk and an accounting clerk.

"This (involves) no additional funds whatsoever," said Jane Brannon, Charlevoix County Clerk.

Brannon may hire someone to help, but it is still unknown whether that individual will be full or part-time.

The 2007 budget increased by 4.29 percent, up from \$11,641,600 in 2006.

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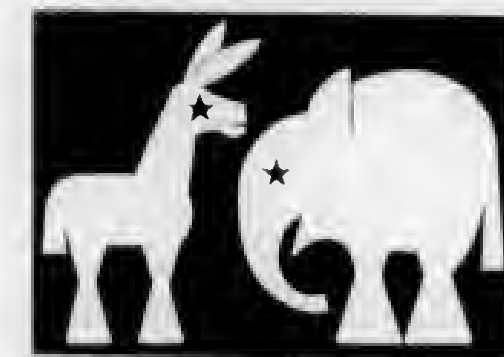
COOPERATION: We must begin working with surrounding townships to help support the community's two recreational treasures... Mount McSaubia and the "Muni" golf course. Additionally, we can control the cost of fire protection by working with Charlevoix Township to form and area fire protection authority.

My grandson is the sixth generation to live in the Charlevoix area. I am concerned about the economic health and well being of our community. I want everyone to have the same opportunities that I had when I first came here in 1969. Whether you are an older member of the first generation Charlevoix resident or a younger member of the sixth, Charlevoix is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

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City Council candidates sound off on four issues



ELECTION 2006

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

The race for Charlevoix City Council seats is heating up. Of the four open seats, all three ward incumbents are contested. The mayor is running unopposed in the Nov. 7 general election.

Since each candidate filed to run, four major issues have become hot discussion topics. They are whether or not city manager Mike Wiesner should be fired; whether the Venetian Festival carnival should be relocated from its Mason Street home; whether the Coast Guard's live fire plan for Lake Michigan makes sense for Charlevoix; and whether or not government can play a role in strengthening the local economy.

Below, a brief background on each candidate is provided as well as their stance on the four aforementioned issues.

MAYOR



Norman Carlson Jr.

Current mayor, Norman Carlson Jr., will run unopposed. Carlson is finishing his first term as mayor and was a city councilman for four years prior to being elected mayor in 2004.

The 40-year-old father of two, who owns and operates the local building company Carlson's Home Improvements, said he spends between 15 and 20 hours a week fulfilling his mayoral duties. His time is spent attending meetings of nine different city committees on which he holds a seat, as well as going to city council meetings.

Courier: How would you react to a motion to remove city manager Mike Wiesner?

Carlson: I would be disappointed that council would return to that issue. There's been no issues that would justify firing him. We have a multi-mil-

lion dollar project in the works, we have ongoing infrastructure projects and we are in the middle of union negotiations. It would be irresponsible to the city taxpayers to remove him in the middle of all this when there's no justification to do so.

Courier: Where do you stand on moving the Venetian Festival carnival?

Carlson: After going down and talking to business owners in the downtown area and a fairly good cross section of citizens with and without children I would be adamantly opposed to moving the carnival. It's Charlevoix's homecoming and the homecoming should be downtown. Certainly it's an inconvenience to some business owners but most don't want it moved. It's a minor inconvenience for a greater gain.

Courier: What is your position on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire plan?

Carlson: I don't feel comfortable enough to make a decision until I review all the information from both sides.

Courier: How do you think council can work to strengthen the local economy?

Carlson: There's not any one thing, it's a combination of many things council has started do-

ing. It's not just council it's the DDA (Downtown Development Authority). The marina plan and park renovations will help. I believe the DDA is looking into hiring a downtown coordinator to help. Infrastructure, getting into Cool Cities program. We are heading in the right direction to try and strengthen the downtown.

FIRST WARD



Bill Haggard

Incumbent Bill Haggard, 70, is a Charlevoix native who with his brother, John Haggard, owns and operates Haggard's Plumbing and Heating. He is married to Laurie Gilbert, has one daughter, Diane, and two grandchildren.

He has served six years on council during this most recent stint and served six years on council in the 1980s.

He said if elected, this will be his last term.

Courier: How would you react to a motion to remove city man-

ager Mike Wiesner?

Haggard: My position hasn't changed. You have to remove someone for not doing their job. Mike is a very capable man. He can be hard to get along with

in the public eye. But overall, I would give him a B+ to A rating.

Courier: Where do you stand on moving the Venetian Festival?

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carnival?

Haggard: Business people have come to me and said, 'That's one of our best weeks we have here.' It pays three months rent for some of these people. They work their butts off but that helps them in the winter. I would say leave it the way it is. It will be rough in the coming year with the marina project, but we can work around it.

Courier: What is your position on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire plan?

Haggard: If they have to have it I don't see why it has to be in the path of the Beaver Islander. There's a lot of water out there, to do something like that.

Courier: How do you think council can work to strengthen the local economy?

Haggard: There's not a lot council can do except making more customer friendly parking. I think if the Chamber of Commerce gets on the ball and talks to people about what they really need that will help.

Haggard will face former City of Charlevoix Fire Station shift commander and EMT specialist of 25 years, Lyle Gennett.

Gennett, 55, retired from the city fire department in June 2005 after 25 years of service. He is married to former Charlevoix Elementary School counselor, Gayle Gennett and has two daughters.

Courier: How would you react to a motion to remove city manager Mike Wiesner?

Gennett: As I said before, change can be good. I would vote to remove him. We need someone who is more open to listening to the needs of the people. I wish he would listen to council more. It's a situation where he takes action and tells council about it rather than them doing the telling.

Courier: Where do you stand on moving the Venetian Festival carnival?

Gennett: I want the carnival out of where it is now (Mason Street). I came back from a structure fire, the tanks were empty and needed water. There was an ambulance run in meantime, the EMS had no place to park because a semi unloading teddy bears was blocking the back entrance to city hall.

A lot of people think it's not critical but to me it's a matter of life or death if an ambulance or fire truck can't roll when they need to roll.

Courier: What is your position on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire plan?

Gennett: I would have to object to that. I don't see a need to use live ammunition to do their training.

Courier: How do you think council can work to strengthen the local economy?

Gennett: Personally, I feel that it's something city council, the chamber and the DDA need to get together on instead of pointing fingers. People have to try. Somebody's got to fix it.

SECOND WARD



Gabe Campbell

If incumbent Gabe Campbell, 73, is re-elected to serve the two-year term, this will be his last go around on city council.

Campbell has spent 10 years as a councilman and two as mayor.

Courier: How would you react to a motion to remove city manager Mike Wiesner?

Campbell: I would have to do that because the airport is a mess. There doesn't seem to be any direction.

Courier: Where do you stand on moving the Venetian Festival carnival?

Campbell: I think this coming summer we don't have a choice, the park and marina will be torn up. We should have a meeting with the Venetian board and decide what the location would be.

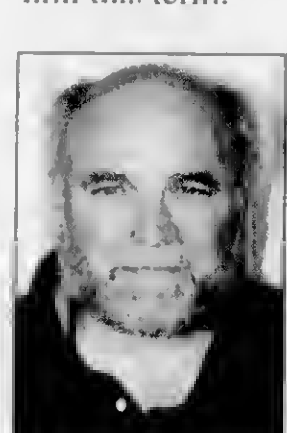
Courier: What is your position on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire plan?

Campbell: I think it's a mistake. We don't need to put more lead in the water. And I don't know how we would know for sure someone sailing would be safe. Those (bullet) carry a long way.

Courier: How do you think council can work to strengthen the local economy?

Campbell: One thing that would make it worse would be raising taxes — right now most people who rent don't stay long. I think we are maxed out on taxes. We need to control spending before we ask people for more money.

Campbell's neighbor, Greg Stevens, 50, is running against him this term.



Greg Stevens

Stevens, who moved into the City of Charlevoix, from Charlevoix Township, two years ago, has attended most council meetings since then to stay informed.

Stevens has served on the City of Charlevoix Housing Commission, since being appointed in June 2005 and is a planning commissioner. His past political experience also includes five years of service as president

of the Northwest Academy Board of Education.

Courier: How would you react to a motion to remove city manager Mike Wiesner?

Stevens: I would vote against removing him. He's added an awful lot to this city. Mike has made some mistakes but we've all made mistakes. I think what he does for the city greatly outweighs letting him go. Plus to let him go right now without someone in place with the marina and park project in place would drain the blood right out of Charlevoix for the summer.

Courier: Where do you stand on moving the Venetian Festival carnival?

Stevens: Keep it downtown. I think there's an awful lot of families who come find a place to park, spend the day listening to music, let the kids go to carnival

and stick around for fireworks.

Courier: What is your position on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire plan?

Stevens: Go for it. They're our security right here. To tie their hands and not let them continue to practice what they are trained to do, is wrong. The last thing we want to do is tie the hands of people that protect us.

Courier: How do you think council can work to strengthen the local economy?

Stevens: By having more handicapped parking available on Bridge Street. The planning commission has been working to allow residences above downtown storefronts to help reduce some of the rent. Hopefully, council would support that kind of action. And by continuing to support the

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THIRD WARD

Incumbent Sherm Chamberlain, 56, will run against Charlevoix native, Tonia Wells, for his third ward seat.

Chamberlain has been a third ward councilman since 2000. He was a city planning commission member from 1996-2000 and served on the Marion Township Planning and Zoning Board from 1986-1994.

Courier: How would you react to a motion to remove city manager Mike Wiesner?

Chamberlain: We have such a major project coming up — I would definitely keep Mike as city manager. That's a multi million dollar project. To get a new city manager brought up to speed would be a very difficult task. If we don't have a city manager overseeing the proj-



Sherm Chamberlain

ect that is knowledgeable of the project, the public will be short changed.

Courier: Where do you stand on moving the Venetian Festival carnival?

Chamberlain: I would keep it downtown (Mason Street location). It's an inconvenience but a pleasant inconvenience.

Courier: What is your position on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire plan?

Campbell: I would like to know the environmental impact of that. Looking at the headlines, a lot of lead gets dumped into the lake. I appreciate the Coast Guard's position of practicing with live fire.

Courier: How do you think council can work to strengthen the local economy?

Chamberlain: One key issue is the tax abatements to industries that will add jobs to the community. There's no sense in talking about affordable housing unless you have somewhere for young people to work. The trick is to make sure that we promote people bringing money into our community. The business community is going to have to start promoting the city of Charlevoix through the chamber. The time has come to quit building and start promoting.

Wells, 50, held a custodial position with the city for 10 years, prior to becoming a juvenile transporter for Charlevoix County Probate Court.

Courier: How would you react to a motion to remove city manager Mike Wiesner?

Wells: I'm out for the people in the third ward. My decision



Tonia Wells

Move it down at the new library. We need to get the emergency vehicles out faster. Whether it was my family or not I want a faster response. They are having trouble getting out because of traffic.

Courier: What is your posi-

would be made based on what the third ward would want.

Courier: Where do you stand on moving the Venetian Festival carnival?

Wells: Conserve money. We need to help the businesses. But we are more of a tourist town. I know they can't lower rents, but we need to come up with an idea to keep stores here. Why should we have to go to Petoskey to shop? We need stores that carry more than just tourist stuff.

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Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planning Department Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

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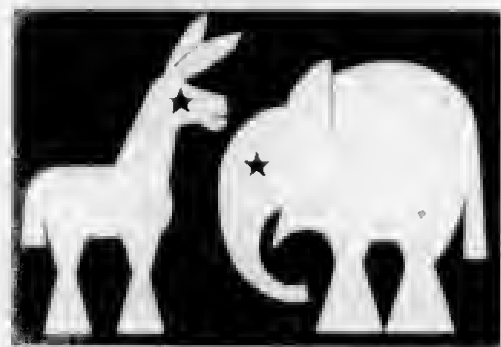
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City voters to decide 11 amendment proposals



ELECTION 2006

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

City of Charlevoix voters will have a thicker ballot than most at the Nov. 7 general election.

"People should know there will be lines due to the number of proposals on the ballot and to not expect to vote in four or five minutes," Charlevoix city clerk, Carol Ochs, said. "We are putting up extra booths to expedite the process. But please be patient with the workers."

Aside from the harrage of state proposals and officials voters must decide, they will also be asked to elect local officials and determine the fate of 11 city charter amendments.

"The city charter is the equivalent of the state constitution for cities — a basic set of rules and regulations. Council can't change it; it can only be changed by a vote of the people," Ochs explained.

While nine of the charter amendments are "housekeeping" measures aimed at updating the local charter and in some cases bringing it in line with state law, Proposals 5 and 6 were requested by city council members and are directed at city management.

Proposal 5, if approved, would eliminate the current provision for the city manager to be appointed to an indefinite term. The new wording would

require appointment for up to a three-year term.

Current city manager, Mike Wiesner, would not be required to abide by this charter amendment if it passes as he is working under an existing employment contract.

In spite of the fact that the amendment would have no bearing on his job, Wiesner does not support Proposal 5.

"Future councils will be strapped — your choices for a new city manager will be poor. No one is going to move up here for a few years," Wiesner told council at a meeting in July.

Second ward councilman, Gabe Campbell, disagreed and said the manager's salary will attract a healthy crop of applicants. Wiesner's current salary is \$102,461 a year.

"With the astronomical amount we pay for a city of 3,000 people, we'll get someone good," Campbell said.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said it's not about the money — council has the power to fire the city manager under the charter as it exists.

"The city manager is supposed to be the glue running the city and it's not like they have a life lease on the job anyway," Carlson said.

Proposal 5 made the ballot by a narrow margin. The city council vote was 4-2 with third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain and first ward councilman Bill Haggard voting against it.

Proposal 6 was another hot topic that Chamberlain and Haggard did not support as a charter amendment. It deals

with severance packages and specifically limits them to no more than three months pay.

"Again, you're strapping yourself as to who you are going to hire," Haggard said.

This was proposed by some council members, including first ward councilman Bob Timms who has vocally opposed what he calls Wiesner's "golden parachute."

Timms feels Wiesner's one-year, full pay, full benefits severance deal is over the top.

Wiesner said in his line of work, the severance package provides some cushion.

"It's not fun living on the edge," he said.

The updates to the charter are Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Proposal 1, if approved, would change the city's 60-day scheduling requirement for a special election for the filing of three or more vacancies on city council to read "this election be scheduled as authorized by law."

According to Ochs, the change would make the charter wording consistent with state law.

Proposal 2, if approved,

would change the time of the city council organizational meeting following the November general election to 7 p.m. Currently, this organizational meeting takes place at 8 p.m. the first Monday in January.

Proposal 3, if approved, would allow the deputy mayor to vote while acting as the city's mayor during the temporary absence of the mayor. The charter currently does not address this.

Proposal 4, if approved, would remove the require-

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PROPOSALS

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ment from the charter that the city manager be a city resident. Ochs explained that this brings the charter in line with state law which allows a municipality to stipulate that a city employee live within 20 miles of the city.

Proposal 7, if approved, would remove the requirement from the charter that the city clerk maintain a handwritten poll book with names and addresses of electors. This information is now maintained in a Secretary of State database.

Proposal 8, if approved, would impose the same Feb. 15 deadline for the city manager to submit both the capital and operating budgets. Currently, the deadline for the annual capital budget is Sept. 1 and Feb. 15 for the operating budget.

Proposal 9, if approved, would remove wording that requires the city assessor to attend all Board of Review meetings. Under the amended scenario, the assessor, who is under contract with the Charlevoix County Equalization Department, would attend meetings upon request.

Proposal 10, if approved, would remove wording requiring the Board of Review to meet for no less than three days for its first meeting. The change would require the board to meet until its work is done.

Proposal 11, if approved, would require the deputy mayor to be elected by city council at its November organizational meeting instead of at the first meeting in January. Under the amendment, any vacancy in the position would be filled at the next scheduled council meeting following the announcement of the vacancy.

Voters that require absentee ballots can receive them until 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6 at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State St. Ochs will hold special office hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 4 to accommodate last minute ballot requests.



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Colin Smith, a 6-year-old, first grade student at Charlevoix Elementary School is assisted by Jesse Silva of the Charlevoix City Fire Department on Oct. 26 as he leaves the smoke house during a fire training exercise. The city firefighters spent much of last week teaching local children about fire safety during national Fire Prevention Week.



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Charlevoix Children's House student, Isabell Frey, 4, hugs Smokey Bear following a viewing of a film on the danger of forest fires, Oct. 27 at Charlevoix City Hall.

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Photo by Laura Farmer

Dan Cox, Kent Seymour and Jordan Farmer, all of Charlevoix, were successful during their bear hunting adventure in the Upper Peninsula during the first week of October.

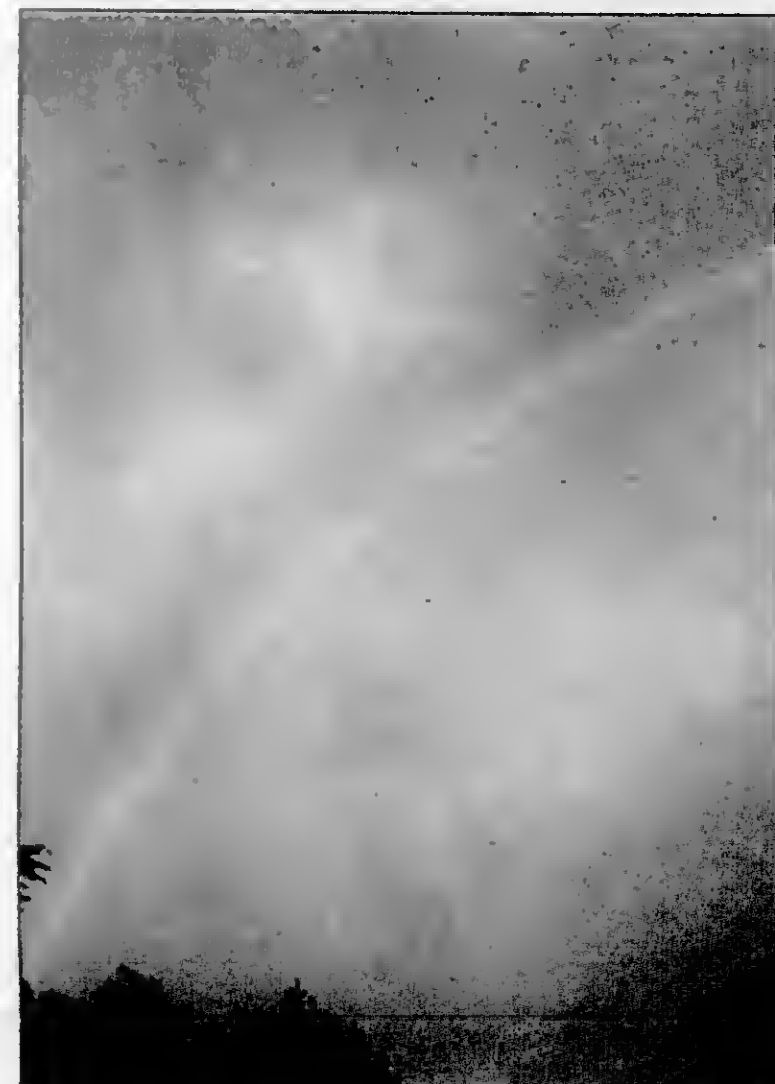


Photo by Nikki Louiselle

Nikki Louiselle caught this spectacular rainbow in the early morning hours of Sept. 19.



Photo by Gerry Thomson

Gerry Thomson, son-in-law of Charlevoix residents Gabe and Karen Campbell, caught his in-laws soaking in some local news while touring Florence, Italy in May.



Photo by Ed Bourke

Ed Bourke of Grosse Pointe Woods took this picture of still conditions on the water during his vacation this summer off Boyne City Road.



Photo by Laura Stebe

On Oct. 6 Charlevoix resident Laura Stebe captured this shot of a local skater suspended in air at the Charlevoix Community Skatepark. The local park is closed for the season and will reopen in the spring.

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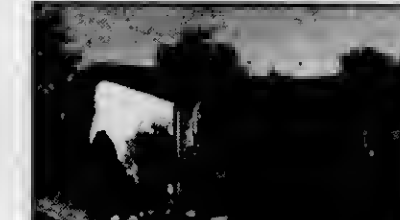


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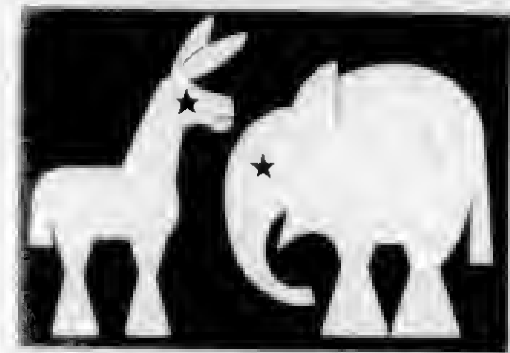
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ELECTION 2006

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

From local to state level, political races abound this Nov. 7.

Here is a listing of the county and state level candidates vying for your vote next week.

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Candidates without a specified opponent could still face candidates running on write-in campaigns.

District One: Unaffiliated incumbent, Connie Saltonstall vs. Republican challenger, Shirlene Tripp

"They should vote for me because this is a complicated job that takes a lot of time and effort and I believe I have shown I am willing to spend the time

and do the work and bring up the issues that need to be brought up," Saltonstall said. "I think I represent the views of the majority of people that I represent."

She added, "People should vote for me because I have run a multi million dollar business. I know how to be fiscally responsible."

Tripp could not be reached by press time.

District Two: Republican nominee Chris Christensen

Christensen said people should vote for him because, "I'm excited about the change. I think we've got a great opportunity ahead of us."

District Three: Republican incumbent Ron Reinhardt

"I do my best to represent the people from my district at the county (level)," he said.

District Four: Republican nominee, Joel Evans vs. write-in candidate, Victor Patrick

Patrick said he has the experience to continue serving Charlevoix citizens.

"We've gone through numerous projects since I've been in there (commission) — Grandview, the fairground, the

jail, the humane society. I've been on all of those boards," he said. "At the present time the park at Thumb Lake is being redone."

He added, "I've got 44 years in dealing with governmental projects (and) 10 years administering grants."

Evans said, "I've been encouraged for a couple of years by many county residents to run for this office because evidently the majority of them have seen things they don't like."

He added, "I think I can make a difference. If people want a change, then vote for me."

District Five: Republican nominee, Bob Dreherstedt

Dreherstedt said people should vote for him, "Because I will be listening to the voter, and yes, I do have plans for holding the cost of government spending to where it is and go to work on lowering the cost. An example of (cost cutting) would be to work with the county administrator on job descriptions and pay scales (of county employees)."

He added, "And you betcha I have plans for the health coverage of county employees."

District Six: Shirley Roloff

"Vote for Roloff," she said, "Because I think I really have the county at heart. I have no private agendas and I believe in giving back to my community."

Roloff said, in her 10 years, she has learned exactly how things work in the county.

"I think I have a lot to offer the county and appreciate everybody's support for the next two years," she said. "I will do my best for them and I will do my best for the county."

She added, "I know we have new people on there (board of commissioners) and I think I'm qualified to help them along the way."

TOWNSHIP SEATS

The following candidates are running unopposed to fill township vacancies:

James Vanek, Bay Township Clerk

Ronald Chapman, Eveline Township Trustee

Ethel Knepp, Hayes Township Supervisor

Marlene Golovich, Hayes Township Clerk

Jini Rudolph, Hayes Township Trustee

David Leusink, Norwood Township Treasurer

GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Democratic incumbent, Jennifer Granholm vs.

Republican challenger, Dick DeVos.

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RACE

Republican incumbent Mike Cox vs. Democratic challenger, Amos Williams.

105TH DISTRICT SEAT IN THE MICHIGAN HOUSE

Democrat, Tom Hay Bauer, hopes to unseat Republican, Kevin Elsenheimer.

37TH MICHIGAN SENATE

Republican incumbent, Jason Allen vs. Democratic challenger, Sharon Unger.

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County administrator field narrowed to one

O'NEAL

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Frykberg asked the questions during the interview process.

"I've put together probably 30 municipal budgets," he said. "I can't say I know everything, but I have touched on all these things many, many times."

With a master's degree in public administration and certification as a municipal clerk, O'Neal said he does his best to stay on the cutting edge.

Frykberg: How would you approach the new county administrator position?

O'Neal: I would reach out to the elected department heads individually and collectively. I would meet with the board members and ask that each one of the board members and department heads list their 10 most important concerns and I would use that as a road map. I have a participative management style anyhow.

Frykberg: What characteristics do you feel make a successful county administrator?

O'Neal: You have to be a preacher. You have to have thick

skin. You have to be all things to all people. You have to make sure you have empathy for employees and more importantly for the public. The general public just doesn't know how this works. They don't understand city government or county government. It is important that the county administrator be an ombudsman and ambassador so they can get the information they need to get through the process.

Frykberg: What was your most challenging management problem?

O'Neal: If my employees don't succeed, I don't succeed. So, the challenge is employees.

Frykberg: What was your most creative solution to a management issue?

O'Neal: We put about \$1.2 million into redoing the streetscape. (A downtown area hadn't received improvement in many years. O'Neal garnered the funding necessary to make those improvements.) We went from building facade to building facade. We (he and his staff) were extremely proud of that.

Frykberg: Give an example of where your mediation skills solved an issue involving em-

ployees and/or employers.

O'Neal: I had an issue, it was a pretty ugly issue, relative to a city attorney and an employee involving a sexual harassment case. I walked into it head on with gloves off and was able to rectify a possible really had situation in a matter of about 15 seconds.

I had a difficult time with some council members and I literally jumped over my desk. I don't know what I'd done if they'd have (come at me) because they were two big men, but I rose above it. You have to take control and you have to be decisive.

Frykberg: What plan, if any, do you have for self improvement in the next couple years?

O'Neal: You've got to attend different conferences...you learn a lot. There's always something coming down the pike from the state or federal level.

Frykberg: Why do you want to work for Charlevoix County?

O'Neal: I know that I'm going to have to drag my wife away tomorrow morning screaming when it's time to go back because she loves it here.

While no salary offer has been publicized, \$74,500 has been set aside in Charlevoix County's 2007 budget for a county administrator.

CHARLEVOIX COURIER 23

Upcoming activities at Charlevoix Public Library

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Computer Tidbit Demonstration: Better Internet Searching, 1 p.m., Nov. 1.

- Doug Stanton, author of "In Harm's Way" will speak at 7 p.m., Nov. 2.

- Ann Campbell will speak on her educational work in Peru at 1 p.m., Nov. 4.

- North Central Michigan College's eBay Basics class, 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 and 11. Register by calling (231) 348-6705.

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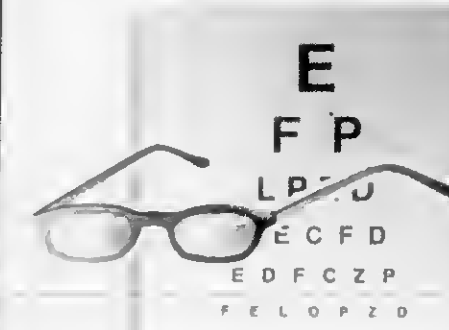
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Charlevoix man publishes book on presidential health

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Jay
Murphy MD

MD.

Released in early October, Murphy's book, "What ails the White House," details the health histories of former presidents.

"It was always intriguing to me how (former) presidents would have fared if they would have had Twenty-first Century medicine at the time of their illnesses," Murphy said. "The U.S. presidency has spanned over 200 years and there have been great improvements over that time."

He added, "The treatments

available to George Washington were primitive compared to what we have today."

Born and educated in what is known as the "Mother state of presidents," Murphy has always found American presidents fascinating.

"I grew up in Canton, Ohio and that's the home of eight presidents including President (William) McKinley," Murphy said. "When he campaigned he campaigned from the back porch of his home in Ohio."

He added, "I always grew up with (the history of) McKinley, and as I went on in medicine, I learned a little bit about medicine, but also the illnesses that affected the presidents."

Murphy's fascination isn't merely in the illness, but the effects of different illnesses on the role of the president.

"People ask me who my favorite president is. I think it's probably Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States, he was elected first in 1828. What was intriguing was the health is-

suces he had to overcome to become president," he said. "He was shot twice during his younger years — once during a duel and once during a street brawl — both times he suffered wounds that left him with chronic infections and he also had smallpox during the Revolutionary War which had probably a 25 percent mortality rate."

He added, "He was a military commander. He went off to many battles and had malaria and dysentery, which were very common illnesses of troops of that time, yet he survived all of that to become president of the United States."

Murphy said Jackson not only survived to the presidency, but transformed it by shifting more power from Congress to the executive branch, something which may not have happened if Jackson had succumbed to any of his numerous injuries and illnesses.

Murphy's second favorite president is Woodrow Wilson, the man who tried to form the forerunner to the United Nations.

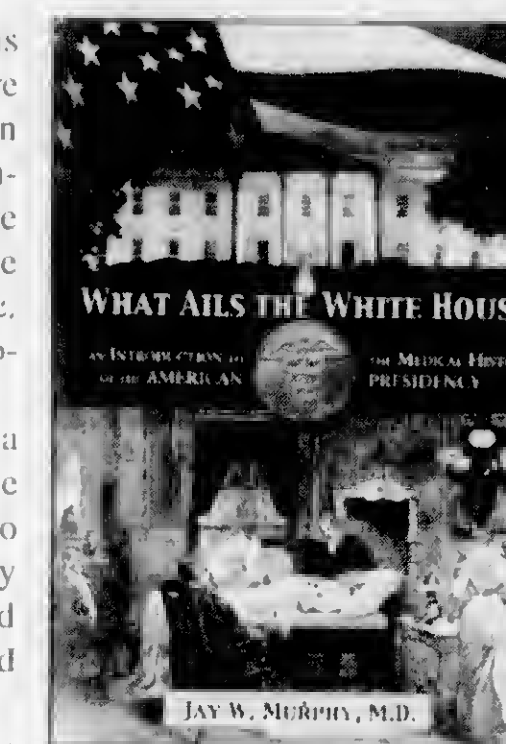
"Wilson went to Paris to try

to set up a League of Nations charter to try to prevent future wars," Murphy said. "And when he came back to his own country, the Senate would not approve this treaty without a lot of debate and compromise and at this time, Wilson's health began to deteriorate."

He added, "(He) went on a cross country train trip taking the League of Nations idea directly to the American people, but shortly after it began, he collapsed and went back to Washington and had a major paralytic stroke."

Murphy said the air of secrecy was such that only Wilson's wife, personal physician and stewards were allowed to see him.

"At that time he was a severely mentally disabled man and was not in a situation to run a country. His wife, Edith, was the only liaison between Wilson and Congress and his own cabinet," he said. "She would write directions to them and say it was the president's (wishes). It's amazing with the current media that Wilson was absolutely bedridden



Courtesy photo

Jay Murphy, a cardiologist who purchased land in the Charlevoix Country Club, published his first book, "What ails the White House," early this month. The book jacket is pictured above.

for months and did not venture out of the White House for 16 months after his stroke. You can imagine what would happen if (George W.)

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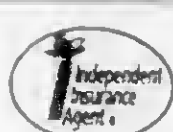
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Cardiologist with local ties author's 'What ails the White House'

MURPHY

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Bush was outside of media coverage for 48 hours or so."

Murphy added, "Wilson clearly should not have continued to be president."

Murphy said anyone interested in medicine or U.S. presidents will enjoy his book.

"This is not written as a medical text, but more as a lay-text," he said.

When asked if he plans on any forthcoming titles, Murphy said, "I hope this is my first and last book. The process has given me a lot of respect for people who write for a living."

"What ails the White House," is available for \$12.95 at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble or by e-mailing Murphy at whatailwhitehouse@sbcglobal.net.

Murphy practices cardiology in

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Murphy and his wife frequently vacation and visit family in Charlevoix.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder football team falls at playoff opener

BY STEPHEN BELL
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
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As Kingsley's running backs left Charlevoix's defenders grasping for air all second half, the Rayders' chance at the first playoff win in school history slipped through their fingers Friday, Oct. 27.

The Division 6 district semifinal game at Charlevoix was tied with the defending state champion, 14-14, at the half. Then, after the break, the Stags capitalized on two Charlevoix turnovers and saw their deceptive wing-T offense rumble for 327 yards and four touchdowns in a 42-14 victory.

The Stags, 8-2, will play at Suttons Bay, 10-0, for the district championship. Charlevoix finishes the season 8-2, its most wins since 1977.

"Our hope is a defense may be able to take away some things, but they can't take away everything against our offense," Kingsley coach Tim Wooser said.

In the first half, Charlevoix's best defense was its offense, which had scoring drives of 70 and 59 yards. The Rayders also took the opening kickoff 61 yards over 7 minutes, but it didn't end in a score as Chris Waha missed a

24-yard field goal attempt.

Charlevoix wasn't so lucky in the second half, as Waha, the Rayders' quarterback, lost a fumble after being hit by Kingsley's Brian Bott and Josh Croshy, and was intercepted by Nathan Ensmann.

Both turnovers led to Kingsley touchdowns, on a 3-yard run by Anthony Lawhead for a 26-14 lead with 6 minutes, 21 seconds to go in the third quarter and a 35-yard run by fullback Jeff Jamieson for a 35-14 lead with 10 minutes left in the game.

Lawhead also scored the first touchdown of the half, breaking tackles from 14 yards out to cap a 70-yard opening drive. Jamieson ran for a game-high 117 yards, all in the second half.

"We had to keep them off the field to have a chance, but we didn't with the turnovers," Charlevoix coach Don Jess said.

"We knew we had to make some defensive adjustments at half-time," Wooser said. "We either had to cover their receivers better or put more pressure on the quarterback. We didn't think we could cover them any better, so we had to pressure the quarterback."

As well as Kingsley played in the second half, Wooser said the game's turning point may have

come in the first half. Trailing, 14-8, with 5 minutes remaining in the second quarter, Lawhead converted on fourth-and-1 for the Stags from their own 29. That kept alive a game-tying drive that ended with less than 20 seconds to go with a 2-yard play-action TD pass from quarterback Josh Wiggins to Bott.

"With the way Charlevoix was moving the ball, if we had punted then we could easily have been down two touchdowns at half-time," Wooser said.

Kingsley also scored on its first possession of the game, on a 46-yard run by sophomore JV call-up Nathan Ensmann.

Charlevoix took its only lead of the game with 6:17 left in the first half, on a 3-yard TD toss from Waha to Dan Swenor and a two-point pass to Darron Munson for a 14-8 advantage.

The Rayders' first touchdown came on a 4-yard run by Swenor, a senior, to make it 8-6 at the beginning of the second quarter.

Waha, a senior, finished the game 17-of-37 passing for 194 yards, Junior tight end Corey Gotshall led the Rayders with five catches for 65 yards.

"This team's goal was to win a playoff game," Jess said. "But I'm very proud of the season we had."

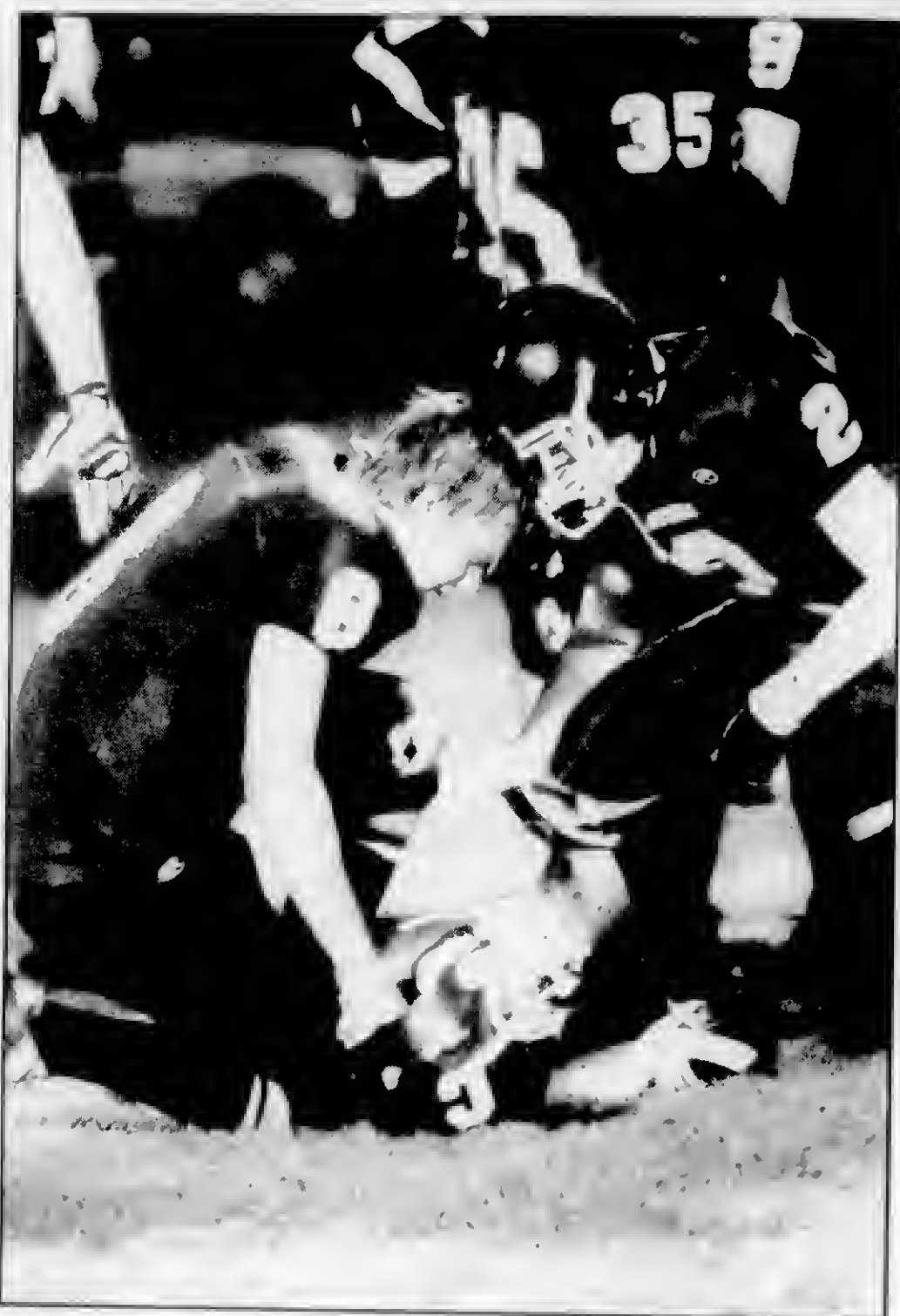


Photo by Scott Richards

Senior Chris Waha and Michael Heckendorn, Charlevoix Rayder teammates gather in the end zone at the close of the Oct. 27 disappointing loss to Kingsley in the first round of district play.

Rec volleyball, basketball registration underway

Charlevoix volleyball and basketball rec league teams are forming. There are openings on the men's, women's and co-ed volleyball teams as well as on the 35 and over no fast break basketball teams.

Recreation Department, located in Charlevoix City Hall at 210 State St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The sponsor fee and roster is due by Friday, Nov. 10. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (231) 547-3253.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Islanders claim first district title, lose at regional

BY FRANK SOLLE
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Beaver Island soccer team was one of just 16 teams in Michigan to make it to regional play last week.

The Islanders did something on Friday, Oct. 20, that no previous team from the Emerald Isle has done before — they won a district title.

The Islanders prevailed 3-2 in overtime against the host Big Bay de Noc Black Bears. The Islanders defeated Mackinac Island in a semifinal game to qualify for the district tournament.

Big Bay scored the only two goals of the first half, the second coming in the final minute of the half, putting the Islanders in a huge hole.

"That shot with a minute to go had me worried," coach Myers said. "In the past, I've seen Beaver Island teams fizzle

out once they fall behind."

Apparently, coach Myers had much less to worry about than he thought.

Just six minutes into the second half, Islanders' freshman, Dereck McDonough, sent a corner kick high and towards the front of the Black Bear goal where senior, Jared Wojan, leapt and headed the ball past the Big Bay keeper to cut the lead in half.

Ten minutes later, a Big Bay defender lost control of the ball just outside the penalty area at their end of the field and the ball bounced right to the feet of Wojan, who took two steps into the box and blasted a shot to knot the score at two apiece.

Big Bay was handed a potential title-winning opportunity with three minutes to go when the Islanders were whistled for a hand ball, giving the hosts a penalty kick. But the Bears top

scorer on the season sent the ball high over the crossbar and the battle continued tied to the end of regulation.

The Islanders put everything they had on the field for the first 80 minutes of play, then extended themselves for another six and a half minutes before junior, Brenden Martin, bent a corner kick high above and around a bewildered Big Bay goalkeeper, finding the far upper corner of the goal for the stunning winner.

The Islanders players and fans went wild.

"We've actually practiced that," coach Mike Myers said of the improbable winning shot.

But this was beyond practice, this was a district final, and Martin's kick was a thing of precision and beauty as the Black Bears keeper, defenders, and the Islanders front line watched in their respective despair and amazement before

the official blew his whistle and pointed to the Green and White side of the pitch. Goal, game, title, champs.

"I'm so proud of these kids," Myers said. "I'm so glad they got to play this game. It was too much fun."

The district win put the Islanders in regional action Tuesday, Oct. 24 against Fairview at Suttons Bay. They beat Fairview 3-1 in the rain.

They returned to Suttons Bay on Oct. 26 for the regional final where they faced heavy favorite, Traverse City Christian.

While the Islanders played great defense for 74 minutes, the Sahers, who came into the game with a 23-1-1 record, exploded for three goals during a three-minute stretch during the first half, then repeated that feat in the second half on their way to a 7-0 win.

Meanwhile the Islanders had but a handful of scoring op-

portunities, the best coming late in the second half when senior Jared Wojan connected with the crossbar instead of the back of the net.

Despite the loss, the Islanders gained recognition and confidence through a grueling and overall successful tournament run.

"This is just a huge confidence booster for all our kids," said Beaver Island's superintendent/principal Kitty McNamara. "This just proves to them they are in no way hindered living here. It shows them they can do the same things anyone else can do."

With the tournament run complete, the Islanders close out this storied season with a 13-1 overall record, an undefeated regular season that included another Northern Lights League title, a district trophy and their spot in school and Island history secure for years to come.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE				TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES			
OCT. 23, 2006				OCT. 24, 2006			
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	18	10	153	Webb	W	L	13
Sage Tracking	17	11	153	Blanchard Crain	12	4	3
Bond's Bux	16	12	158	Grunch/Crain	10	6	6
J. Arnold Painting "A"	16	12	158	Browe	8	8	8
B. VanLoon & Sons	15	13	161	St. Mary's	8	8	8
J. Arnold Painting "Z"	14	14	161	St. Mary's	8	8	8
Paul Bunyan Lanes	12	16	161	Paul Bunyan Lanes	15	15	8
The Flight Deck	4	24	161	Charlevoix Foot Clinic	15	15	8
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				YOUNG AT HEARTS			
Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game
John Gregory	256	Spamtime	27	5	15	15	8
Chuck Pop	620	Twilighters	18	14	15	15	8
Jim Olson	576	Alley Cats	17	15	15	15	8
John Fiedorek	568	Has Beens	17	15	15	15	8
CHURCH LEAGUE - OCT. 25, 2006	W	L	15	17	15	15	8
Ferguson & Chamberlain	294	106	13	19	15	15	8
R & C Roofing	226	174	13	19	15	15	8
State Farm Insurance	214	186	8	24	15	15	8
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				GUTTER GAL'S - OCT. 26, 2006			
Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game
Mo Olson	557	Burger King of Charlevoix	96	64	15	15	8
Stan Fiedorek	508	Argonne Supper Club	88	80	15	15	8
Ralph Kilson	490	Paul Bunyan Lanes	78	82	15	15	8
Don Wells	467	Laurel & Company	66	94	15	15	8
Zettie Kilson	415	HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				Series	Game
Patty Sizeme	438	Series	Game	Series	Game	Series	Game
		155	503	211	480	188	187
		154	455	181	463		



Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Charlevoix cross country teams miss state mark, runners qualify individually

The Charlevoix girls' placed three runners within the top 15, but it wasn't enough to qualify the team for the state finals at an always competitive Division III regional Saturday, Oct. 28 at Benzie Central High School.

Leroy Pine River, with four runners in the top 10, won the girls' title with 49 points. Elk Rapids was second with 61, followed by Benzie Central, 83; the Rayders, 93; and East Jordan, 98.

The top three teams plus the top 15 individual qualifiers advance to the Division III state finals Saturday, Nov. 4, at Michigan International

Speedway in Brooklyn.

Benzie won the boys' event with 52 points, followed by Kalkaska, 66; Elk Rapids, 98; and Charlevoix, 123.

Aaron Simoneau of Manistee won the boys' race in 15 minutes, 49 seconds, while Devyn Ramsay of Benzie won the girls' race in 18:43.

East Jordan senior Kristi Werner — the defending regional champ — qualified for the state meet as she placed a team-best third in 19:25, while teammate Meghan Thomas, a junior, was seventh in 19:46 and also qualified for the state meet.

Charlevoix junior Alina Dhaseler was fourth in 19:22 and qualified for the state meet along with senior teammate Lindi Edger, who was 14th in 20:31, and senior Brittny Lamb, who was 15th in 20:34.

For the Rayder boys, senior Scott Plude qualified for state as he finished 13th in 16:58.

Other Charlevoix girls: 30-Ellise Smolenyak; 32-Chantel Novotny; 37-Emily Westbrock; 42-Caitlin Taylor. Other Charlevoix boys: 21-Alex Buday; 22-Nick Wimmer; 34-Dustin Arp; 38-Zach Scharenbrach; 46-Jacob Hunt.

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1400 AM, WLJN, USA, Traverse City, Religious

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89.9 FM, WLJN, Traverse City, USA, Religious
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100.7 FM, WSRJ, Traverse City, Adult Contemporary
100.9 FM, WICV, East Jordan-Interlochen, Public Radio, Classical
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The work generally consists of constructing approximately 1000 LFT of trench with five conduit runs. Restoration along the proposed path will include asphalt and gravel removal and replacement, 120 sq ft of side walk removal and replacement, and sod placement along trench routing in East Park which is located along the east side of the US-31 right-of-way between Clinton and Antrim streets.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after October 30, 2006, and may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, phone (231)547-3270, and at the office of Performance Engineers, Inc., located at 406 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, phone (231)547-2121.

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Performance Engineers by submitting a fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per set. The purchaser must supply the telephone number, fax number, and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any Proposal, to reject any Proposal, and to waive irregularities in Proposals.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ISABELLE FARRIER TRUST

Trust of Isabelle Farrier
Date of Birth: March 15, 1926

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Isabelle Farrier, who lived at 3773 Boyne City Road, Boyne City, Michigan died October 4, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Michael George Farrier, named Trustee at 9315 Otter Creek Drive, Apt. D, Charlotte, NC 28277, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 24, 2006

Paul E. Nettlemann (P26331)
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Petoskey, MI 49770
(231)347-1990

Michael George Farrier
9315 Otter Creek Drive, Apt. D
Charlotte, NC 28277
(704)341-7276
(L-11/01)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 06-011040-DE

Estate of James Perry Bennett
Date of Birth: August 4, 1916

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Perry Bennett, who lived at 916 Water Street, East Jordan, Michigan died September 8, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Perry M. Bennett, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: October 26, 2006

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
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(231)547-4059

Perry M. Bennett
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CIRCUIT COURT SALE

CASE NO. 05-905-20-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of September, 2006, in a certain cause herein pending, wherein IRWIN UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY was the Complainant; and Dorian N. Lange; Anne Lange; Lange Limited, LLC; Migaldi Family, LLC; Republic Bank; Independent Bank South Michigan; Capitol National Bank, N.A.; and Charlevoix Holdings, Inc. were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the front lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of December, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon, local time, the following-described property, viz:

PARCEL 1: COUNTRY CLUB PARK PARCEL (INCLUDING PARCEL "A" OF THE SUSAN CASCIANI PROPERTY)

In the Townships of Hayes & Char-

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levoix, Charlevoix County Michigan, COMMENCING at a 1/2" rod at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76 degrees 04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 559.99 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76 degrees 04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77 degrees 39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5 degrees 59'01" East, (recorded as South 4 degrees 25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence, South 87 degrees 59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2 degrees 00'25" East (recorded as South 0-21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76 degrees 18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Section 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said section line and the East line of said block, South 1 degrees 00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87 degrees 51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 8 & 9 of said block North 0 degrees 55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block south 88 degrees 51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1 degrees 03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road South 89 degrees 14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1 degrees 05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the West 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeastly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1203.49 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50 degrees 23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 243.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West & a part of the Northeast of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 15, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

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In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, thence along the South line of said section South 76 degrees 04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76 degrees 04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1222.54 feet, thence parallel with the North and South quarter line of said section South 1 degrees 31'09" East 58.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with the quarter line South 1 degrees 31'09" East 543.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West.

EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PARCEL.

PARCEL 1 (PROPOSED MOTEL PROPERTY)

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a Charlevoix County marker at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 75 degrees 04'44" East 126.14 feet to the centerline of Highway U.S.-31; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 574.87 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 230.00 feet, thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line, thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 355.07 feet to 1/2 inch rod; thence South 02 degrees 00'25" East 100.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 55 degrees 58'21" West 176.56 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 524.55 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line, thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, and containing 3.829 acres.

Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deduced for street, road or highway purposes. This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: October 4, 2006

JANE E. BRANNON
Charlevoix County Clerk

By: Donald Schneider
Deputy Sheriff

Raynor D. Zillig, Jr. (P39824)
William H. & Co., P.C.
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333 Albert Avenue, Suite 500
East Lansing, MI 48823
(L-10/04, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08, 11/15)

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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Wallon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, to Wallon Lake Properties LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company whose address is PO Box 640, Wallon Lake, Michigan 49796, dated March 27, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on September 13, 2006, in Liber 765, Pages 874 through 882 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of \$82,159.12, including interest at 5% per annum and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, December 1, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage, together with interest thereon which will accrue thereon at the rate of five (5%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

LOTS 138, 139, AND 140, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2, of Plats, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 11, 2006

Wallon Lake Properties LLC, Mortgagee

Attorney:
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301 West Lake Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 526-6600
(L-10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagee, to Premier Realty Group, Inc., dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hun-

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Default Twenty Four Dollars and Four Cents (\$225, 524.04), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°21'01" East 2595.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 30°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 302.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43" East 182.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod at an angle to a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 09-28-06

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
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Howard & Gupta, P.C.
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said Northwesterly line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" West 248.96 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 52°53'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No. Part of 15007-118-009-10

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 09-28-06

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred ninety Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two Dollars and Thirty Five Cents (\$290,722.35) and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on November 17, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. of the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises, in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 338.00 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 2293.5 feet to a 1.5" pipe at the east quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northwesterly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant and located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: September 27, 2006

Drafted By:
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagee, to Premier Realty Group, Inc., dated the 8th day of December, 2004; and recorded in

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

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PARCEL C. Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northwesterly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant and located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 338.00 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 2293.5 feet to a 1.5" pipe at the east quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55 degrees 46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57degrees 19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52 degrees 45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10 degrees 55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19 degrees 56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58 degrees 46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29 degrees 36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of the said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39 degrees 09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24 degrees 39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northwesterly along a curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00 degrees 31'21" West 266.43 feet);

the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, recorded in the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan, on the 20th day of July, 2006 in Liber 756 of Charlevoix County Records, Pages 886-895, respectively on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$221,674.63), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of October, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock p.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, at the of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 338.00 feet, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 2293.5 feet to a 1.5" pipe at the east quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00 degrees 16' 04" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55 degrees 46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57degrees 19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37 degrees 32'45" West (recorded as North 37 degrees 33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52 degrees 45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10 degrees 55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19 degrees 56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58 degrees 46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29 degrees 36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of the said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39 degrees 09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24 degrees 39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northwesterly along a curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00 degrees 31'21" West 266.43 feet);

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CHARLEVOIX

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NOV. 1 SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT

The Atwood/Ellsworth Cadet Boys' Club is hosting a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, located on U.S. 31, 10 miles south of Charlevoix. Donations will be accepted to support the cadet program. Cadets is a Christian boys club that includes counselors and boys working together through Bible discussion, badges, crafts, games, outings and service projects. For more information, call pastor Dave at (231) 599-3290.

NOV. 4 PERSPECTIVES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Ann Campbell, a 1997 graduate of Charlevoix High School, will meet with students Nov. 3 to share her experiences with Perspectives International, an organization she helped found, whose mission is to enhance quality of life through culture, art, education and health care.

The current project of Perspectives International is to build a 6,000 square foot health care clinic in the Belen neighborhood of Iquitos, Peru.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, Campbell will lead a presentation on her program at the Charlevoix Public Library. Aside from discussing her experiences in Peru and her partnership with the Charlevoix schools, Campbell will share a traveling exhibit of art, photographs and video clips.

For more information on this program, call the Charlevoix library at (231) 547-2651.

NOV. 4 MOM TO MOM SALE

Mom's who are tired of paying full price for children's gear, can find relief at the upcoming Seventh Annual Mom to Mom Sale.

This year the sale will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 4 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym, located at 13513 Division St.

Adults who are 18 and over and wish to attend will be charged a \$2 entrance fee.

To volunteer or set up a booth space call Beth Martin at (231) 547-1768.

NOV. 4 SHOP CHARLEVOIX

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities event on Nov. 4. Participating merchants will donate 10 percent of purchases to a participating non-profit or charity of your choice.

NOV. 10 HOSPITAL CONTEST

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is pleased to announce that their "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" is now open.

Visit the hospital gift shop, read the information and win a \$100 gift certificate if your gift shop name is chosen. Entrants need not be present to win.

The gift shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The contest deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Judges will choose the best gift shop name on Nov. 13.

NOV. 11 AND 12 SIGHT-IN DAYS

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will host two public sight-in days at the club grounds, located off U.S. 31 North. The club will provide targets for sight-in purposes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 12. The cost is \$5 per gun. For more information, call (231) 547-9047.

NOV. 13 HOSPITAL GUILD MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. Members will be voting on changing the bylaws, monthly meetings and are asked to bring a favorite holiday recipe. Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Computer Tidbit

Demonstration: Better Internet Searching, 1 p.m., Nov. 1.

• Doug Stanton, author of "In Harm's Way" will speak at 7 p.m., Nov. 2.

• Ann Campbell will speak on her educational work in Peru at 1 p.m., Nov. 4.

• North Central Michigan College's eBay Basics class, 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 4 and 11. Register by calling (231) 348-6705.

• Computer Tidbit Demo: Gold mining the library catalog, 7 p.m., Nov. 7.

• North Central Michigan College's Microsoft Excel Basics, 1 to 4 p.m., Nov. 7 and 9. Register by calling (231)

348-6705.

• Genealogy Reunion Meeting with Carol Goodenough, 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 8.

• Computer Tidbit Demo: Downloadable Recorded Books, 1 p.m. Nov. 8.

CARE PACKAGE DRIVE

The Beaver Island Youth Consortium is sponsoring a care package drive for local men and women serving in our nation's armed forces. If you know someone who would appreciate a little bit of home in a box, contact Sarah at (231) 448-2067 with their name and address. Care packages will be sent out in early October.

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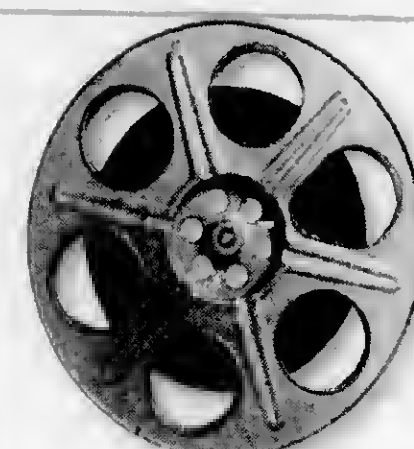
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City electors vote for change

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

The general election for the City of Charlevoix ended with the selection of a newcomer for city council, the reelection of an incumbent and the end of political life for a councilman.

At the Nov. 7 election, 1,276 city voters turned out, electing new first ward councilman Lyle Gennett, reelecting third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain and ousting by just nine votes, longtime councilman, Gabe Campbell.

Warmer fall weather characterized election day, when 53 percent of the city's 2,391 registered voters cast a ballot.

City clerk, Carol Oels, said she attributes the high voter turnout to this being a gubernatorial election, which also had hot state ballot issues like a proposed ban on affirmative action and approval of dove hunting.

Of the 827 first ward voters, 461 cast a ballot. Of those, 60 percent voted in favor of electing Lyle Gennett to a first ward seat.

The final vote was 244 in favor of Gennett and 165 for his opponent, Bill Haggard who has served

six years on council during this most recent stint and served six years on council in the 1980s.

Gennett, 55, a former Charlevoix Fire Station shift commander and EMT specialist of 25 years, ran on a platform of favoring a change in city management and in moving the Venetian Festival carnival from its Mason Street location.

Gennett, who has no prior political experience, said he feels the outcome hinged on straight talk.

"I tell it like I see it. I went up and spoke how I feel and I think that pretty much says it. I'm up front on the issues. I think need to be solved. I've sat back and watched a lot over the years. I've looked and seen things I knew I thought were wrong. I feel deep down inside there needs to be change and someone has to do it. Hopefully, I can make a difference," he said.

While Gennett breaks in his seat, second ward councilman Gabe Campbell, who has spent 10 years as a councilman and two as mayor, will end his political career after being defeated by newcomer on the political scene, Greg Stevens.

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Graphic by Jessie Healy

The ultimate sacrifice

On Oct. 31, the community learned that Army Major Douglas E. Sloan, a 40-year-old Charlevoix man who was stationed at Camp Blessing, located in northeast Afghanistan's Pesch Valley, was the first Charlevoix soldier to be killed in operations in Afghanistan or Iraq. A memorial service for Sloan will be incorporated with Veterans' Day activities to take place at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 in Veterans' Park, in downtown Charlevoix. Pictured above is a memorial assembled for him in Afghanistan. For the complete Sloan story, see page 11.

County voters oust incumbent commissioners

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

According to preliminary figures for the 2006 general election of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, voters are looking for new blood.

District One
With 1,341 votes, Republican

challenger, Shirlene Tripp, 69, beat unaffiliated incumbent, Connie Saltonstall, 61, by 465 votes.

"I'm fluttered," Tripp said, just moments after learning she garnered 60.24 percent of the vote.

Tripp thanked both her opponent for running a good race and the people who supported



Shirlene
Tripp

her. "I think the first thing we should do as a board is get together, decide what direction we want to go down and

do it," she said. "I think if we work together we can help save the county residents money."

She added, "I think our new board's going to work well together."

Tripp can be reached at (231) 347-9679.

District Two
Republican, Chris Christensen, 35, who heat out-

going commissioner Randolph Frykberg in the August primary and ran unopposed on Tuesday received 1,150 votes.

Christensen is glad the election is over.

"I'm excited. Let's get moving with the issues," said the youngest member of the board

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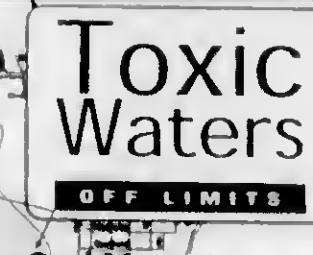
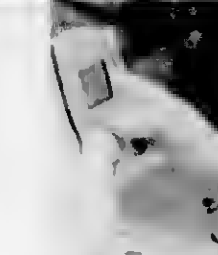
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Nov. 4	38	32	tr
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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Richard Lee Bellmer, 34, Charlevoix. Trespassing. Serve five days in jail; \$200 in fines and costs.

Zakary David Scott, 18, East Jordan. Sex offender fail to comply with reporting. Serve 12 days in jail; \$300 in fines and costs.

Carol Joy Brossard, 56, Boyne City. Driving while intoxicated. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,030 in fines and costs.

Stuart Roy Whitley, 39, Walloon Lake. Attempted interference with electronic communications. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, 179 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$500 in fines and costs.

Zachary Minor Jones, 26, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling \$150.

Gary Lee Brodin, 63, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,200 in fines and costs.

Sharon Lee Snyder, 61, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver; and careless driving. Serve 90 days in jail, 60 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; driver's license suspended for six months; \$1,713.56 in fines and costs.

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and costs.

Vicki Lynn Schultz, 48, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$880 in fines and costs.

Richard John Wertz, 55, Charlevoix. Assault-assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve six days in jail, 66 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

Tracy Lyn Collins, 40, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve four days in jail; \$100 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Northern Lites Enterprises, 08855 Martin Road, Charlevoix, by Roger A. Burns II

Nanny's Motel, Restaurant & Lounge, 203 Ferry Avenue, Charlevoix, by John R. Strand

Great Hill Herbs, 5084 Mt. Bliss Road, East Jordan, by Margaret E. Beck

Carry 'n Sassy, Just North & South of the Bridge, 614 Jay-Cee Lane, Boyne City, by Becky Quackenbush

Proficient Processing and Closing, 03223 Aspenview Trail; Independent Professional Mortgage Consultant, 03223 Aspenview Trail, Boyne Falls, by Kathleen E. Mattis

Jeremy Parks Construction, 624 Wilson Road, Boyne City, by Jeremy Foster Parks

Charlevoix Gravel and Dirt, 06090, U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix Township, by Delaney W. Givens

J. Kettler & Assoc., 02411 Hidden Valley Lane, Charlevoix, by John Kettler

Lifeefficiency Organizing Solutions, P.O. Box 743, Charlevoix, by Vicki Voisin

Shimmering Shores, 245 Pesek Road, Boyne City, by Susan K. Shore

Cummings Electric, 04199 Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, by Michael L. Cummings

MARRIAGE

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Lee Mont, 33 and Ann Elizabeth Hall, 27, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

Kendall Reese Drake weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces was born Oct. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amy and Kipp Drake of Ellsworth. The baby's sibling is Jenna Kidder. Grandparents are Mary and Paul Hoffman of Ellsworth, Ernest Higbee Sr. of Mancelona and Sheri and Doug Drake of East Jordan. Great-grandparents are Margaret

Nunnance of Gaylord and Irene Drake of Ionia.

Dominic Joseph Greco weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was born on Oct. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Anthony Jay Greco and Rebecca Lynn of Ludington. His sibling is Steven Robert Bacon Jr. His grandparents are Richard and Lynda Callesen of East Jordan and Robert and Louise Greco of Las Vegas, Nev.

Troy Allen Richards weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces was born Oct. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Daryl Richards and Amanda Brodie of East Jordan. His grandparents are Dennis and Eleanor Richards of East Jordan, Donna Brodin of East Jordan and Jeffery Brodin of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Allen and Jackie Morris of Evanston, Wyo., Genny and William Brodin of Charlevoix and Sylvia Road of East Jordan. Nancy Richards of East Jordan and Roland and Lynn Boudreau from Cumberland, RI.

Brooklynn Jac Cousineau weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces was born Oct. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Jennifer Cousineau of East Jordan. Her sibling is Isaac.

Tyler Joseph Dickinson weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was born on Oct. 24 at the Metro Health of Grand Rapids to Eric and Heather Dickinson of Grand Rapids. His sibling is Andrew. His grandparents are Roger and Sue Gilbert of Petoskey and David and Karen Dickinson of Charlevoix.

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Tripp, Evans win county seats

COUNTY

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"I want to help make the commission more transparent," he said. "I think people need to know what's going on over here at the county level."

Christensen said he will do everything in his power to eliminate duplicity and waste in county government.

"I would love to see more people involved — I'd love to see a full house at every county commission meeting," he said.

Creation of a steering committee with the goal of acclimating new commissioners and the new county administrator is at the top of Christensen's to-do list.

Christensen can be reached at (231) 582-9827.

District Three

Republican incumbent, 66-year-old, Ronald Reinhardt, who was unavailable for comment, received 1,131 votes.

District Four

Write-in candidate, Victor Patrick, 68, was unable to defend the seat he held for nearly a decade against Republican nominee,

Joel Evans, 66. Evans received 835 votes or 62.92 percent, while Patrick received 492 votes.

"I feel good, of course. Winning always feels good," Evans said. "For several years people have been saying 'No' to Vic Patrick and encouraging me to run and I ran this year. In the August primary, they said 'No' to Vic again and on Nov. 7 they said 'No' for a third time."

He added, "The majority of people in East Jordan and South Arm (Township) made their point."

Evans wished Patrick the best in his retirement.

"I hope he (Patrick) and his followers come to commissioner meetings and express their concerns," he said.

Evans said he will work to improve communication between the board of commissioners and the people they serve.

Evans can be reached at (231) 536-7073.

District Five

Republican, Bob Drebenstedt, 62, ran unopposed and received 1,382 votes. Drebenstedt beat outgoing commissioner Dennis Jason in the August primary.

The Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs director thanked all those who voted for him.

Drebenstedt said he will work to give the county employees and citizens a form of government they can believe in.

"We won't be changing our meeting dates," he said. "I'll have an open door policy with my voters."

Drebenstedt can be reached at (231) 547-8463.

District Six

Unopposed Republican incumbent, Shirley Roloff, 70, received 1,461.

Roloff said she is in good health and ready to continue serving the people of Charlevoix County.

The incoming commissioners will officially take their collective seats on Jan. 1, 2007.

Joel Evans

City voters oust two council incumbents, keep one aboard

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"They (voters) didn't think they were being represented right evidently," Campbell said.

Of the 738 second ward voters, 383 cast a ballot. Of those, 51 percent voted in favor of electing Stevens to his second ward seat.

The final vote was 179 in favor of Stevens and 170 for Campbell.

Stevens attributes his win to heavy door-to-door campaigning and his vocal stance on keeping the Venetian Festival carnival in downtown Charlevoix.

"Obviously half of them were looking for some kind of change," he said.

As a councilman, Stevens will have to resign his seats on both the city planning and housing commissions.

In the third ward, experience reigned over lifetime residency as incumbent Sherm Chamberlain was reelected by a large margin.

Of the 826 registered voters in the third ward, 432 cast a ballot, 60 percent of who favored Chamberlain over his competitor, Charlevoix native, Tonia Wells.

The vote breakdown is 258 for Chamberlain and 120 for Wells.

"I was pleasantly surprised. I thought it would be a little bit closer, but you just never know," Chamberlain said.

"I like to dig down and solve

problems rather than making them. I truly feel that's what people want. They don't want petty politics, they want results."

Wells did not return calls by press time.

Voters also cast ballots for mayor Norman Carlson Jr. who ran uncontested. Carlson was re-elected by 937 votes.

Of the 12 city charter amendment ballot proposals, all but one passed.

Proposal 9 which if approved, would have removed wording that requires the city assessor to attend all Board of Review meetings, failed by eight votes. Under the amended scenario, the assessor, who is under contract with the Charlevoix County Equalization Department, would attend meet-

ings only upon request.

Because it failed, Ochs said the charter will dictate the assessor attend all meetings.

Controversial Proposals 5 and 6, which will impact future city managers, passed. Proposal 5 eliminates the current provision for the city manager to be appointed to an indefinite term. The new wording requires appointment for up to a three-year term. Proposal 6 deals with severance packages and specifically limits them to no more than three months pay.

The next council election in November of 2007 will see first ward councilman Bob Timmis, second ward councilman Gene Beer and third ward council member Shirley Gibson's seats open up for two-year terms.

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Start worrying about Homeland Security locally

EDITORIAL

Ask anyone what Charlevoix's number one industry is and you will get the same answer — tourism.

Visitors flock to Charlevoix during the spring and summer months. They enjoy the scenery, fudge and friendly local faces. But that's not why they are here. Almost all the people come here for the pristine fresh water resources — lakes Charlevoix and Michigan. Whether it's boating or beaching, Charlevoix visitors are drawn to the water.

So, it was shocking to us to hear that the Coast Guard, a group that is here to protect our way of life would propose a plan that threat-

ens to contaminate our greatest resource, Lake Michigan.

The Coast Guard's plan is to allow machine gun fire on Lake Michigan to train for real world situations. An estimated 430,000 rounds of ammunition may be shot across the Great Lakes annually contributing 6,900 pounds of lead, 2,800 pounds of copper as well as unspecified quantities of zinc and antimony. That's more lead than any other industry on the Great Lakes is currently adding.

The "Preliminary Health Risk Assessment for Proposed U.S. Coast Guard Training Exercises" claims the exercises won't take place near potable water supplies

and the concentrations of these lethal chemicals will not exceed human health and ecological values.

This claim is coming from a company that receives hundreds of millions of dollars in government contracts each year. Could there be a more blatant conflict of interest? While tourism would take a major hit if local lakes were no longer the picture of health, what will come of the \$1 billion Great Lakes fishing industry?

Mercury levels in fish already have people limiting their intake, add in a side of lead and copper and fish consumption will plummet.

Supporters of the plan are the same people who would support

anything that wears the Homeland Security sticker. We need to stop accepting the words Homeland Security as being synonymous with "It's good for you," and start asking questions.

Public outcry with regard to this plan thus far seems to be focused on the potential threat of stray bullets. But if our lakes and fish are useless, the least of Charlevoix residents' concerns is taking a bullet.

There has to be a better training plan out there. If NASA can simulate space travel, we're pretty sure there must be a way to simulate live combat on the water without harming the environment.

If you missed the Nov. 3 pub-

lic hearing on the Coast Guard's Great Lakes live fire proposal at Charlevoix Public Library, your voice can still be heard. Public comments are being accepted. Send your thoughts to Docket Management Facility (USCG-2006-25767) U.S. Department of Transportation Room PL-401, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington DC 20590-0001. Or by fax to (202) 493-2251. Comments must be postmarked on or before Nov. 13.

No date has been set when a decision on the Great Lakes live fire plan will be made. All comments will be reviewed by Rear Admiral John E. Crowley, commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District.

Get ready, the time to fight global warming is now



EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

A wise person once said, "Nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come." I believe I have heard an idea whose time has come.

People who can't be identified as politicians

do not generally have much of a chance at being believed, but if you can put aside the thought that Al Gore was once a politician and just listen to him as he talks about global warming in the film, "An Inconvenient Truth," you will at the very least learn a few things.

Among the lessons — global warming is very real, global warming is being caused by the large scale use of fossil fuels and halting or reversing global warming is as critical a social and economic problem as humanity has faced since the Great Depression in the

1930s.

The preceding paragraph is not an attempt at the "politics of fear." There are very sound reasons to fear the effect of climate change on people and economies. A report commissioned by the British government predicts that as much as 20 percent of the world's total economic activity would be devoured by the effects of climate change if global warming is allowed to continue for another 10 years. The report further predicts droughts, flooding, widespread famine, skyrocketing disease rates and the extinction of thousands of animal species. These are not things that will happen in some distant and so unreal future, they will occur in the lifetime of most people now living. Global warming is an imminent threat as terrorism.

Do I have your attention yet?

It is important to understand some chemistry before the overall effects of global warming can be clearly seen, but it is not necessary to understand chemistry to be afraid of a potentially disastrous future. We all understand that fear can be a great motivator. It is a mo-

tivator that I am reluctant to use. However, it is increasingly clear that global warming will very soon disrupt the world we know in ways that we are only beginning to understand. The discussion about whether global warming is occurring is over. The discussion at present should be about what we are going to do to stave off a disaster that is almost certain if we do nothing.

Over the past couple of months, attention to the possibility of disastrous global warming has been more prominent than at any time in the past. Books, magazines, newspapers and the media generally have begun to acknowledge that a serious problem exists. I both hope and believe that people are gradually being convinced that this is an important idea, an idea whose time has come. Governments around the world are beginning to respond with both concern and practical programs and projects. We can encourage our government to be at least as proactive as other nations but what can a private citizen do about a problem that is so large and so daunting? I have a few sugges-

tions. They involve developing a fear of energy use.

When I was a child in 1930s rural Minnesota, electricity had not yet arrived. Our family lived on a very low energy budget. A few quarts of kerosene provided a year's worth of light from a half dozen lamps. My children, by contrast spent their early lives in an environment where electricity was universally and continually available. Energy was their friend. Their expectation was that abundant light and energy was there at the flick of a switch. Global warming has become part of the cost of that expectation.

We, as individuals, use far more electricity and other petroleum based energy in our daily lives than is necessary or desirable. As communities, we suffer from the same overuse. If we could relate every expenditure of light or fossil fuel based energy to the fear of global warming effects, we might be less reluctant to consider what is widely called "conservation."

A very small portion of our universally available electricity comes from any source other than coal or

natural gas, both major contributors to global warming. We must look to other ways to generate electricity (wind, solar, nuclear), but their large scale contribution is far in the future and the problem is now. Does turning off a light or using more efficient bulbs or appliances solve the global warming problem? Of course not. But we can change the world by developing the attitude that any and all use of energy fueled by coal, natural gas or other petroleum products is harmful or dangerous. Right now, energy is not our friend. Can we be made to fear energy?

We have to use considerable energy but we waste large amounts. Until knowledge arrives, fear may have to suffice as a motivator. Listen to Al Gore and others. Sometimes even politicians are right. Consider real information, not opinion. Be afraid, shut off that light, turn off your car, walk a few blocks and help save the world.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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LETTERS to the editor

'THANKS' FOR HELPING WITH THE MOVE

Editor:

In less than two weeks, the move to our new location, the remodeling, repairs and the miscellaneous jobs was accomplished enough to open our doors for business.

We must give praise to all the 60 volunteers who helped with the move, repairs and remodeling. Also to the many generous angels who helped with their monetary donations. A \$15,000 (interest free) loan for part down payment on the building must be paid by Jan. 15, 2007.

Our purpose has always been to reach out to the needy and non-profit organizations, but now we are asking you to reach out to us so we can get this loan paid. Whether it be \$5, \$10, \$100 or \$1,000, we would forever be grateful. You can make checks payable to Rainbow Shoppe Building Fund, c/o Charlevoix State Bank, State St., Charlevoix, MI, 49720

Rita Orlovski
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BELLS FOR HOSPICE

Editor:

To ring in National Hospice Month we asked local churches to ring their bells at noon on Nov. 1, to honor all who have died under hospice care during the last year, and in respect for their families.

As you may know, hospice is a group of organizations committed to improving end of life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life for people dying in America and for their

to the editor

loved ones.

Considered to be the model for quality, compassionate care at the end of life, hospice care involves a team-oriented approach of expert medical care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's wishes. Emotional and spiritual support also is extended to the family and loved ones. Generally, this care is provided in the patient's home or in a home-like setting operated by a hospice program.

Medicare, private health insurance and Medicaid in most states cover hospice care for patients who meet certain criteria. Health care professionals who specialize in hospice and palliative care work closely with staff and volunteers to address all the symptoms of illness with the aim of promoting comfort and dignity.

If you have any questions about hospice, contact us or visit the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Web site at www.mihospice.org.

Lisa Ashley
Hospice of Little Traverse Bay
Lynda Bocksaber
Hospice of Northwest Michigan

WHY STRAYS MUST COME TO THE SHELTER

Editor:

At least once a week I get asked why stray animals have to come to the shelter when someone finds

them. The easiest answer to the question is that it is the written law. All animal control divisions and shelters throughout the state must comply when notified of a stray.

The more complicated answer involves a variety of reasons. Protection of the animal and the good Samaritan who has the animal in their possession are both important reasons. An unknown animal can present health issues ranging from contagious diseases to dog disease infecting your own animals and yourself as well. Perhaps worse, you are at high risk for receiving bites from the animal. A frightened, potentially poorly socialized animal is definitely more prone to hitting and causing serious injury to you and your family.

Another issue that needs to be considered is that the animal belongs to someone else that may have reported the animal missing to animal control or your local shelter. If a person does not deliver the animal to the appropriate agencies there is no way to check for lost of missing reports.

Bringing or reporting a lost animal to the shelter is the safest and most efficient action to take when you find a stray. When the animal comes to us we give it an initial exam, searching for any injuries, scanning it for a microchip which can expedite reunion with its owner and we place it in a safe, warm dry environment with beds, toys, food and water.

If there is no way of identifying the animal we place a lost advertisement in the local papers and hold the animal for a minimum of five days (state law requires four days). If the animal is not claimed the Humane Society takes possession of the animal at which time it is tested for appropriate infectious diseases, wormed and brought up to date on vaccinations before being placed up for adoption. All animals are evaluated in an ongoing process and are kept here for as long as they remain emotionally and physically healthy.

As a means of illustrating one of the problems discussed above, I would like to relate an incident that occurred recently. A gentleman came to the shelter to report a stray dog that he had in his possession. He had been holding onto the dog for over a week and wanted to be sure the animal would be cared for if he brought it to the shelter. After giving him a tour of our facility and explaining the procedure to him, he agreed that I should come and pick the animal up at his home.

He described the dog as somewhat small, looking like a Boston terrier or pug type, black and white markings. Much to my surprise, when I arrived, I was greeted by a long-legged tall hound and Dalmatian mix. When I arrived back at the shelter I searched the lost and found record that we keep and found a report dated over a week-and-a-half earlier for this

exact dog. The owner was greatly relieved to hear that the dog was safe.

In summary, ask yourself, if your pet gets loose, do you want someone who you know nothing about, housing your pet or would you rather it be safe and secure, warm and well fed at the shelter? Also, to expedite the return of your pet, please license your dogs and have some form of identification on them and your cats as well.

Julie Whitley
Officer
Charlevoix County Animal Control

LETTER RESPONSE

Editor:

I would like to respond to the statements made by Margo Johnson in her letter in the Charlevoix Courier (published on page 5 of the Nov. 1 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, entitled, "Vote for Tripp") about my involvement with the Charlevoix Senior Center contract.

John Jarema, legal counsel for the Charlevoix County Commissioners gave the commission an opinion stating that the commission had a legal right to make a contract with the center.

The Charlevoix County Senior Millage Tax raises over \$600,000 a year for senior services. These funds are administered by the

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Our Bids for Blooms fundraising event was a terrific success. Keep Charlevoix Beautiful would like to especially thank the following businesses and individuals for their auction item or food donations. We could not have done this without you!

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WEDDING

Caswell — Williams

Kristen Caswell and Brad Williams of Lansing were married on May 20 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix. Rev. Kyle Haack, a friend of the groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Karen Caswell of Escanaba. The groom is the son of Ron and Theda Williams of Charlevoix.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Erin Palmreuter. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Rhonda Carey and Libby McLaughley. Amanda Stitt and Jeanne Raven.

The best man was the groom's brother, Tony Williams. Groomsmen were T.J. Carey. Brad's brother-in-law and Drew Laucher, Derek Bajema and Brian Vos.

Ushers were the groom's cousins, Brian Williams, Todd Williams, Jaxon Zandbergen and Travis Kuipers.

A reception followed the nup-



at Castle Farms.

The couple took a honeymoon vacation to Jamaica. They are making their home in Lansing.

Kristen is deputy finance director for U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's re-election campaign. Brad is a liaison for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra presents all-American concerts

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform an all-American concert in November that includes Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs," featuring baritone, Peter Sims.



Peter Sims

work by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra called "The Conversion" and created by award-winning Michigan composer, Lynne Palmer Warren.

The concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the First Presbyterian

Church of Harbor Springs and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center.



Matthew Hazelwood

quality we need to underscore that fact."

Included in the set are "The Boatman's Dance" which originated as a minstrel show tune by Daniel Emmett, the composer of "Dixie" and the well-known Shaker song "Simple Gifts" which Copland also introduced in his music for the ballet, "Appalachian Spring."

Barber's "Adagio For Strings" is among the most familiar works of the 20th Century as it was played over and over again in virtually every household in America in November 1963. It was the principle piece of music played on radio and television during the week of President Kennedy's funeral.

Lynne Palmer Warren's "The Conversion" is a three-movement piece inspired by the writings of C. S. Lewis and composed at the request of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra to serve as the orchestra's contribution to the annual C. S. Lewis Festival, held every fall in Petoskey.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students and are available in advance at the Crooked Tree Arts Center and at local bookstores and chambers of commerce throughout northern Michigan. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Downloadable book service available at new library

The Charlevoix Public Library recently announced the latest service for its patrons—free downloadable e-audio books.

The library now offers hundreds of digital audio book titles and more will be added monthly.

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Join author Rochelle Pennington at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 for a program on the famous Christmas Tree Ship.

Pennington's visit, hosted by the Charlevoix Historical Society, is open to the public and free of charge.



Rochelle Pennington

Santa" and his annual voyage down Lake Michigan.

Pennington has authored two books on the Milwaukee, Wis. built schooner which delivered Christmas trees to Chicago, Ill. each holiday season before it was caught in "The Great Storm of 1912" and subsequently went to the bottom of Lake Michigan fully loaded with trees. To this day the ship is still loaded with its trees and is a popular Great Lakes dive site. Pennington will share present-day, underwater photographs of Christmas trees still visible in the ship's hold.

"It is a story that exemplifies the best of humanity," said Pennington. "At its heart we

find courage, love, generosity, heroism and the importance of family and tradition. The moment I first heard the story of the Christmas Tree Ship I understood why it had endeared itself to so many people over the years and was still being shared a century later."

"The ship's final voyage was not to the bottom of the lake, but into the pages of history," added Pennington.

Pennington's children's book on the ship, as well as her 325-page documentary book, "The Historic Christmas Tree Ship: A True Story of Faith, Hope and Love," will be available for autographs following the program. The documentary book examines the legendary ship from every angle and includes more than 60 photographs, along with hundreds of citations from vintage newspaper clippings, spanning a period of 140 years.

Pennington's slide presentation will include many of the century-old photographs of Captain "Santa" Schuenemann, his family, and his ship. In addition, she will have a collection of recently acquired artifacts along with her to share with the audience including an ax used to chop the trees down, dishes, a medicine bottle, a spittoon, a clay pipe, and an ornament carved from one of the first

Christmas trees raised from the ship in 1971 when the vessel was discovered. In addition, Pennington will be bringing a Christmas tree from the cargo which was raised more than 30 years ago.

Pennington's research was used to create a television program on The Weather Channel's Storm Stories. The program airs nationally each December.

Her multi-visual presentation will focus on the little-known facts surrounding this most loved story of the Great Lakes including the ship's mysterious disappearance, clues washed ashore in the decades following the vessel's demise, ghost ship sightings of the phantom schooner, artifacts raised from the sunken ship and mysterious omens believed to have cursed the ship immediately before it set sail on its final voyage on Nov. 22, 1912. She will also present photos of the "new" Christmas Ship which the Coast Guard has been sailing the past six years in memory of the original ship. The Coast Guard vessel sails from Cheboygan each December to Chicago, Ill. All of the trees on board the ship are given away free to needy families.

In addition to her Friday evening program, Pennington will be autographing books

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OBITUARY

Major Douglas Sloan: May 14, 1966 - Oct. 31, 2006



Major Douglas Sloan

Major Douglas E. Sloan, 40, of Fort Drum, N.Y., and formerly of Charlevoix, died Oct. 31 while serving his country in Afghanistan.

He was born May 14, 1966, in Duluth, Minn., to Emory C. and Wendy J. (Knudsen) Sloan. Doug graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1985, where he lettered in football, basketball, track and cross-country. He later earned a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University with a major in history and minor in French.

He received many commendations during his Army career including the Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Bronze Star, Tenth Mountain Combat Patch

and will posthumously be awarded the Purple Heart. Doug was also awarded the Order of Saint Maurice for his personal contributions to the Infantry, which since its inception, has only been awarded to some 2,000 Army Captains. He was Company Commander of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry at the time of his death.

Doug was a member of the American Legion, and attended the Holy Family Catholic Church in Columbus, Ga. Doug married Kerry Turner on April 28, 2001, in Columbus, Ga. Kerry survives him, as do their four children: sons, Aiden, Dylan and Kellan, and daughter, Kenley. Also surviving are Doug's parents, Emory and Wendy Sloan of Charlevoix; brother, Van (Renee) Sloan of Dorr; their sons, Austin, Logan and Connor; Kerry's parents, Dave and Linda Turner of Columbus, Ga.; Kerry's grandparents, Louise Turner, and Mary Slavik, both of Monroe; Kerry's sister, Kristen and her husband, Major John Pirog of Ft. Bliss, Texas and Iraq, and their

children, Ellie and Molly.

Doug was preceded in death by his grandparents, Douglas and Thelma Knudsen of East Jordan, and James and Kate Sloan of War, W.Va.

A service to honor Doug's memory and service to his country will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Veteran's Park in Charlevoix under the auspices of the Charlevoix area veterans. The Rev. Tim Wright of the Greensky Hill United Methodist Church will officiate. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the gym at Charlevoix Middle School. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Historical Society Scholarship Fund, or the charity of choice.

For questions concerning the service, please contact Commander Joseph Seidel, American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post # 226 at (231) 547-2181 or the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix at (231) 547-2881.

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Worship	10:10 a.m.	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Intercession	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.		
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
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Church School	9:00 a.m.	Morning Worship	10:10 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161	Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
BELLFLOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8033 Church Road, Ellsworth		FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH M-66 (across from Post Office)	
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Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhof		Worship	10:15 a.m.
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Sunday School	9:15 a.m.	Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Church Office	547-9122
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300		
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Norwood mine: Insurance company won't cover township

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The lengthy saga between Wayne Wynkoop and several neighbors over the validity of his limestone mine has a new twist.

Norwood Township's insurance carrier, Midwest Claims Service, will not pay for the municipality's defense in a lawsuit filed by Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety.

"I have no idea what the defense will cost us," said Township Supervisor, Wynkoop, also named in the suit. "It's very premature. Based on responses from the attorneys it could go very quickly or the people behind it (Norwood citizens group) could continually drown us."

He added, "Reading the complaint there's no supporting documents to support their claims, but we have to respond to each and every one of them seriously."

Wynkoop said the township will be forced to use its contingency fund to pay for the defense.

When asked whether the township has the money to do so, Wynkoop said, "I am not confident. We have a budget where we allow X number of dollars for our attorney. If we run out of what we budget for the year, we do have the contingency fund and the board will have to approve to spend more money."

In a letter from Midwest Claims Service to Norwood Township attorney, Jack Turner, Midwest stated that, since the citizens group is seeking a reversal of the zoning board of appeals' decision to allow Wynkoop to operate his mine, there is nothing Midwest can



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Here is an inside shot of the limestone quarry at the center of the Norwood Township ruckus. Norwood Township must pay for its own defense after its insurance provider, Midwest Claims Service, denied the municipality's claim.

do to help.

"Plaintiffs have sought the court's intervention requesting declaratory and injunctive relief. Please note that the plaintiffs are not seeking money damages in this matter," Midwest further stated.

Others named in the suit filed by the citizens group include the Norwood Township Board of Trustees, zoning board of appeals, zoning administrator and Wynkoop's wife, Micheline.

Norwood officials have until Nov. 10 to respond to the charges.

"We got a seven-day extension because there are so many complaints to respond to," Wynkoop said.

According to Wynkoop, who is taking a hands-off approach to the ease, Turner will appeal Midwest's decision not to cover attorney fees and court costs associated with the impending lawsuit.

After Wynkoop was advised by his and the township's attorney that he should distance himself from proceedings, he said, "Last week we appointed a representative to the township board to work as a go-between."

Norwood Township treasurer, David Leusink, will communicate concerns, questions and information between the township attorney and the township board.

The dispute

All legal authorities thus far have given Wynkoop the go-ahead to operate the mine which, according to Wynkoop, has been operated off and on for decades.

Wynkoop's neighbors claim the mine is, "incompatible" with zoning requirements because, as stated in the lawsuit filed, "There were various zoning ordinance restrictions on sand and gravel extraction from 1961 to present and limestone quarrying, crushing and washing have never been allowed under any of the ordinances as a use by right or by special use permit in the agricultural zone."

Opponents claim officials erred when they OK'd operation of the mine.

Wynkoop claims the mine has been in existence in various capacities since the American Indians mined chert.

Opponents claim the only proof mining existed on the property was a 1954 Michigan Department of Transportation proposal to remove 15,000 cubic yards of sand.

Furthermore, opponents claim, the operation has and will continue to cause negative effects on the enjoyment of their property while posing health risks.

In the lawsuit, the citizens group claimed Wynkoop has appointed people who favor his project to various township positions.

Wynkoop denied such accusations.

Timeline according to the lawsuit

August 2005, Wynkoop filed for a special use permit to mine limestone on a portion of his 100-acre property.

Dec. 5, 2005 Bill Gnotke, now chairman of the Norwood citizens group, asked the zoning administrator via letter to decide whether Wynkoop had a non-conforming use to mine limestone.

Jan. 5, 2006 Gnotke's letter is returned, unopened.

Feb. 8, 2006 Sadie Bartosik removed from the planning commission, the lawsuit cites her removal due to opposition to the mine — Wynkoop and the board cited dereliction of duty and destroying public documents for her removal.

April 17, 2006 Norwood Zoning Administrator, Johnathan Scheel, decided to allow Wynkoop to continue mining.

May 17, 2006 Citizens group filed an appeal of Norwood Township Zoning Administrator's decision to allow continued operation of the mine.

Oct. 12, 2006 Citizens group filed a lawsuit against Norwood Township, Wynkoop and other township boards and officials.

Oct. 19, 2006 Midwest Claims Service denied Norwood Township's request for defense attorney coverage.

Nov. 10, 2006 the last day Norwood Township officials have to file a response to the lawsuit filed by the Norwood citizens group.

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Veterans' Day tribute planned for Doug Sloan

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Last week, news of the U.S. military's October death toll climbing over 100 made front page headlines of major daily newspapers and on Oct. 31, this faceless statistic became a local tragedy.

That day, the community learned that Army Major Douglas E. Sloan, 40, who was stationed at Camp Blessing located in northeast Afghanistan's Pesh Valley was the first Charlevoix soldier to be killed in operations in Afghanistan or Iraq.

His mother, Wendy Sloan of Charlevoix, said she knew as soon as an Army Major and Sergeant from Camp Grayling stepped out of their vehicle that her son was gone.

"I've always been prepared, his dad (Emory Sloan) is retired from the Coast Guard and was overseas during Vietnam. When you have someone in the military, it's something that you need to be aware of. But it doesn't really prepare you for this either," she said.

According to his friend and fellow Charlevoix resident, Jamey Spenceley, an interrogator, contracted by the U.S. Department of Defense stationed in Bagram, Afghanistan, Sloan was killed when his vehicle hit an Improvised Explosive Device that detonated.

"If the military was filled with Doug Sloans we would have been out of here a long time ago. I can't even explain how proud I am to have known him as a soldier and especially as a friend and how sad I am that he's gone."

Jamey Spenceley
FRIEND OF DOUG SLOAN
AND U.S. INTERROGATOR STATIONED IN AFGHANISTAN

At the time, Sloan was preparing to relocate to Bagram, taking a Captain who was relieving him around to surrounding villages and introducing him to locals.

"He was on his way out. Within hours he would have been on a plane out. He paid his dues—he was shot at, rained on, snowed on, dust blown. His replacement was there—that's what's so devastating," said Bob Drebenstedt, director of Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs.

In an e-mail, Spenceley wrote there was no small arms fire after the explosion, so talk of a possible ambush has been quieted. Sloan and his gunner were killed instantly. A third person in the vehicle died en route to the hospital while the driver is in Landstuhl, Germany recovering from his wounds.

Spenceley recalled just weeks before the incident when he visited Sloan. He wrote that his interaction with Sloan's soldiers said a lot about

the man and soldier he was.

"He was what they call in the military a 'soldier's soldier.' A guy who leads from the front and would never ask his men to do something he wouldn't do himself," Spenceley stated.

"Doug was a hero, no question about it. He changed and saved a lot of lives while he was here. I know that for a fact. If the military was filled with Doug Sloans we would have been out of here a long time ago. I can't even explain how proud I am to have known him as a soldier and especially as a friend and how sad I am that he's gone."

Sloan's Sergeant Major at Camp Blessing told Spenceley, Sloan was like a sheriff in that area and the place was almost lawless before he arrived.

"He would go into these villages where Americans had never gone before and with the presence of a man who owned the place, he would



Courtesy photo

On Veterans' Day, Nov. 11 Charlevoix residents will join the friends and family of Army Major Doug Sloan, who was killed Oct. 31 in Afghanistan, at a local memorial service. Sloan is pictured above with one of his three sons, he also has an infant daughter.

clean up the bad and instill the good," Spenceley wrote.

He said that in one instance Sloan freed a young girl who had been held captive for years and assisted in her captor's trial and conviction.

"This would never have happened before Doug got there. He gave people the safety to do the right thing," Spenceley stated.

While Sloan was a hero overseas he was a local hero as well. On Nov. 1, flags across Charlevoix were lowered to half staff in recognition of his accomplishments and service.

He is a 1985 graduate of Charlevoix High School who set school records in track and saw sue-

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East Jordan sewage spill doesn't impact Charlevoix

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

An East Jordan power outage that led to a sewage spill into Lake Charlevoix, had no impact on the waters surrounding Charlevoix and shouldn't happen at the local plant.

According to Scott Kendzierski, environmental health director with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, there is no concern that the 150,000 gallons of sewage that flowed into Lake Charlevoix from an East Jordan wastewater treatment pump has traveled beyond its source to Charlevoix.

The plume of sewage reached from the mouth of the Jordan River to Elm Point.

"A lot is naturally digested by various types of bacteria. The real risk is right at the source. It's a single release not a chronic release," Kendzierski said. "Any amount is of concern and we work proactively to address the situation."

On Oct. 25 Larry Chew, East Jordan's wastewater treatment operator, announced that half a day's wastewater collection had been dumped into Lake Charlevoix after the power failed at the city's main pump station. The city operates five stations, four of which flow into this main station located at the city's airport.

Chew explained that the power to this main station crashed some time between 3 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 25. When the pump station went down, its limited storage capacity was met

and the overflow went directly into Lake Charlevoix.

The spill prompted the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to issue a week-long advisory warning residents to have no contact with water at the mouth of the Jordan River and near the boat launch near the East Jordan municipal marina. No warning about fish consumption was included.

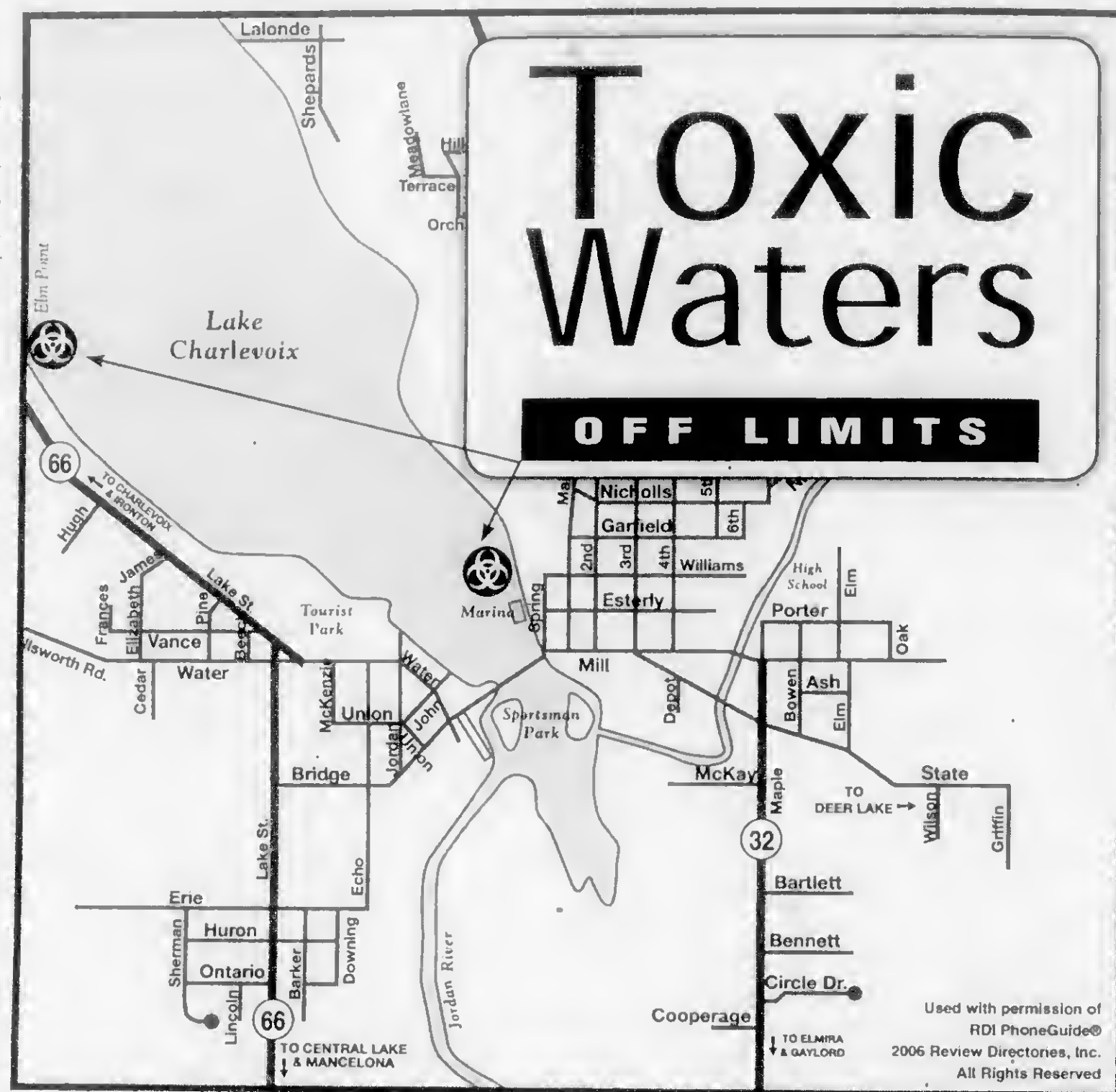
Kendzierski said those who may have come in contact with the water could expect a physical reaction including gastrointestinal problems like diarrhea or an ear or eye infection.

Testing of the water by Kendzierski and his staff started just hours after the spill was reported and continues. The goal is to find E. coli levels below the 300 parts per million allowed by law.

The East Jordan spill prompted Chew to explore new station failure alert strategies. The alarm system will now have a battery backup and an automatic dialing system installed which will call necessary contacts to rectify the situation before it gets out of hand.

According to Jim Caldwell, superintendent of the City of Charlevoix wastewater treatment plant, the local main lift station is equipped with a backup generator which kicks on if power is cut. All the city stations are alarmed and equipped with batteries for backup.

The City of Charlevoix handles about 400,000 gallons of wastewater daily.



Graphic by Jessie Healy

According to health department and local officials, an East Jordan power outage that led to a sewage spill into Lake Charlevoix, had no impact on the waters surrounding Charlevoix and shouldn't happen at the local plant. The area the spill impacted is marked above and extends from the East Jordan municipal marina to Elm Point.

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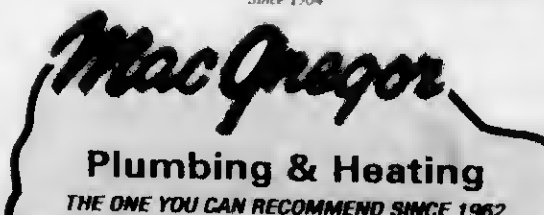
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Get in the spirit of the holiday season on Friday, November 24th during the annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting event in downtown Charlevoix. Children's activities begin at 4:00pm and include pictures with Santa, compliments of Charlevoix Camera, and ornament making at the North Pole (Color Wear). Warm up with free hot cocoa. Enjoy music, courtesy of Dale Boss and the Petunia Truck. The City bucket truck will assist with the hanging of the children's handmade ornaments, and Santa will light the tree at 6:00pm sharp.

Merchant Christmas Open House December 2nd

Charlevoix merchants invite you to enjoy refreshments, entertainment, activities, special sales and more from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 2nd. Santa arrives downtown by City Fire Truck at noon with candy compliments of Northwestern Bank. Beginning at 1:00 there will be a FREE full-length holiday feature at Charlevoix Cinema, sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Bring a donation of a canned good for entry.

Men's Night December 21st

Gentlemen, if you are one of the many men who find it difficult to pick out the perfect Christmas gift for the woman in your life, then Men's Night is the solution for you! Be sure to encourage your partner to stop into participating stores and register a Wish List before Men's Night which will take place on Thursday, December 21st between 5:00 and 9:00pm. You will then be contacted by the merchants of the stores at which your special lady has registered a Wish List item. All you have to do is stop downtown and pick up the perfect gift.



If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

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| Nov 08 | Historical Society Annual Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner 547-0373 |
| Nov 10 | "The Christmas Tree Story" of the Depot 547-0373 |
| Nov 11 | Holiday Open House at Friske Orchards 599-2604 |
| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day Ceremony, Honoring Major Doug Sloan 11am in Veteran's Park |
| Nov 24 | Community Christmas Tree Lighting 547-2101 |
| Nov 30 | 14th Annual Holly Daze Celebration & Auction 547-8685 |
| Dec 02 | Merchants Christmas Open House 547-2101 |
| Dec 02 | 13th Annual Holiday Craft Show 547-6652 |
| Dec 03 | Children's Christmas Party/Benefit at Mahogany's 547-9796 |
| Dec 05 | Historical Society Annual Christmas Dinner 547-0373 |
| Dec 09 | Children's Christmas at Friske Orchards 599-2604 |
| Dec 09 | Family Fun Day at Charlevoix Public Library 547-2651 |
| Dec 12-13 | Madrigal Dinner Performance at Mahogany's 547-9796 |
| Dec 13 | Festive Settings Home Tour 547-0373 |

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on November 16 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant

The next Business After Hours is November 16 at Grey Gables Inn Restaurant from 5:00 - 7:00pm, sponsored by Fox Motors Charlevoix. Music by Rayder Jazz Band.

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New patrolman joins city police department

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Rounding out the crop of young City of Charlevoix Police Department patrol officers is the newest hire, Erin Evans.

Evans, 23, joined the city police department on Oct. 30.

He is the third 20 something to join the force. The others are Sarah Cooper, 22 who was hired in May and Matt Umulis, 24, who has been a patrolman since 2003.

City police chief, Gerard Doan said there are some advantages to having young officers.

"You can try and mold them to fit your department. Every department is different," he said.

Evans was selected from a group of 36 applicants. The selection committee included City of Charlevoix Fire Chief,



Erin Evans

Paul Ivan, Mackinaw City Chief of Police, Patrick Wyman, Charlevoix City Manager, Mike Wiesner and Doan.

"We were looking for a well-rounded individual we thought would fit well in this community," Doan said.

Each new hire goes through two weeks of intensive training before hitting the streets. After the initiation, Evans will be assigned the 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift.

Evans fills the vacancy created by Adam Dzwik who left the force in August. With staffing levels now at capacity, the local department includes five

full-time patrol officers, a deputy chief and Doan.

Evans, who is single and has no children, is a 2002 Cheboygan High School graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with emphasis on public safety and a minor in corrections from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie.

His prior experience in po-

lice work includes a four-month stint on both bike and car patrol this past summer with the Mackinaw City Police Department. While there, he said the majority of his work involved alcohol related incidents.

"It's very similar as far as tourism goes and it's small town oriented," Evans said.

He added that he chose

Charlevoix as his next professional stop because he wants to live near lakes and enjoys small towns.

"I like to be involved with the community — to know everyone," he said.

His plans for the future include possibly joining the city's fire department and getting his Emergency Medical Technician's license.

Zonta presents Young Women's Day Sights on Success on Nov. 11



Laurie Stewart

Laurie Stewart will serve as keynote speaker for the Zonta Club of Charlevoix Area Young Women's Day "Sights on Success" planned for Nov. 11 at

Camp Daggett, located at 03001 Church Road in Petoskey.

The event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The young ladies who attended last year's event specifically asked that Stewart be invited back. Stewart will lead young women in the sixth through ninth grades from Charlevoix and the surrounding school districts with a new interactive program featuring topics of self-esteem, goal setting,

confidence building, positive peer pressure and other topics related to young women.

There will be no cost to the young women attending this event. Lunch will be provided. T-shirts and goody bags are available to the first 100 registrants. Door prizes, including passes to Avalanche Bay will be drawn throughout the event.

To register, or for more information, contact Betsy Granstra at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, (231) 547-0982.

Zonta Club of Charlevoix Area meets at 11:45 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesday every month at Grey Gables restaurant in Charlevoix.

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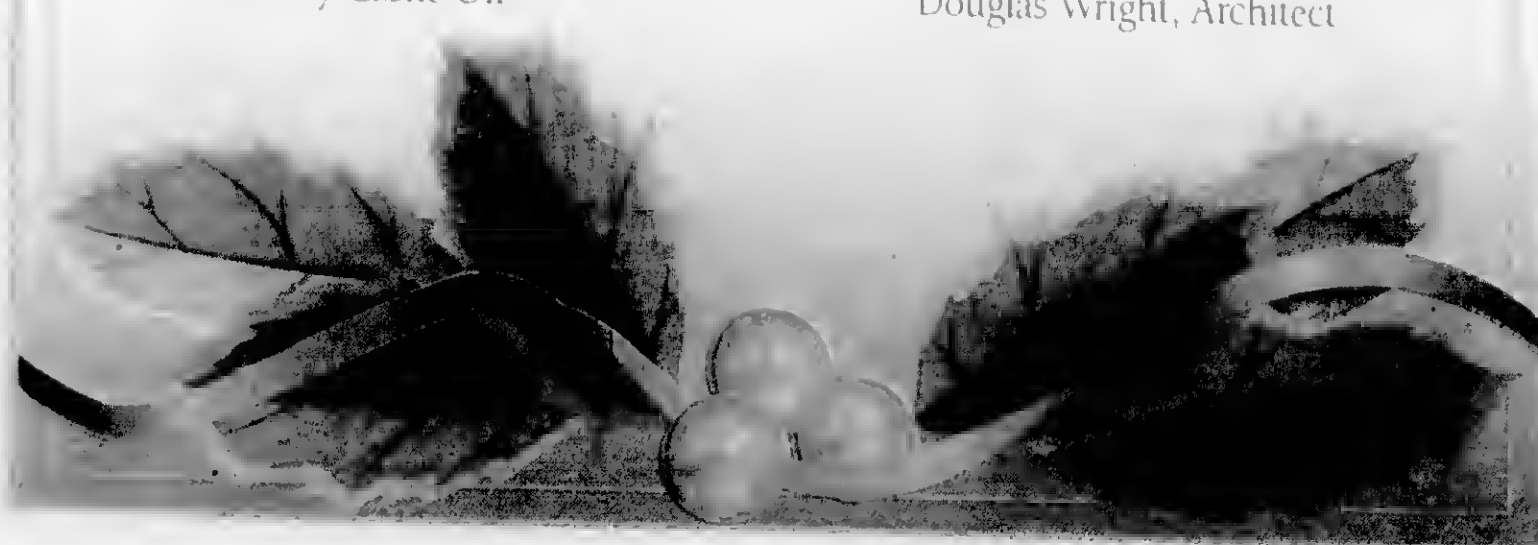
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Live fire plan gets resounding thumbs down

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Dozens of people attended the Coast Guard's live fire proposal public hearing on Friday, Nov. 3, unanimously giving the idea a thumbs down.

Aside from Charlevoix citizens and dignitaries such as the mayor, representatives from Senator Debbie Stabenow's office and even an appearance and comment from Congressman Bart Stupak, people from as far away as the Upper Peninsula came to voice their concerns over the Coast Guard's plan to continue automatic weapons training on the Great Lakes.

"We have not communicated with you, the public, effectively enough about this change on the Great Lakes," said Rear Admiral, John E. Crowley Jr. in the beginning of the meeting. "I hope you leave...with a better sense that your Coast Guard has managed this change well. Managed it through standardization of equipment. Managed it through standardization of training. Managed it with an environmental responsibility



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

John Haggard and his wife, Phyllis, chatted with several members of the Coast Guard and public prior to the public hearing portion of last Friday's meeting.

and managed it through careful intergovernmental discussions."

He added, "We're here to guarantee you that your concerns are important to us and will be carefully considered."

Following a presentation by Dr. James Maughan, the sci-

entist who prepared CH2M Hill's risk assessment for the Coast Guard, Master Chief Pat O'Kelly, said a few words about the guns that have been and will be used.

Maughan outlined the information contained in his 80-plus page report. He said the amount

of metals the Coast Guard will introduce into the water will not negatively affect the health of people or the environment. He also said no areas that will be used have been tested for preexisting levels of lead, copper, zinc or antimony.

The public comment period

began with concerns from Stupak.

"It goes without saying that the Great Lakes are a great and well-known recreational resource. Many people depend on the Great Lakes for boating, fishing, drinking water," he said. "I've only been able to find one person who is for this proposal and many, many who are opposed to it. I'm troubled by three main issues. The first is the limited notice to the public."

Stupak said the Coast Guard's plan to communicate via marine band radio is not enough when considering public safety.

"The second major issue of concern I have is the fact that several of these zones are in high traffic areas of boats doing fishing and recreational activities on the Great Lakes," he said. "The third major concern I have is the environment. When I look at this five-year plan and see that the Coast Guard will be putting approximately 7,000 pounds of copper

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Public outcry heard at live fire proposal meeting

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and lead into our Great Lakes. I'm not confident it will have a negligible result."

He added, "I request you have additional studies on the consequences of putting that (lead and copper) into the Great Lakes. The way it has been put to me a number of times is that we would not allow any industry in the Great Lakes to put 7,000 pounds of lead or copper discharged into our Great Lakes and we don't think the Coast Guard is justified in doing the same."

Carol Ward of Deer Lake said she was concerned with the lack of notice which will be given to the public prior to the live fire exercises.

"I hope information will be more forthcoming and accurate," she said. "I have not seen any analysis or any study that suggests the need for deadly force on the Great Lakes. If there is none, why is the change in policy permitting it? Is it possible to use fewer than the 34 sites proposed and locate them in areas that are not frequented by citizens for boating and fishing."

She added, "I do hope that the permanent zones will not become general training sites used by others — possibly the Air Force."

Dr. Mike Doyle, who represented Bay Mills College and Michigan State University, said of his many concerns, two were paramount.

"The ecological study that was prepared (by CH2M Hill) focused on recreational fish consumption and I'd like to note that the Whitefish Bay zone is located near the Bay Mills Indian community and many of the tribal members are subsistence fisheries people. They have a higher consumption of fish and indeed a higher risk of possibly absorbing more metals than recreational fishermen," he said. "The second issue I'd like to address is the issue of the St. Mary's River, which is adjacent to the Whitefish Bay...which has been defined by the EPA as an area of concern, which is a legal definition which means that there's been pollution of some sort and in this case the pollution is indeed heavy metal. The EPA has spent millions of

dollars on studying and remediation on this system."

He added, "This has not been addressed in the study and I propose that this be looked at in more detail."

Randy Bond of Benzie County said, "Please tell me this is not true. Or do you have knowledge of threats that us mere mortals are not privy to? Perhaps Osama Bin Laden is planning a flotilla to attack Milwaukee. That would justify this project, or a direct threat from senior citizens sneaking into Canada to buy prescription drugs so they can afford to eat as well as medicate. This is a major threat to our benevolent pharmaceutical companies thus denying them their obscene profits."

He added, "However, if there are not threats, then this plan is as ill-conceived as anything this government has ever planned."

A representative of the Beaver Island Boat Company asked that the live fire zone be used in the off season to prevent them from being forced

to add 30 minutes to their trip from Charlevoix to Beaver Island by going around the live fire zone.

The biggest proponent of the proposed zones, aside from the Coast Guard, was local resident, John Haggard.

Haggard said the only way the Coast Guard can learn to handle dangerous situations is by training.

"In order to protect our country, these young men and women need to learn to operate equipment safely," he said.

Local, Edith Gilbert, asked who is profiteering by producing the weapons and ammunition which will now go to the Coast Guard.

All official comments made during the hearing will be recorded at the office of Docket Management.

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Ghouls take to the streets in search of treats



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(Above) Charlevoix Elementary School Principal, Dick Swenor, showed his Halloween spirit while supporting the Detroit Tigers. Here Swenor is dressed as outfielder, Magglio Ordonez. Swenor has participated in the parade for the 13 years he has been with Charlevoix Public Schools. (Below) The Tin Man of Wizard of Oz fame was represented during the annual Halloween parade. This year's parade route stretched approximately 2-and-a-half miles round-trip.



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(Above) Business owners give out candy to Charlevoix Elementary School students. (Below) The students of the newly formed elementary classes at Northwest Academy got their share of treats at the Villager Pub during their first ever participation in the annual afternoon trick-or-treat event in downtown Charlevoix.



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Parlez-vous français? CHS students study French through NCMC partner program

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Samantha
Shull

Despite a barrage of budget cuts by local schools, Charlevoix High School was able to maintain its French program by out sourcing to North

Central Michigan College.

According to Charlevoix High School Principal, Gary Grundman, when former Charlevoix High School French teacher, Susan Kessler, retired last spring, school officials decided not to replace her.

"We have our third and fourth-year French kids enrolled in a four-hour college course," Grundman said. "We're paying for the tuition and this is probably the first college credit most of these kids will have on their transcript."

He added, "I feel good that we're meeting the needs of our kids and I'm glad they are able to take the biannual trip to France."

Grundman said the school saved approximately one-third of Kessler's previous salary by bringing an instructor over

from North Central Michigan College, but said he wishes the school could have replaced her.

"I'm very disappointed we had to cut one of our second languages," he said. "But, so far we have been able to maintain a strong and diverse curriculum that puts us in a position to implement the new (rigorous) requirements."

Twenty-five high-schoolers, at \$425.60 per student, are currently enrolled in the class for a total cost of \$10,640 per semester. The school will see a savings of approximately \$64,700 by farming the work out to the local college.

Charlevoix High School senior, Samantha Shull, said, while she isn't getting any credit for the class, she is happy for the opportunity to continue learning French.

"The University of Michigan doesn't count this as dual enrollment and most similar colleges have the same standard as far as I know," she said. "The school failed to tell the students that, so I'm just taking

the class to learn French."

Grundman said, while it is true the University of Michigan won't accept the credits, most universities will.

"U of M has their own way of doing things," he said.

The way Grundman explained it, the kids taking the college level French course are no different than those who go to North Central and take it.

"If there's room, people from the Charlevoix area can take the class here instead of driving to Petoskey," Grundman said.

Shull said the class taught by the college instructor is much more demanding than the one previously taught by Kessler.

"There are huge changes," she said. "We're supposed to spend twice the amount of time at home working as we do in class. We have more homework and higher expectations."

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Because the holidays are traditionally times to celebrate and reflect on our lives, the loss of a loved one can change the holidays into a time of sadness and loneliness. Through sharing ideas, talking with others who are facing similar prospects this holiday season,

and printed information, the seminar will address the concerns of those attending and help generate ideas about ways to enhance the holiday season for yourself and for those who love you.

Handling the Holidays will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the new Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

The sessions will be facilitated by Safe Crossings family counselors. To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Using technology to track your ancestry

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the lower level community room of the Boyne District Library, located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

Genealogical researchers will give a demonstration of how to use Ancestry.com and Google to search for ances-

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Scovie's owners to add Caribbean hot spot to local holdings

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

A Caribbean breeze is expected to sweep through Charlevoix in March 2007.

While many may hope this means Charlevoix can look forward to a mild winter, it really means the taste buds of locals and visitors will soon be tantalized by the flavors of the Pacific Rim.

Last week, Scott and Vi Forreider, owners of Scovie's Gourmet, along with Scott's parents, Leonard and Joan Forreider, purchased the former Ferry Beach Inn, located at 230 Ferry Avenue, from Jack Strand.

"We want to bring something new to Charlevoix," Vi said. "This will be another place our regular customers can enjoy fresh ingredients."

"We want to bring it (Nanny's Ferry Beach Inn) back to its fullest potential if not exceed the potential it once reached."

They plan to continue to operate their successful Scovie's Gourmet at 111 Bridge St. with manager, Eric Wlodarczyk, heading up that operation and in March 2007 will open their latest endeavor.

The new restaurant will offer a lunch and dinner menu featuring dinner entrees ranging in price from \$12 to \$18 and a full-service tiki bar which will incorporate an extensive wine list. The menu will draw from Pacific Rim and Polynesian influences and will include items like Plantain nachos, jerk chicken, buffalo chicken, spring rolls and Dim Sum.

Their hours of operation will be from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and the couple is exploring the option of a Sunday brunch.

The Forreiders will tackle the business venture in two phases. The first will be to renovate and open the restaurant, which seats 180 people, as well as overhauling the adjoining motel rooms. In the second phase, they will remove the third floor lodging and replace it with a banquet hall.

Rooms will be available to rent in December.

One important element of phase one is naming the restaurant. Scott and Vi have some ideas of their own.

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Courtesy photo
Owners of Scovie's Gourmet, Leonard, Joan, Vi and Scott Forreider expanded their holdings last week to also include the former Ferry Beach Inn at 230 Ferry Avenue. They plan to open a restaurant there in March 2007 that specializes in Caribbean cuisine.

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Caribbean cuisine coming to former Nanny's location

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but are looking for input from the community. A "name that restaurant" contest will award dinner for four to the person who comes up with the winning name.

"Think tropical, generic," Vi said. E-mail name proposals to info@scovies.com.

Scott estimated the new year-round restaurant will employ about 35 people.

They are planning an invite-only "soft opening" where guests will be given 50 percent off their food bill in exchange for attending and filling out a comment card. This will help them forecast problems before opening full tilt.

Scott's experience in the restaurant business started when he was 14 at the Birchwood Country Club, where he was a dishwasher. From there he worked his way up the ranks in the kitchen. He later went on to attend Northwood Institute in Midland and North Central Michigan College in

Petoskey where he studied culinary arts and business. He is originally from the Petoskey, Harbor Springs area.

Vi, a native of central Indiana, is a self-taught restaurateur. She learned to bake from her grandmother and mother and learned to operate all facets of a restaurant during numerous apprenticeships. Before moving to Charlevoix in 2003, Vi opened 11 restaurants in one year in Phoenix, Ariz.

"I love the restaurant business, every day is something different," she said.

After leaving Arizona and relocating to Charlevoix, in April 2003 Scott and Vi opened the successful Scovie's Gourmet. The restaurant has evolved from a sandwich, coffee and pastry stop featuring beer and wine to go, to a bistro style gourmet bake shop with dinner, catering options and culinary gift items.

"It's a lot of hard work (opening the new restaurant) but we're very excited. It's because of the support we've had from the community that we are able to do this," Vi said.

Derek Chowen receives Accredited Asset Management Specialist designation



Derek Chowen

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder basketball feels high and low of pay back

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

They say that revenge is sweet. The Charlevoix Rayders found that out early last week when they avenged an earlier conference loss to Kalkaska, 63-51.

However, the Rayders were on the other hand of a pay back last Thursday, Nov. 2, as they lost to Boyne City, 67-60. Earlier in the season, the Ramblers suffered their first loss of the season to Charlevoix.

The loss dropped Charlevoix into a first place tie with Boyne with identical 11-2 marks in the Lake Michigan Conference. Both teams closed out league play this week as the Rayders played at Elk Rapids and Boyne traveled to East Jordan on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Results were unavailable at press time.

It was a back and forth contest against Kalkaska with the Rayders leading 11-7 after the first quarter. The second quarter saw five lead changes before a Desi Faust three-pointer as time expired tied the score at 22-22.

For the quarter, Charlevoix hit on just four of 22 shots. The third quarter was more of the same, with neither team leading by more than two until two Robin Petzak free throws gave the Rayders a 39-36 lead at the end of the period.

Charlevoix completed a 9-0 run in the beginning of the fourth quarter with the key play, a Lori Zimmerman rebound, coast-to-

coast drive and three-point play. The run, which occurred in the last minute of the third quarter and first two minutes of the fourth, gave the Rayders a 44-36 advantage they would never relinquish.

Kalkaska was no closer than six points the rest of the way while Charlevoix led by as many as 13.

"Kalkaska was able to get their tempo most of the game," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "But in the fourth quarter we were able to get just enough quick points to make a little run and get a double-digit lead. Bethany Pearson, Tammy Potter and Lori Zimmerman all made some big baskets in the fourth."

Zimmerman led the Rayders in scoring with 16 points. Sophomore Tammy Potter had 14 points and 15 rebounds and Bethany Pearson scored 10.

Against Boyne, the Rayders were in another topsy-turvy game with multiple lead changes. The teams were tied 45-45 headed into the final period but Boyne pulled away in the game's final minutes.

"Boyne City deserved to win, there's no question," Haske said. "Our transition defense was very poor. Hopefully we'll learn from that because I'm sure we'll see Boyne back here in the districts."

Zimmerman led the Rayders with 15 points. Tammy Potter, Becca Madison and Bethany Pearson all scored nine.



Courtesy photo

Perfect season

The Charlevoix Rayders 4-H, U-14 soccer team went 14-0 this season, taking first place at TBAYS Autumn Classic and first place at the Alpine Stampede Invitational. The Rayders beat Elk Rapids 10-0 and 8-0; Alpena 6-0; Traverse City Wings 9-0 and 15-0; Boyne City 7-0; Gaylord 7-0, 2-0 and 3-0; TBAYS 4-3; and Petoskey 1-0, 3-0, 5-2 and 5-1. The team is (front, from left to right) Thomas Rich, Boog Nitchman, Zac Merrill, Ryan Wimmer, William Larsen and Matthew Klooster, (back, from left) Eric Buday, John Shea, Ben Myers, Shaun Couture, Alex Jons, Wyatt Drost and Wade Werth. The Rayders out-scored their opponents 75-6. Goalie, Shaun Couture had 11 shutouts.

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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

The popularity of text messaging among teens

BY KIMBERLY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER



Kimberly Way

Once upon a time, cell phones were used for just that — phones.

Today, mobile phones are used much of the time for text messaging, e-mail, and navigation.

"(Text messaging) is so convenient," said junior Aubrey Way. "I can text (message) at nearly all hours of the day — I love it."

Whether you're having dinner with family, at the movie, or doing homework with friends, text messaging is always an option; however, timing is crucial.

At Charlevoix High, cell phones are prohibited during school hours. Officials find them to be distractions during times when schoolwork should be top priority. But cell phones aren't the only electronic device not allowed in CHS classrooms. Mp3 players are also on the list of "no-can-dos."

Upon receiving a new iPod Nano for her birthday, freshman Meagan Golovich wanted to bring it to school to listen to during her down time.

"I was (disappointed) that I couldn't bring my new iPod to school," said Golovich. "But rules are rules."

Officials at Charlevoix High School spend countless minutes during the school day asking students to remove earphones or cell phones from their person. It's an endless task.

Text messaging and music are top distractions in the classroom. Many students can be found sending texts to their friends throughout the day and are often seen with headphones strung through the neck of their shirts.

"It'll be a tough problem to solve," said Way.

But the school has hopes of enforcing these rules to perfection in the near future.

Kimberly Way is the writer and coordinator of Teen Scene. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by e-mail at way_kim@hotmail.com.



Photo by Kim Way

Charlevoix High School junior, Sarah Klooster, zaps a quick text message to a friend before class. Klooster is one of many local teens that use their cell phones to talk in text.

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1927 CAST iron claw foot bath tub marked with Robert A. Bonthron. \$200. Call (231)547-2181.

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ESTATE SALE 217 Belvedere Ave., Friday and Saturday November 10 & 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everything goes, furniture, kitchen ware, beds, bikes cars. 237-9610

1370 FUEL & FIREWOOD

SEASONED HARD Maple firewood. \$60 face cord delivered. Leave Message. (231)547-0845.

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HOMEGROWN BEEF, conventionally raised, hormone free, antibiotic free, half or whole. Will do split halves. Margherio Farms, Norwood area. (231)547-3122.

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CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN, nice second floor office room. \$300 plus utilities. Call Aila at (231)547-7916.

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NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of CHARLES L. MOSES, Decedent. Date of Birth: AUGUST 19, 1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Charles L. Moses, the decedent, who lived at 12680 Klooster Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on August 26, 2006. There is no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the decedent will be forever barred unless presented to Rita E. Brodin, Successor Trustee of the Charles L. Moses Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: October 12, 2006

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046) Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

Rita E. Brodin, Successor Trustee
of Hoffman & Hoffman
103 Belvedere Avenue
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(L-11/08)

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CIRCUIT COURT SALE

CASE NO. 05-905-20-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of September, 2006, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein IRWIN UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY was the Complainant; and Doran N. Lange, Anne Lange, Lange Limited, LLC, Migdal Family, LLC; Republic Bank; Independent Bank South Michigan; Capitol National Bank, N.A.; and Charlevoix Holdings, Inc. were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the front lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of December, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon, local time, the following described property, viz:

PARCEL 1: COUNTRY CLUB PARK PARCEL (INCLUDING PARCEL "A" OF THE SUSAN CASCIANI PROP. ERTY)

In the Townships of Hayes & Charlevoix, Charlevoix County Michigan, COMMENCING at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 559.9 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76 degrees 04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77 degrees 42'20" West and as South 77 degrees 39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5 degrees 59'01" East, (recorded as South 4 degrees 25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87 degrees 59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2 degrees 00'25" East (recorded as South 0-21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North

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1/8 line South 76 degrees 18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Section 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said section line and the East line of said block South 1 degrees 00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87 degrees 51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0 degrees 55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88 degrees 51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1 degrees 03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road of said block South 88 degrees 51'29" West 100.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1 degrees 05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the West 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1203.49 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50 degrees 23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 243.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West & a part of the Northeast of the



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Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 15, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

PARCEL 2: BALANCE OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST LYING SOUTH OF U.S.-31

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said section South 76 degrees 04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76 degrees 04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South quarter line of said section South 1 degrees 31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said quarter line South 1 degrees 31'09" East 543.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West.

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, to Walloon Lake Properties LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company whose address is PO Box 640, Walloon Lake, Michigan 49796, dated March 27, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on September 13, 2006, in Liber 665, Pages 874 through 882 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of \$82,159.12, including interest at 5% per annum and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of five (5 %) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PARCEL:

PARCEL 1 (PROPOSED MOTEL PROPERTY)

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a Charlevoix County marker at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 126.14 feet to the centerline of Highway U.S.-31; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 574.87 feet to POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 230.00 feet; thence South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southeastery line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 219.64 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 355.07 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 02 degrees 00'25" East 100.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 55 degrees 58'21" West 176.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 524.55 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, and containing 3.829 acres.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 11, 2006

Walloon Lake Properties LLC, Mortgagee
Attorney:
Burke T. Lewis
301 Burke Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 526-6600
(L-10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08)

Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or possessed for street, road or highway purposes.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: October 4, 2006

JANE E. BRANNON
Charlevoix County Clerk

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By: Donald Schnelder
Deputy Sheriff

Raynor D. Zillgitt, Jr. (P39824)
Willingham & Cote, P.C.
Attorneys for Complainant
333 Albert Avenue, Suite 500
East Lansing, MI 48823
(L-10/04, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08, 11/15)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by TOMMY S. MINTON and GEORGINA A. MINTON, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, on March 25, 2003, in Liber 526, beginning on Page 456, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight and 56/100 (\$122,278.56) Dollars, including interest at 8.930% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Friday, December 1, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State Street, Char-

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MORTGAGE SALE

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NOV. 8

HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND-RAISER DINNER

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present the Ninth Annual Fund-raising Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at the Villager Pub, located at 427 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Society members will serve as hosts and wait staff. All tips will support the Charlevoix Historical Society. Door prizes will be awarded and the grand prize is dinner for two at Terry's Place.

NOV. 11 AND 12 SIGHT-IN DAYS

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will host two public sight-in days at the club grounds, located off U.S. 31 North. The club will provide targets for sight-in purposes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 11 and 12. The cost is \$5 per gun. For more information, call (231) 547-9047.

NOV. 13 HOSPITAL CONTEST

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is pleased to announce that their "Name Our Gift Shop Contest" is now open.

Visit the hospital gift shop, read the information and win a \$100 gift certificate if your gift shop name is chosen. Entrants need not be present to win.

The gift shop hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

The contest deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. Judges will choose the best gift shop name on Nov. 13.

NOV. 13 HOSPITAL GUILD MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. Members will be voting on changing the bylaws, monthly meetings and are asked to bring a favorite holiday recipe. Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-8651.

NOV. 15 REVIVAL SERVICES

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene located at U.S. 31 and Waller Road is holding a series of revival services beginning Wednesday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 19. The services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly Wednesday through Saturday. The Sunday service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

NOV. 16

BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

For an appointment, call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) or drop in. Donors are asked to bring an American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.

NOV. 23

THANKSGIVING SWIM

John McNabb of Charlevoix and his 14-year-old son, Douglas McNabb, of Traverse City, will raise money to help defray treatment costs for a local female health care worker involved in a recent car accident, by swimming in Lake Michigan on Thanksgiving Day. The swim will take place at 11 a.m. on Nov. 23 at Lake Michigan Beach. This is the fourth year the McNabbs have taken the plunge. For more information or to donate, call John McNabb at (231) 237-0380.

NOV. 30

HOLLY DAZE

The 14th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "An Enchanted

Evening," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The live auction will have items that focus on once in a lifetime experiences and other "enchanted" items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items for patients of the hospital.

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$100 per person (\$50 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. Tickets will be limited due to last year's near sell-out crowd, but are now available by calling (231) 547-8685 during normal business hours.

DEC. 10

COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Jordan Valley Community Band, a volunteer group of musicians from Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties will present a holiday concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the East Jordan High School Community Auditorium. Admission is free and donations accepted.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in down-

town Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- North Central Michigan College's Microsoft Excel Basics, 1 to 4 p.m., Nov. 9, Register by calling (231) 348-6705.
- Genealogy Reunion Meeting with Carol Goodenough, 6 to 8 p.m., Nov. 8.
- Computer Tidbit Demo: Downloadable Recorded Books, 1 p.m., Nov. 8.
- Computer Tidbit: Gold mining the library catalog, 7 p.m., Nov. 14.
- Computer Tidbit: Making Holiday Address labels, 1 p.m., Nov. 15.
- Medicare Drug Plans, are they for you? 1 p.m., Nov. 16 (registration required).

Petoskey Fall Arts, Crafts & Gift Show

Sat., Nov. 11th ~ 10-4 pm

Petoskey Knights of Columbus Hall
(US-31 just west of US 131)

Polish Pottery ~ Arbonne ~ Jewelry
Kid's books and clothing ~ Discovery Toys
Wood crafts ~ Tastefully Simple Gourmet Foods
Pampered Chef ~ Handmade Soaps & Lotions
Candles ~ Home & Garden Party ~ Shabby Chic
Handcrafted Notecards ~ Handwoven Rugs
Pictures & Holiday Decorations ~ Gift Items
Cookie Lee Jewelry and so much more!

\$1.00 admission or bring a non-perishable food item to get in free, all to benefit Brother Dan's Food Pantry in Petoskey!

The Public is welcome to bring any donations of non-perishable foods, toiletries and paper goods to the K of C Hall anytime Nov. 11th!



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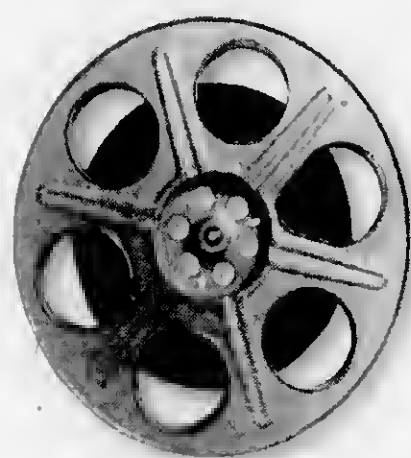
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Cool Cities process gets underway

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR



The process to develop a clear marketing plan for Charlevoix's future officially got underway on Nov. 6.

In July, Charlevoix learned it is one of five recipients of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns grants. Other winners are Petoskey, Muskegon Heights, Oscoda and Tecumseh.

The grant assists in funding development of a market study of the downtown area, and of a five-year economic enhancement action strategy. Now, the first steps in creating those pieces in the local economic puzzle are being taken.

On Nov. 6, the Downtown Development Authority determined the first leg in the race to cool will be run by key community members who are part of a Cool Cities Process

Committee.

This group will meet for the first time at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20 in city council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall. Scheduling and task assignment will be discussed.

The committee membership includes members of the Downtown Development Authority as well as 15 representatives from key sectors in the community like the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Charlevoix Public

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Farewell son

During Veterans' Day ceremonies last Saturday, Nov. 11, Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson Jr., proclaimed Nov. 11 to be Douglas E. Sloan Day in honor of the fallen soldier who was killed on Oct. 31 by an Improvised Explosive Device. Above, Sloan's parents, Wendy and Emory grieve with hands over hearts during the National Anthem. Emory is holding a 10th Mountain Division hat over his heart. At the time of his death, Doug, an Army Major was a member of that division stationed at Camp Blessing, located in northeast Afghanistan's Pesh Valley.

County commission to decide administrator's fate

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will likely decide at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 whether D. Wayne O'Neal will become Charlevoix County Administrator.

While First District Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, said the meeting was rescheduled because the origi-

nal date, Nov. 22, was too close to Thanksgiving, Sixth District County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, said the sooner O'Neal is hired, the better.

"We'd like to have him on board by Dec. 1," she said. "We didn't discuss it yesterday (Wednesday, Nov. 8) because the full board wasn't there (see the related story on page 12 in this week's Courier)."

Between now and then, Roloff said, she would like to meet one on one with the commissioners-elect and discuss why the current board feels there is a need for the new administrator position.

"They should know just what we're doing — the reasons why and the package we're going to offer him," she said. "I'm sure we will (address the issue) at the next meeting, unless they call a special

meeting."

She added, "We should jump on this as soon as possible."

Newly elected District Four Commissioner, Joel Evans, is puzzled by the board's apparent sudden interest in his opinion on the matter.

"I don't know what's happened now all of the sudden that they want to meet with us," Evans said. "I had a commissioner who talked

to me last night (Nov. 9). He was trying to convince me that this is the best thing we can do for the county."

Evans believes it is a good idea to decide O'Neal's fate after the new board takes office in January 2007.

"I'm against it right now, but I'm just one vote. We need to get

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Shannon Michael Rake, 31, East Jordan. Use of marijuana. Serve 14 days in jail with credit for 14 days; \$300 in fines and costs.

Luke James Herriman, 18, Charlevoix. Two counts-furnishing tobacco to a minor/minors. Fines and costs totaling \$400.

Christopher Adam Gage, 31, Charlevoix. Domestic violence-second offense. Serve 360 days in jail with credit for one day, 359 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/poison alcohol/controlled substances; attend family counseling; no alcohol in home; \$850 in fines and costs.

Paul Andrew Castor, 18, Vanderbilt. Minor in possession of tobacco. Fines and costs totaling \$85.

Andrew Charles Keller, 45, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 30 days in jail, 61 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/poison alcohol/controlled substances; \$500 in fines and costs.

Scott Michael Swadling, 38, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/poison alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Donovan William Schuil, 24, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 20 days in jail; \$500 in fines and costs.

Amberleigh Ashton-Keshick Behrens, 19, Charlevoix. Allow a person with suspended/revoked li-

cense to operate a vehicle. Serve 10 days in jail; \$250 in fines and costs.

Alan Dale Kline, 45, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/poison alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Wilbur James Wiser Jr., 24, East Jordan. Attempted fleeing and eluding a police officer. Serve 365 days in jail, to serve 15 days in jail, 335 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/poison alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$900 in fines and costs.

Misty Ann Urman, 28, Petoskey. False pretenses-more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. Serve 30 days in jail; \$766.15 in fines and costs.

Walter Louis Goldsmith III, 37, Petoskey. Disturbing the peace. Serve 45 days with credit for one day, 29 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/poison alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; fines and costs totaling \$870.08.

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Circuit Court:

Brenton Allen Rake, 23, East Jordan. Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house (probation violation). Serve 60 days in jail with credit for six days, to serve 60 days in jail; probation is revoked.

Danny Lee Russell, 45, Charlevoix. Attempted larceny by conversion-\$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000; occupational code-performing occupation without a license-first offense; state construction code violations (probation violation). Serve seven days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve seven days in jail.

Ernest Cecil Higbee Sr., 55, Mancelona. Check-no account (probation violation). Serve 163 days in jail with credit for 163 days, to serve 163 days in jail; probation is revoked.

Joseph Maynard Story, 22, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 270 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; \$590 in fines and costs.

Kenneth Roberts Mathews, 38, Attica. Arson-personal property-\$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000 (probation violation). Defendant continues probation and term shall be extended for two years; defendant

shall pay \$250 per month to be paid the first Thursday of each month.

Benjamin Neil Stutzman, 31, Boyne City. Two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana; controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 45 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; \$590 in fines and costs.

Donald Russell Ward, 25, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail, serve 24 months probation; \$645 in fines and costs.

Robert Deever Hall, 26, (last known address) Petoskey. Probation violation-attempted larceny in a building. Serve minimum of 16 months in prison, with credit for 342 days in jail; \$10,060 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mountain Rentals, 2495 U.S. 131, Boyne Falls, by Marjio Faith Beckman

Scott & Cindy's Landscaping

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Locals to lead Cool Cities Process Committee

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Library, Charlevoix Public Schools and the retail community.

According to city planner, Gerry Harsch, this Process Committee will do a lot of the preliminary leg work for consultants with the firm, HyettPalma, who will formulate the market study and develop the action strategy.

From now until the end of January, the committee will conduct busi-



Gerry Harsch

ness and residential surveys, gather residential, business and parking maps and will look at the history of retail sales tax.

Because of the sizable task being assigned to the process committee, the

Downtown Development Authority has advertised for a Cool Cities project coordinator. The position is a four-month term of employment for a candidate with a background in market and economic development who has community organizational and promotional skills. A wage was not determined.

Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns is a 50/50 match grant. Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner, has estimated the project cost, not including the

coordinator's pay, to be \$30,000. The local \$15,000 match will come from the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and is included in the group's 2006-2007 budget.

According to Harsch, the goal is to identify what exists, and what steps should be taken over the next five years to attract businesses and guide appropriate development.

Measurable results that will be tracked include the creation of new jobs and private investments in the

downtown.

During the May grant application process, Harsch stated Charlevoix is in need of the Blueprints program because of its empty storefronts in the business district, its need to transition from a seasonal community to a year-round community and the stagnation of development on Bridge Street. He also stated that job loss from the decommissioning of both Big Rock Point and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Acacia make Charlevoix a worthy choice.

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and Flower Care, 15631 Rosehelen Lane, Charlevoix, by Scott A. and Cindy Engler Louiselle

TNT Construction, 00940 Wilson Road, Boyne City, by Tom J. Crumbaugh

Paradigm Energy, 11195 Essex Road, Ellsworth, by Richard K. Evans

Rhonda's Daycare, 1112 Water St., East Jordan, by Rhonda E. Zmily

Allegro Music, 418 McKinley, Boyne City, by William and Diane Kelly

Northern Lites Enterprises, 08855 Martin Road, Charlevoix, by Roger A. Burns II

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Christopher Lee VanBuren, 45 and Edna Gerald Sousa, 30, both of Boyne City

Vaso George Ballis, 27 and Lara Jean Cromwell, 26, both of Boyne City

Michael Allan Bischoff, 50 and Carla Rae Boening, 51, both of Petoskey

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Laura Marie Archambault vs. James Russell Archambault
Gail Tompkins vs. Mark Tompkins

Daniel Scott vs. Pauline Kay Scott

BIRTHS

Kendall Reese Drake weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces was born Oct. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amy and Kipp Drake of Ellsworth. His sibling is Jenna Kidder. His grandparents are Mary and Paul Hoffman of Ellsworth, Ernest

Higbee Sr. of Mancelona and Sheri and Doug Drake of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Margaret Nunmance of Gaylord and Irene Drake of Ionia.

Tyler Joseph Dickinson weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was born on Oct. 24 at the Metro Health of Grand Rapids to Eric and Heather Dickinson of Grand Rapids. His sibling is Andrew. His grandparents are Roger and Sue Gilbert of Petoskey and David and Karen Dickinson of Charlevoix.

Bret Raya Aryanna Blanchard weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces was born on Oct. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sarah Blanchard and Benjamin Knapp of Charlevoix. The grandparents are Jeff and Tammy Hart of East Jordan, Mark and Connie Knapp and Owen Blanchard of Charlevoix. The great-grandparents are Robert and Lorie Urvina of Rochester, Wash., Patricia and Paul Firisbey of Alanson and

Burr Blanchard of Charlevoix.

Zachary Walker Goodrich weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces was born on Oct. 27 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Diane Goodrich and Jeffrey Berry of Gaylord. His sibling is Kendra Olson and his grandparents are Ken and Jane Goodrich of Elmira.

Josephine Noelle Ciesielczyk weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Oct. 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Carey and Nikke Ciesielczyk of Charlevoix. She has two siblings.

Jacob Ryan Rumeyn weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born on Oct. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan and Andrea Rumeyn of East Jordan. His siblings are Winter, Israh and Maria. His grandparents are Dave and Barb Gosma of Muskegon and Don and Carol Romeyn of Zeeland. His great-grandparent is Ruth Romeyn of Zeeland.

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THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

There are many derogatory labels attached to U.S. soldiers — baby killer, murderer, pig.

Most recently John Kerry, a politician of questionable judgment, in a botched attack on the president,

basically said only morons join the military.

In addition to stupid comments by prominent figures and people already filled with unrelenting hate for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, are the politicians who abuse our military resources by waging bloody campaigns for reasons other than protection of the nation.

After awhile, even moderate

folks are more apt to oppose wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions.

However, some people become so emotional over tumult, they begin blaming people who have no say in who or why they fight.

A soldier's post is apolitical, but it's easy to despise a person or idea when reduced to simplest terms.

So what is a soldier? Is he merely a man with a gun? Is he the mindless killer in a pacifist's nightmare? Is he more than boots, rifle, camouflage and canteen?

Of course, some of us don't want to take a closer look. It is much easier to hate something when kept unfamiliar. But make no mistake, these soldiers are someone's brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers.

And still some of us refuse to recognize the sacrifice.

Some of the faceless and nameless come home and some of them don't. Some of them come home healthy and some of them don't.

Soldiers promise to do as they

are told — no questions asked — even if it means their demise. So offer these men and women fortunate enough to return from conflict your help, but save your pity and your contempt for those who deserve it.

Luckily my grandfather came home in one piece from action in 1950s Korea. I think he would have laughed at Kerry's joke — poor taste that it was.

Grandpa was a voracious reader with a brain that would shame Funk & Wagnalls and the New World Encyclopedia. He was a large man, easily 6 feet, 4 inches with a deep booming voice, though his gentle nature belied his imposing stature. Even in my adulthood the man towered over me.

With his great strawberry-blond beard and kind face, he was the spitting image of a Christmas card Santa Claus. And, when he smiled, he smiled with his whole face. Watching him laugh made you feel so good you'd have to fight back tears.

Aside from being an intellectual and the last word in general knowledge, grandpa was a camper, hunter, writer, craftsman and master storyteller.

He fathered seven children who gave him 22 grandchildren. We, in turn, gave him 13 great-grandchildren.

Other than the couple times I asked him, grandpa never talked about his wartime service. I'm sure he was grateful for the opportunity to serve his country and his family.

He enlisted over a half-century ago not because he was a Republican or a Democrat, not because he was a bloodthirsty killer and not because he wanted money for college. He joined the armed forces so he could help protect everything he held dear.

Years ago I began calling grandpa on Veterans' Day just to say thank-you for his effort so long ago. Of course, the focus of the conversation would always turn to how and what I was doing.

ing.

Shortly after his passing a couple years ago, a family member confided how much those calls meant to him. Leave it to grandpa to have more gratitude for being thanked than did the person doing the thanking.

I have many regrets in my life. I wish I wouldn't have waited so long to start that short-lived ritual of simply thanking him for having the courage to do what so many would not.

John Wayne said, "Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway." Don't let politics prevent you from thanking someone you know for, "Saddling up."

Veterans' Day 2006 has passed, but it's not too late to pick up the phone, bake a dozen cookies for, or send a card to a veteran you know.

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Thank educators this week for shaping future



A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Nov. 12-18 is American Education Week.

The origins of recognizing teachers dates back to 1944 when Matty Whyte Woodridge, started writing politicians about the need to honor teachers. It wasn't until Eleanor Roosevelt stepped in, that Congress took notice. She persuaded the 81st Congress to

proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953.

American Education Week recognizes teachers and extended staff as well. This is a good time to visit with your child at school to be thanked for all of your efforts too, as you play an integral role in the education of your child. It's time to recognize the secretaries, classroom aides, maintenance staff, cafeteria workers, bus drivers and counselors who provide an invaluable service for all of our children.

I need to thank my mom for steering me in the direction of earning a teaching certificate. By age 14 I felt certain I would become an actress or artist. Mom

was realistic and gently informed me that she would not financially support a daughter who chose to work on busy street corners selling her art or earn her living with her antics as a mime. Thus, I was strongly encouraged by both my parents to earn a teaching degree and establish a career that had stronger possibilities of security. I'm glad I listened and followed through.

I've never regretted earning that certificate. It has helped me in so many ways throughout all the new and different career paths I've taken. Teaching has a way of getting you organized. It helps you understand flexibility and it encourages you to have a sense

of humor. It brings out your child-like side and strengthens empathy for change and expectation. What other career allows you to learn how to handle your liquid intake so you could finish a lesson without a bathroom break. What other career challenges you daily to remember who can eat snacks, what food items they're allergic to and how to diversify your approach to meet the needs of each child's learning style.

It is a career that recruits individuals ready to be prepared for threats not only from outside sources but inside as well. It's a job that expects performance and demands accountability by parents and the state.

When I think back on the people in my life who influenced me most, a teacher's name always comes to mind. When I ask my girls what they remember most about their education in Charlevoix, the Beaver Island trip, spring musical, Washington D.C., and the advanced biology trip are at the top of the list. The curriculum that was linked with these experiences remains with them as well. Lessons learned followed up with hands on experience are part of the "see it, say it, write it and experience it" philosophy. We are fortunate to have teachers in Charlevoix who feel the same.

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LETTERS to the editor

CHARM ISN'T A LUXURY
Editor:

I want to give an update to all those who have been following the controversy over a hotel/motel/condo building proposed for a lot on Pine River Lane, in Charlevoix. The developer added to the plans a 10 foot by 15 foot room in the ground floor level, labeled lobby-office. This made the 32 unit, two bedroom suites a "hotel," under the zoning code.

The neighbors had continuing objections, namely that the building was stuffed into its lot, was too big and close to the street for the residential neighborhood, would generate too much traffic for an already crowded one-way street, and its commercial plainness would damage the value or "charm" of Pine River Lane as a residential neighborhood walkway to Lake Michigan, taken by thousands of visitors.

At Monday's meeting of the City Council, the city attorney advised the council that even if this area of Pine River Lane might be a residential neighborhood functionally, it is technically zoned commercial, and the council members should put aside all considerations of whether they "like" or "dislike" the project, also whether the project is "good" or "bad" for Charlevoix. Instead, they should think only on whether the project meets the technical parameters of the zone. Thus advised,

recovery may not be possible. If we take an indifferent attitude toward Charlevoix's appearance, especially as seen by our visitors, surely the consequences will be negative.

Steven Hansen
Charlevoix

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EDUCATION

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Teaching doesn't end when the bell rings as some may believe. Homework corrections, lesson plans, curriculum meetings, school committee reports and professional development keep teachers engaged mentally until bedtime.

Summers are spent in continuing education classes which are required in Michigan schools. Individuals who choose this pro-

cession do so because they care about children and our future. Other careers may offer the same care but none have the daily reward of a child's look of awe when they express that, "Ahh, now I get it" look when they understand how to do something new.

Great teachers, make great schools and better students. Involved parents make better role models and round out the picture of everyone working together. So this week we are thankful for everyone who plays an integral part

in educating children.

This news columnist ends by saying, "Thank you" to my colleagues and dedicated parents who have the future in their hands.

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all but council member Gibson rubber-stamped the approval given last week by the planning commission.

As a result of questioning by the council, the members heard, definitively, that it was illegal for people to dwell (more than transient) in a building in the commercial district. However, this possible/likely development was thought to be not an approval issue but an enforcement issue.

I thank the citizens who spoke before the council, expressing their opinions about the dangers of over-development and the disarray of our zoning regulations.

Neither the Planning Commission nor the City Council seemed able to give much currency to the idea of loss of charm and unique presentation of the city to visitors as negatives for Charlevoix. I think a toxic mixture of development costs, sense of entitlement, political indifference and zoning mistakes may squander the value of the Pine River Lane neighborhood. I keep hoping something can be done to avoid an unnecessary waste.

Charm isn't a luxury for Charlevoix. In the overall picture, charm pays dividends. Charm should continue to be a part of Charlevoix's success. Charm is the complement to Charlevoix's natural beauty. Both can be destroyed by its citizens. As with global warming, I think there is a "tipping point" beyond which

collaborative programs and events. Working together, we will be able to do many meaningful things.

How many fires did we prevent today? Each one that did not start.

Joe Schwartzfisher
Shift commander
City of Charlevoix Fire Department

'THANKS' MR. BASKETBALL

Editor:

I would like to give a great big "thanks" to Mr. Joe Vogelheim.

I played on the seventh-grade girls Rayder basketball team and Joe bought dinner for all of the seventh and eighth-grade girls' basketball teams.

He is so nice to do that for us girls. Joe is always thinking of the kids.

Mersadz Schmidt
Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX ATTACKS GLOBAL WARMING

Editor:

Thank you to the warm and generous citizens of Charlevoix.

The new library and city hall are gleaming examples of your commitment to education and civic progress.

I have recently made presentations on global warming to the Lions, Rotary, First Congregational members who attended the screening of "An Inconvenient Truth" and Charlevoix City Council. It is with my great pleasure that I can witness the inspiring leadership of this enlightened city at a critical point in history.

Around the world and right here in northern Michigan the impacts from global warming are undeniable. Lower lake levels, shorter winter seasons and diminishing snows threaten the once reliable tourist industries as well as fragile ecological niches. The once booming winter recreation industries have seen fewer visitors every year. Trout and whitefish which have already been reduced by invasive species are now threatened by warming waters. As cold water species, their habitat is projected to be reduced by a third.

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Karen Lewis named Margaret Duerr Book Award winner

Karen Smith Lewis, volunteer curator of the Charlevoix Depot Museum and the Harsha House Museum, has been recognized by the Charlevoix Public Library with the fourth annual Margaret Duerr Book Award.

Beginning in 1999 Karen spearheaded the renovation of the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House dining room and had the vision to organize important shows which have included "Charlevoix Artists of the Past," two highly acclaimed displays of historical quilts made by area women, "The Rosa Nettleton Exhibit" co-sponsored with the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, and this past summer's very successful "Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant" exhibit.

She has researched and organized numerous retrospectives focusing on families, occupations, industries and events from Charlevoix's past. Some of these included documentation of the fishing industry, athletic teams, marine and lighthouse history, needlework of area craftspeople and local Native American history.

Lewis' idea to begin an "Adopt a Painting" program at the historical society has resulted in dozens of original pieces of art being restored and hung at the Harsha House. Her contributions to the Charlevoix community make her a deserving choice for the 2006 Margaret Duerr Book Award.

Each year an individual who has demonstrated an interest in



Courtesy photo

Fourth Annual Margaret Duerr book award winner, Karen Lewis (left), pictured with Friends of the Library member, Cynthia Postmus.

the preservation of the history of northern Michigan is selected for this award, named for and first presented to Margaret Duerr, a

devoted employee and long-time volunteer at the Charlevoix Public Library. Previous winners are Marilyn Boss and Clayton Smith.

Although Char-Em United Way kicked off its 2006-2007 fund-raising campaign a little more than a month ago, the group has already exceeded 20 percent of its \$200,000 goal for the year.

"We are very pleased with the early results," said Martha Lancaster, Char-Em United Way executive director.

If the United Way reaches its goal, the Frey Foundation will award a challenge grant of an additional \$20,000, the first of a three-year challenge grant to Char-Em United Way.

"Many new work sites have joined the campaign this year and many whom we didn't contact last year are back as full partners this year," Lancaster said.

The theme of the United Way Campaign is "What's Raised Here,

Stays Here," emphasizing that nearly all the funds raised support local health and human service agencies. Char-Em United Way distributed over \$103,000 to 33 health and human service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Tax deductible donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770.

In addition to providing financial support to local agencies, Char-Em United Way works year-round in the community on initiatives such as the Day of Caring, Bom Learning Collaborative, 2-1-1, and the federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

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WEDDING

Resch — Bergeron

Heather Resch and Max Bergeron of Traverse City were married on Sept. 3 in an outdoor wedding ceremony at Greystone Mansion in Honor. Sheryl Sedgeman performed the double ring rites.

The bride is the daughter of Jeffery and Rebecca Resch of Charlevoix and Patti Resch of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of Keith and Roberta Bergeron of Lincoln, Neb.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Jeffery Resch. The maid of honor was Angie Schmidt. Bridesmaids were Amanda Waskiewicz, Alaina Freeman, Kathy Curtis and Melissa Bentley. The flower girl was Emma Waskiewicz.

The best man was the groom's brother, Marty Bergeron. Groomsmen were Mike Gatloff, Bryan Kinnen, Jason Kinnen and Jason Froeschner. The ring bearer was the bride's cousin, Finn Husband. And the usher was Jim Carlson.

A reception given by the families of the couple followed the ceremony at Greystone Mansion in Honor.



The couple took a honeymoon vacation to Jamaica. They are making their home in Traverse City.

Heather received a bachelor of science degree in business administration for human resource management from Central Michigan University and is currently employed at Minervini Group in Traverse City. Max is an aviation technician with the United States Coast Guard.

Handling the Holidays program this Thursday at Charlevoix Public Library

The Safe Crossings Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will be holding a "Handling the Holidays" seminar on Nov. 16 at Charlevoix Public Library.

This is a one-night support and

education class designed to help you and your family through the holiday season after the death of a loved one.

Handling the Holidays will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday,

Nov. 16, at the new Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

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OBITUARIES

Irene Alberts: Oct. 31, 1909 - Nov. 5, 2006

Irene L. Alberts, 97, of Kingsley died on Sunday, Nov. 5, at Munson Medical Center.

Irene was a resident of Kingsley since 1984 and lived in New Jersey from 1932. She was born on Oct. 31, 1909 in Charlevoix, the daughter of John D. and Mary Ann (Barnard) Walker. Irene married Joseph G. Alherts on Jan. 21, 1937, at

Hastings on the Hudson. She was a housekeeper and nanny. She was a member of the Kingsley United Methodist Church, the Good Neighbor Club and the Senior Citizens club.

Irene is survived by one niece, Florence Young of Oxnard, Calif.; four grandnieces; four grandnephews; one great-grandniece; and one great-grandnephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Henry D. Walker; and three sisters Merle Shanks, Ada Seegmiller and Lena VanOrman.

Funeral services took place on Thursday, Nov. 9 at Covell Funeral Home in Kingsley. Rev. Char Minger officiated. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Norbert Scharenbroch: Feb. 10, 1925 - Nov. 10, 2006

Norbert William Scharenbroch, 81, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Rite of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. James K. Gardiner officiated and burial followed in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Norbert was born Feb. 10, 1925, in Manitowoc, Wis., to John C. and Catherine (Schad) Scharenbroch. He married the former Alvina F. Zipperer on July 12, 1947, in Whitelaw, Wis. He was employed

by the Medusa Portland Cement Company in Manitowoc, and transferred to the Charlevoix plant in 1967. Norb retired from Medusa in 1988 after 40 years of employment. He was a member of Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, and the Knights of Columbus, Pierre de Charlevoix Council # 7172. Norb enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

He is survived by his wife, Alvina of Charlevoix; children, Judy (David) Goodeman of Charlevoix, John (Elaine) Scharenbroch of

Charlevoix, Diane Scharenbroch of Grand Rapids, Norbert G. (Carol) Scharenbroch of Charlevoix, Gail (Randy) Maki of Marquette, Kay (Chris) Gibbons of Grand Rapids, Jayne (Andy) Krim of Apple Valley, Minn., Annette Beer of Bay Shore; 16 grandchildren; sisters, Margaret Schramm and Bonnie Ehenhoc, both of Manitowoc.

Norbert's brother, Edward, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Desmond Currier: June 11, 1924 - Nov. 15, 2006

Desmond Patrick Currier, 82, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Bloomfield Village, died Sunday, Nov. 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Rite of Christian Burial will be at noon today, Nov. 15, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Francis Partridge will officiate.

Desmond was born June 11, 1924, in Detroit, to Patrick James and Charlotte (O'Connor) Currier. He graduated from Campion Jesuit High School in Wisconsin in 1942. He earned a bachelor of science in commerce and Naval science from Notre Dame University. Desmond served as an ensign in

the U.S. Navy during World War II. On April 19, 1949, he married Margaret L. "Peggy" Left in Petoskey. They made their home in Royal Oak, Newnan, Ga., Detroit and Bloomfield Village where Desmond was the vice-president of the Currier Lumber Company. Des retired in 1980, and he and Peggy moved permanently to their home in Charlevoix in 1982. He was a member of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills and Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

Desmond is survived by his wife, Peggy of Charlevoix; children, Margaret Irene (Richard) Tanghe of Troy, Charlotte Currier of

Royal Oak, Maureen (Paul) Court of Chicago, Ill., Joseph Currier of Berkley, William (Maggie) Currier of Beverly Hills, Colleen Currier-Hart and Vincent (Kim) Currier all of Charlevoix; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Colette Walsh of Beverly Hills, Clare (John) Schneider of Troy.

Desmond's brothers, Don, Vincent and Gerald preceded him in death.

Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's School in Charlevoix, or to Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island.

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Charlevoix Pointe project gets green light

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
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For years Steve Hansen enjoyed the views of the Pine River Channel and the interaction with travelers who often walk by his home.

But all that may change. Hansen believes the quality of life he relishes will be lost when a new neighbor moves in — a three story resort/hotel development.

After months of contentious meetings, Charlevoix City Council approved the Charlevoix Pointe Inn development Monday to the disappointment of neighbors who opposed the plan.

"I'm sorry that the city council has to take such a legislative approach to the decision. I still think that there was a way open for them to have a more empathetic approach to the neighborhood and town," Hansen said.

The council decided that the plans met the city's zoning ordinance. Councilwoman Shirley Gibson was the lone vote against the approval of the plan.

The Charlevoix Pointe Inn resort plan includes a three-story hotel with 30 hotel units and 34 parking spaces. The project consists of rooms designed with 800 to 1,300 square feet with living quarters, kitchenettes and different bedroom configurations. The hotel features a lobby and registration area on the first floor. The parking is underground. Pine River Lane is zoned commercial.

The property is owned by Julia Ann Bandfield, Randy Carey and Peter Carey and is part of the commercial service district. The developers, Travis Catt, of Catt Acquisitions of Gaylord, and his partner Drew Spanding, did not request any variances. Doug Mansfield, of Wells Mansfield Inc. of Traverse City, designed the project.

The city followed the recommendation of the Charlevoix Planning Commission, which approved the Charlevoix Pointe Inn resort plan.

City attorney, Jim Young, guided the council through the decision process. Young said the council should approve or deny the development based on the finding of the facts and standards in the zoning ordinance.

"It's not best for you to decide what is in the best interest of the people," Young said.

Young made the recommendation after the city spent money in court and lost both the Sunnyhank case and May Street case.

Second ward councilman,

Gabe Campbell, who had reservations about the plan, voted to approve it.

"It looks like our hands are tied according to the attorney. I still have reservations. But I didn't want to have another lawsuit for the city," Campbell said. "There still are more questions, but I have to go with what the city attorney says."

According to the architect, the project was designed with the intent to meet the zoning ordinance.

Roy Edgar, an attorney from Traverse City representing the developers, said he was hired to address the standards — standards he said his clients meet.

"I heard the city council was politicized and was not going to vote for it even if it met the standards," Edgar said.

But Robert Grzech, representing the parties opposing the plan, said the project did not meet standards in the ordinance. Grzech said the plan is privately owned which is defined as a residence.

Residences are not permitted in the C-1 district. Young said the ownership was protected under the Michigan Condominiums Act.

Grzech indicated discrepan-

cies in the ordinance that he believed made the potential approval questionable. In one section, a hotel is defined, but that definition is not applied to the C-1 district. Grzech said the definitions should be broad-based.

Young said the Zoning Board of Appeals ruled that the hotel/motel definitions do not apply to the C-1 district.

Gibson questioned numerous issues — the definitions of hotel, and the condominiumized ownership. Gibson said the zoning ordinance is very, very flawed. "This ... is a manipulation of the zoning," Gibson said.

Grzech shared the precedent the city may set.

"The issue is whether this is what you want the city ordinance to allow," Grzech said.

Grzech said the planning commission admitted the plans were ugly, too big and too crowded, but since it met the zoning ordinance, the commission approved the plan.

Campbell requested that the board clean up discrepancies in the zoning ordinance.

"We have to change this because it's a disgrace. I've been harping on this for years. Everything in the gray area says 'Sam can't and Henry can,'" Campbell said.

After much deliberation, the council approved the plan.

Grzech did not comment on whether he planned to take any action on behalf of his clients.

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Final three sentenced in school vandal case

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The locks have been replaced, the water damage mopped up and the last three defendants charged in connection with an illegal entry and vandalism incident at Charlevoix High School have been sentenced.

On Nov. 7, Aaron William Hagen, 18, of Charlevoix was the last student sentenced in connection with the May incident. Hagen's sentencing in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court was based on a disturbing the peace charge. He was sentenced to serve nine months probation and perform 10 days of community service work. He was also fined \$1,630. A possession of marijuana charge he faced that arose out of a search warrant police used to search for chemistry items stolen from the school, was deferred. If he keeps his nose clean, when the probation period has expired, it will be dismissed.

Prior to Hagen's sentencing was that of 18-year-old Charlevoix resident, Andrew Victor Kantola on the same disturbing the peace charge.

At Kantola's Oct. 24 sentencing he was given six months probation and 15 days of community service work as well as a fine of \$1,040.

Jared William Kirby, 18, of Charlevoix also faced a charge of disturbing the peace and on Oct. 17 was sentenced to six months probation and 10 days of community service work as well as fined \$860.

The charges faced by all three were reduced in a plea deal. They faced one count each of illegal entry and malicious destruction to a building, \$200-\$1,000. Hagen and Kirby also faced a one-year misdemeanor charge stemming from the alleged theft (Kirby) and later concealment (Hagen) of chemistry equipment from the school.

The other 11 teens charged in connection with the incident entered guilty pleas in early August and were sentenced in their respective cases.

Those 11 students received deferred sentences that included four to six months probation, five to 10 days of community service work, \$200 to \$300 in fines and costs and restitution.

Initially, authorities esti-

mated that the cost to clean up the damage to the school could go as high as \$10,000. However, the actual bill came to \$6,090.54 to re-key the locks at the school and damage clean-up. The restitution amounts to about \$300 per defendant.

A deferred sentence means that if the defendants complete all of the terms of their probation and stay out of trouble while on probation, the conviction is expunged from their records.

Authorities said in the early morning hours of May 26 a group of Charlevoix High School seniors used copies of a stolen master key to get inside the high school building. While in the building, at least some of the suspects allegedly plugged up the drains in several sinks, then turned on the water, causing the sinks to overflow.

According to Charlevoix High School principal, Gary Grundman, steps have been taken since to ensure an incident like this doesn't happen again.

At the time of the incident, the high school had one master key that opened every door at

the school. Now, the three entrance doors are accessible by one key that can't be copied.

Security zones were also established at the school so if there's a problem an area can be quickly re-keyed.

"There's a message sent to kids all the time on this. Everyone understands what went on," Grundman said.

"We try to work with the kids and last year it just didn't work."

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Outgoing, incoming commissioners butt heads

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together...and see if we want an administrator or not," he said. "I'm not against the (current) board or the fellow they're talking about hiring, but I think this new board ought to have a chance to see what they can do without a new administrator."

He added, "If indeed we see we can't run this county or we've made too many mistakes or spent too much money, then maybe we should hire one. I'm not against making Charlevoix County a better functioning courthouse — I think we can do that without hiring an outsider to come in and pay him \$100,000 to give us advice."

Saltonstall said incoming commissioners are being approached because of their somewhat vocal opposition to hiring an administrator.

"We want to be fair to our candidate and not put him in a difficult situation," she said. "The administrator serves at the will of the commissioners. Of course, there would be a financial penalty against the county (for early termination of employment), but it's important that this process work."

Saltonstall cited Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon's alleged refusal to run for another term in two years as one of the main reasons an administrator is needed.

"We need someone who can follow through with these finances. This county administrator will have two years to work with the (clerk) and the finance department before (Brannon) leaves," she said. "This is a very important transition for the county and every (current) commissioner believes it's the right thing to do."

Saltonstall said some current



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

During the Wednesday, Nov. 8 County Board of Commissioners meeting, District Six Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, requested the board hold off on hiring or appointing anyone until a full board can meet. The board was light two members because District Five Commissioner, Dennis Jason, was in the hospital and District Three Commissioner, Ron Reinhardt, was out of the state.

board members originally didn't like the idea of hiring a county administrator, but changed their collective minds upon realizing how complex the inner workings of the county are.

Commissioner-elect, Chris Christensen, was also approached by a member of the current board in recent days.

"To me it just looks like another layer (of government)," he said, but added, "If you hire the guy, I've got a plan. If you don't hire the guy, I've got a plan."

Christensen said, at this point in the hiring process, he would not likely hire O'Neal.

"So, to me, that's a stalemate. The bottom line is, if (commissioners) are to a point where they're second-guessing their decisions, then don't do it," he said. "You're doing all this work on it for years and years and then all of the sudden you're second

agrees a combination of a human resource and financial officer is needed, but wonders if hiring a County Administrator is the best way to remedy the situation.

"You'll notice that none of the people whose responsibilities are being lightened (by creation of the administrator position) are losing any money," he said.

Evans wondered why his opinion on the matter hasn't been acknowledged in the past.

"I brought up the issue that it would be wise to wait since these people are off the board. They should not be making decisions for a two-year contract when there are a lot of people against it," he said. "They have not given me a good reason why they want this (hire O'Neal) by Dec. 1."

He added, "I think communication was the problem in the past and I'm confident the county commissioners and the department heads can run the county."

However, Chairman of the Board, Victor Patrick, said letting the public decide this matter isn't an option.

"They talked about putting it up to a vote of the people, and it's illegal. You can't go for a referendum for decisions that are to be made by the board," he said. "It's (hiring an administrator) definitely something that's needed, but I'm not sure if the guy (O'Neal) is going to want to come

into a situation like this."

When asked to speculate on the current situation, Patrick said, "I can't think of a reason why there's such turmoil."

Patrick said when he and two other board members originally were elected, they too were against hiring a county administrator.

"We weren't too sure we needed one at that time, but we hadn't walked a mile in our predecessor's shoes," he said.

Patrick said, if the full board meets at the Nov. 16 meeting, this could be resolved one way or another.

First District Commissioner-elect, Shirlene Tripp, was also approached.

"I said I was against it and we (new board members) never hid that fact," Tripp said.

Tripp likened the commissioner's desire to get her opinion on the county administrator right before they do the hiring, to closing the barn door after the horse has escaped.

"Shirley (Roloff) is wanting us to lean the administrator's way and if they hire him there's nothing we can do about it," Tripp said. "But, you've got to be able to work for your constituents."

Tripp said the incoming board members should have the right to decide whether a county administrator is hired.

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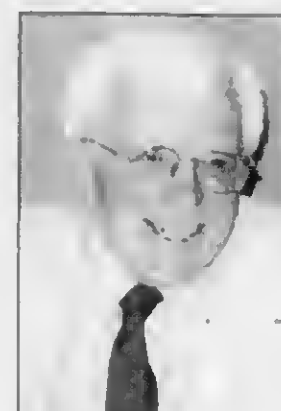
BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The heart health of two commissioners was blamed for the cancellation of the Wednesday, Nov. 8 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting — though the meeting was reinstated minutes after cancellation when District Six Commissioner, Shirley Roloff arrived.

"All I had to do was have them (doctors) check it (new pacemaker) for the first time," Roloff said. "It's normal to do that every time you get one. They said everything is normal and in place."

She added, "I'll have to go back in a few months to get it checked again."

District Five Commissioner, Dennis Jason, was absent for a procedure which was not quite as routine.



Dennis Jason

"They (stints) are never planned. I had some complications and my physician sent me up to my cardiologist and they decided to do a procedure," said Jason, who was absent from the meeting. "I've had a couple open heart surgeries quite a few years ago and this was just a checkup on them."

Jason, who was home and resting the next day, said he doesn't plan to miss the next board meeting.

Jason said he is in good health and addressed the election of new board members.



Shirley Roloff

"We've got a new board and a new man coming on and we'll have to wait and see how it goes," he said. "I wish them luck and will help them in any way I can."

He added, "The county's going to be here for a long time in the future no matter who's here. We will need to work together to keep it running as smooth as possible. I've learned an awful lot in the four years I've been there and there is a lot to learn."

District Three Commissioner, Ron Reinhardt was out of the state the day of the meeting.

Tickets on sale for Northern Michigan Chorale, Nov. 18-20 performances

The Northern Michigan Chorale will get its 25th Anniversary Season underway, with "Love Song Through the Decades: Part 1 (1900-1959)."

Performances will be held at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

Dates and times for the performances are 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18; Sunday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Nov. 20 and a 2 p.m. performance on Sunday, Nov. 19.

Music featured from the 1900s through the 1920s, will give the audience a chance to hear songs

composed by Victor Herbert. In the 1920s through the 1950s, George Gershwin was writing "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Love Walked In." Cole Porter was composing music during that time and his "What is This Thing Called Love?" and "Let's Not Talk About Love" enter into the program.

Musicals such as "Guys and Dolls," "My Fair Lady," "West Side Story" and "The Music Man" made their entrances on the Broadway stage in the 1950s. The Chorale will bring segments from all of these musicals together,

along with soloists, duets and small groups.

Peter Sims will conduct the Northern Michigan Chorale, along with a pit band. Hannah Stoppel, a Northern Michigan Chorale Scholarship recipient, currently studying at the Interlochen Arts Academy, will perform "Till There Was You" from "The Music Man."

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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed accepting the City Planning Commission's recommended finding and approving the development plan for Charlevoix Pointe, 115 Pine River Lane, subject to certain conditions.
- Motion passed approving the request from Harbor Industries to install groundwater monitoring wells in the City right-of-way.
- Motion passed authorizing the reimbursement from grant funds received to Northwest Michigan Marine Industry Association for engineering and surveying expenses incurred on the Ferry Avenue Launch Ramp.
- Motion passed awarding the bid for Phase 1 for the Marina Work Construction to Molon Excavating, Inc. of Traverse City in the amount of \$1,616,578.53 with a 10% contingency.
- Motion passed awarding the bid for Phase 2 for Floating Pier Systems for the Marina to Floatation Docking Systems, Inc. of Cedarville in the amount of \$1,328,989.00 with a 10% contingency.
- Motion passed awarding the bid for the Marina Utility Reroute project to Emmet Excavating & Topsoil in the amount of \$28,198.50.
- Motion passed appointing Larry Sullivan as an alternate to the Board of Appeals.

Council adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 Slate Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Appellate court reinstates Waltonen's sex charges

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER



Lloyd Waltonen

charges against a Charlevoix man accused in a drugs-for-sex scheme.

In a published opinion released Wednesday, Nov. 8, a three-judge appellate panel ruled that 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas should not have granted a defense motion to throw out the charges against Lloyd Joseph Waltonen, 43.

First degree criminal sexual conduct carries a maximum penalty of up to life in prison.

Waltonen was accused of handing out the painkiller Oxycontin to a woman he knew from an area bar. Authorities said after a couple weeks taking the drug, the woman developed a dependency on it. Police said that's when Waltonen began demanding sex acts from the woman in

exchange for the drugs.

When he was arrested in February, Waltonen faced a host of drug charges, a prostitution charge, and eavesdropping charge and four counts of third degree criminal sexual conduct — a 15-year felony. But at his preliminary examination in March, 90th District Court Judge Richard W. May bound Waltonen over to circuit court on the more serious first degree charge.

The third degree charge involves sexual penetration involving force or coercion while the first degree statute adds the element that the victim was also injured or vulnerable because of age or incapacitation. The first degree statute also has a provision — under which Waltonen was charged — that includes "sexual penetration that occurs under circumstances involving the commission of any other felony."

Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Shaynee Fanara argued — and Judge May agreed — that the underlying felonies of the drug delivery formed a sufficient basis for the first degree charge.

However, in April, Waltonen's defense attorney Kerry Zahner argued to circuit judge Pajtas that the first degree charge was inappropriate because the victim had testified that it was "her choice"

to engage in the sex acts with Waltonen.

Pointing to that statement as evidence that the acts were not coerced, Zahner contended that the "statute criminalizes what would otherwise be legal activity," Zahner said. "It doesn't make sense when you have consensual activity."

Even though force or lack of consent is not an element of the charge in this instance, Judge Pajtas agreed saying there wasn't enough connection between the sex act and the underlying felony.

Fanara filed an appeal on the judge's ruling and the case proceeded on the other remaining charges.

In June, Waltonen took advantage of a plea agreement in which he pleaded guilty to three drug charges and other charges. In exchange, several other charges were dismissed. He is now serving a term of 4 to 20 years in prison on the convictions.

In its opinion, the Court of Appeals held that because force or coercion is not an element in the charged offense, the issue of the victim's consent is irrelevant. The court further held that there indeed must be some connection between the sex acts and the underlying felony, as Judge Pajtas opined, but the court held that the circumstances of Waltonen's case provided a sufficient connection.

"... Before and during the sexual penetration the victim and defendant were operating under the knowledge and expectation that drugs would be delivered to the victim after the sexual act and only because of the sexual act," the court wrote.

The court also included a footnote to the opinion in which it acknowledged both the vagueness of the statute and the fact that its hands were tied to interpret the language as written and not to infer the legislature's intent.

"We cannot help but question whether the legislature actually intended the result we reach here today ... but we are curtailed by the language of the statute from reaching any other conclusion ... Technically, any time a person engages in sexual penetration in an adulterous relationship

... he or she is guilty of (first degree criminal sexual conduct). We believe the legislature, in drafting (this law), may have conceived of scenarios in which there was a violent felony involving an unwilling victim. We encourage the legislature to take a second look at the statutory language if it is troubled by our ruling," the court wrote.

Fanara said that she is "very pleased" with the decision and she plans go forward with Waltonen's prosecution, which she expects to resume in the coming weeks.

"Our office takes a firm stand on predators in our community," Fanara said.

Zahner, Waltonen's attorney, was not available for comment.

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Hamilton pleads guilty to first degree CSC

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

A Charlevoix County man whose trial on three sexual assault charges was set to take place Wednesday pleaded guilty at the last minute to spare the young victim in the case from testifying, he said.

Hayes Township resident Randall Scott Hamilton, 54, pleaded guilty Wednesday, Nov. 1 to one count of first degree criminal sexual conduct. The charge, which involves sexual penetration with someone under the age of 13, is punishable by up to life in prison. In exchange for his plea two other identical counts will be dropped. Hamilton also faces a habitual offender, second offense sentencing enhancement on the charge. Usually, such an enhancement increases the maximum possible penalty by one-and-a-half times. In this case it will increase the minimum sentencing guideline range Hamilton will face at the time of his sentencing on Dec. 1.

Hamilton was set to face a one-day bench trial before 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas on Nov. 1. But as the trial was set to be-



Randall Hamilton

gin, Hamilton decided to take the plea.

In court last Wednesday, Hamilton admitted that he had sexually touched the young girl who was the victim in the case. He told

the judge that he was taking the plea to spare the girl from testifying at the trial.

Family members brought Hamilton to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office late on Sept. 19 to turn himself in to police. Police said Hamilton admitted that he had sexually touched the young girl on several occasions since May of this year.

Charlevoix County Chief Assistant

Prosecutor Shaynee Fanara, who was the prosecutor in the case, said the girl first came to her parents with the allegations, who then confronted Hamilton. She said police interviewed the girl who confirmed Hamilton's admission.

In 1986, Hamilton was sentenced to a term of eight to 15 years in prison on

a first degree criminal sexual conduct charge, also out of Charlevoix County. Fanara said that case did not involve a child. He was discharged from parole on that conviction in 1998. He also pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery in Branch County in 1994 in a case that was originally charged as a sexual assault, Fanara said.

Fanara praised the work of the sheriff's deputies involved in the case and the young victim for having the courage to first come forward with the allegations and then to testify in the trial.

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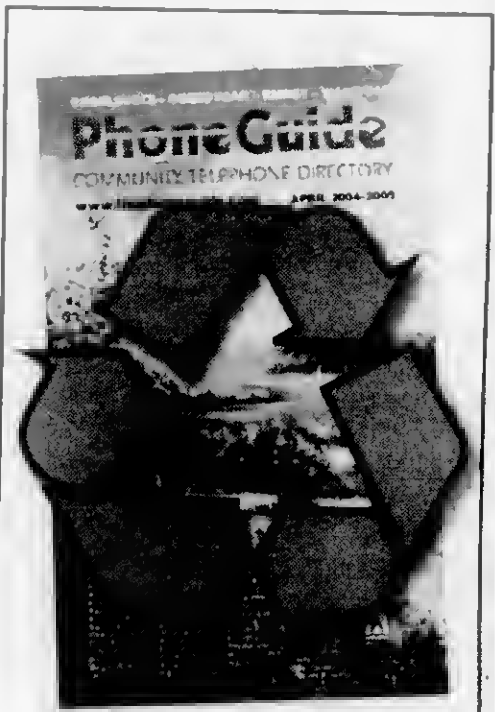
The 14th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "An Enchanted Evening," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Guests will once again be treated to free valet parking as they arrive, entering to the sounds of pianist Tom Kaufman and will be encouraged to participate in the silent auction during cocktails.

After the cocktail reception, the Petoskey High School Madrigal Singers will perform.

The live auction will have items that focus on once in a lifetime experiences and other "enchanted" items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items for patients of the hospital.

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$100 per person (\$60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. Tickets will limited due to last year's near sell-out crowd, but are now available by calling (231) 547-8685 during normal business hours.



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Health and safety officials prepare for pandemic



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(Above) Geri DeYoung, a Registered Nurse with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan works the checkout table in the triage room. Both people there for the flu shot clinic and the disaster drill were asked a set of questions to determine whether they needed a flu shot or serious medical attention. (Below) Paramedics wait in the hall near triage to take the seriously ill to Charlevoix Area Hospital during the Emergency Preparedness Mass Vaccination Drill on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Charlevoix Middle School.



BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Public health and safety officers from four counties prepared for widespread illness by holding the Emergency Preparedness Mass Vaccination Drill on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Charlevoix Middle School.

Jane Sundmacher, Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan (formerly the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency) said, "As a health department, we're tasked with making sure we are ready for a mass distribution of medicine. We do these drills to check for readiness and see if there are any gaps."

Volunteers from the Charlevoix Builders' Club, Charlevoix High School's Occupational Health program as well as health officials from Emmet, Antrim, Otsego, Charlevoix and the Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Emmet Emergency Management participated in the event which lasted approximately two hours.

"Most health departments do drills, but we thought we would do a flu clinic while we were doing the drill," Sundmacher said. "This will actually be the third time we've done this drill. The first was in Emmet (County) The second was in Otsego (County) and now we're in Charlevoix (County)."

She added, "This is our biggest drill of the three."

From the Joint Information Center, which was established to allow news media to inform the

public, Bert Notestine, health educator with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, said exercises intended to test and reinforce preparedness are "Very crucial."

Medical director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Dr. Joshua Meyerson, said, in a pandemic influenza situation, vaccinations would be given

to essential personnel such as public safety and health care workers before being doled to the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions.

Meyerson wouldn't speculate on what the emergency preparedness drill cost taxpayers, but said, "The vaccine, people are paying

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Officials: Best defense against flu is vaccination

PANDEMIC

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for and the rest of it is employee time in training for emergency preparedness."

The food catered to the event was donated by a local company and volunteers from the American Red Cross, Community Mental Health, the Commission On Aging and LMS personnel were also on hand.

"This drill will allow us to test our capacity to provide a large volume of vaccine in a short time," Meyerson said. "It also tests the way different agencies and groups work together."

In a national emergency pandemic situation, the clinic would ideally be open on an ongoing basis until the needs of the public were met.

Notestine said the school was chosen for its central location in the Charlevoix area, its large parking lot and internal layout.

When asked whether people would be forced to attend the clinics in the case of a national emergency, Meyerson said, "Most people follow suit and do what's needed."

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Joy Klooster, Vice President of Nursing with Charlevoix Area Hospital and the event's public information officer, gave some tips for what people should do in the case of a pandemic.

- If you get sick, stay home
 - Rest
 - Drink fluids
 - Avoid public places
 - If your condition worsens, go to the hospital
- "Certainly (people) should get their flu shot in late October or early November — it's their first defense," Klooster said.

Klooster said her staff at Charlevoix Area Hospital readied themselves for an increase of patients as soon as they were alerted of the pandemic during the drill.

How to get your vaccine

Flu shot clinics will be held by appointment only. Call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at (800) 432-4121 to schedule your vaccination.

The following clinics are slated for:

- 9 to 11:30 a.m., Nov. 16 at the Mancelona Senior Center
- 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 16 at the Elk Rapids Senior Center
- 4 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 21 in the cafeteria at Petoskey Middle School
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 28 at the Charlevoix Health Department
- 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Nov. 29 at Bellaire Health Department
- 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 30 in the cafeteria at the Gaylord Intermediate School

ing, screened to determine whether you need a shot or serious medical attention, register personal information and get a blue ribbon to prove you registered, pay for your

shot at the finance table, wait in line for a nurse to inoculate you, fill out an evaluation form, wait in

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Dan Hernden of Boyne City receives his flu shot from Debi Dewey of Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Health officials claim the shot is the best defense against the flu. A vaccination clinic will take place on Nov. 28 at the Charlevoix Health Department, located at 220 West Garfield in Charlevoix.

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High speed chase perp faces Dec. 1 sentencing

A man that entangled local law enforcement in a dangerous high speed chase through residential and school zones will be sentenced on Dec. 1.

On Sept. 14, an alert and concerned citizen placed a call to 911 regarding a reckless driver.

This call prompted police action that became a high speed chase in a Charlevoix residential area. When first spotted and clocked by radar, Marshall Ira Bell Jr. was traveling at 104 miles per hour.

As police closed in, the offender deliberately struck a police vehicle and continued his attempt to outrun the police. After driving 60 miles per hour through a school zone and striking a patrol car a second time, the suspect found himself in a dead end parking lot where he exited his vehicle and ran into the woods near the Belvedere Golf Club.

A K-9 unit was dispatched to the area and the suspect was apprehended by Charlevoix County deputies and City of Charlevoix police officers.

A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .10.

"I'm grateful that this man was captured," stated Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema. "I shudder to think what kind of damage could have been done had this happened during school hours. The police officers did an excellent job."

Bell pleaded guilty to charges of fleeing and eluding police officers-third degree, two counts of felonious assault on a police officer and one count of malicious destruction of police property.

Sentencing in this matter is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Dec. 1 in the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix.

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Are you ready for a flu pandemic?

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a holding area for 15 minutes in case you have an allergic reaction to the vaccine before leaving.

Charlevoix resident, John Murdick, 53, attended the clinic to get his flu vaccination.

"I was apprehensive at first, but it went really smooth," he said. "The whole thing took less than 10 minutes."

Director of the office of Emergency Management, Jack Messer, said the emergency operations center was opened during the disaster drill.

"In the event of a major emergency, we have a physical place in the basement of the (Emmet County) Sheriff Department where we can hook up phones and get our manuals out and call select staff to that area," he said. "Whether we're dealing with a tornado, wildfire, pandemic outbreak, that group I work with serves the commander in the field by finding him resources to assist with public information, opening shelters, whatever the need might be."

He added, "That's where your county-wide emergency operations plan comes into place — to

put them into play to solve problems whatever the emergency is."

Messer said, if this were a real pandemic outbreak, the emergency operations center would also provide security personnel, transportation and assist with recovering key personnel who may be lost due to the outbreak.

Nearly 350 people were immunized during the clinic.



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Richard O'Leary, a volunteer with the local chapter of the Red Cross, worked refreshment services for the volunteers who participated in the emergency preparedness drill.

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Childhood memories renewed in the kitchen

*Sisters open
organic
bakery and
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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The Mack sisters are making last-
ing memories in a kitchen built for
two off Maranatha Lane.

On Oct. 1, Carol and Valerie Mack
of Charlevoix decided to recreate their
childhood memories by pursuing a
career in the kitchen. The sisters,
who are also neighbors, opened Ya
Ya's Bakery and Garden, an organic
bakery and garden, located at 109
Maranatha Lane.

"We are enjoying bringing back
our memories. It's about family,"
Carol said.

Carol and Valerie grew up in the
kitchen, learning from a team of sea-
soned veterans, their grandmothers,
Winnie Alder of River Rouge and

Rose Mack of Allen Park.

Grandma Alder taught the girls the
art of taffy pulling and bread making
while grandma Mack was a gourmet
cook with tips and tricks for just about
any dish.

"They taught us to bake with our
nose," Carol said. "Every recipe is
really an experiment."

When Valerie was 11 and Carol
was 9 their parents worked full-time
and were in awe of the dinners the
girls would prepare to welcome them
home — from casseroles to a roast,
there was little the girls didn't tackle
with help from their grandmas over
the phone.

"That started both of us into this
love of cooking," Carol said.

Five years ago, Valerie, 58 moved
from Naples, Fla. next-door to Carol,
56, in Charlevoix. Their mother, Millie
Mack, who is now 79, was diagnosed
with dementia and the two agreed to
care for her in their homes.

They soon found themselves in
the kitchen, baking to keep their
minds off the devastating reality of
their mother's illness. Carol is also
the full-time cook at the Charlevoix
County Jail, a position she has held



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Carol Mack (left) and her sister Valerie (right) recently opened Ya Ya's Bakery and Garden. The two specialize in organic baked goods and will offer an organic garden this spring.

for six years.
During that time they joined the
Grain Train in Petoskey and discov-
ered the health benefits of not only

eating certified organic foods but also
of consuming a balanced diet.

"The better we can eat, the better
our health will be," Carol said. "To

go organic is more monetarily, but
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Ya Ya's Bakery brings organic ingredients to their local kitchen

YA YA'S

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They converted Valerie's sun room into a bakery and had a commercial electric convection oven installed. The bakery's name was a simple choice — Ya Ya is the name Carol's son Johnny gave his Aunt Valerie when he was too young to pronounce her full name.

Since opening, they have developed a strong core of regular customers who come back time and time again to request fresh breads, cupcakes, pies, wedding cakes, cheese-cakes, cookies, biscotti and even Fido and feline-friendly snacks delivered fresh.

"We'll bake whatever your heart desires," Carol said. "We use the very best products we can find, organic chocolate from the Dominican Republic, King Arthur Flour (100 percent organic) and we sweeten with organic sugar or honey."

Organic cookies are \$17 a dozen, pies are \$12 for non-organic and \$25



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Co-owner of Ya Ya's Bakery and Garden, Carol Mack, sits in the 1,700 square foot certified organic garden that will yield organic veggies and herbs in the spring.

for organic, and breads like the famous honey wheat are \$6 per loaf.

Future plans include sale of organic herbs and veggies from the 1,700 square foot certified organic garden, a possible expansion of the kitchen

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Barbara Essenburg
 Date of Birth: October 12, 1928

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara Essenburg, who lived at 414 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died June 20, 2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel P. Engstrom, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: October 4, 2006

Barron & Engstrom, P.L.C.
 Edward F. Engstrom
 309 Petoskey Avenue
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 (231)547-9950

Daniel P. Engstrom
 12401 Birchcrest
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 (231)547-0953 (L-11/15)

CIRCUIT COURT SALE

CASE NO. 05-905-20-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of September, 2006, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein IFRWIN UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY was the Complainant; and Dorian N. Lange; Anne Lange; Lange Limited, LLC; Migaldi Family, LLC; Republic Bank; Independent Bank South Michigan; Capitol National Bank, N.A.; and Charlevoix Holdings, Inc. were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in the front lobby of the Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County), on Friday, the 1st day of December, 2006, at 11:00 in the forenoon, local time, the following-described property, viz:

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PARCEL 1: COUNTRY CLUB PARK PARCEL (INCLUDING PARCEL "A" OF THE SUSAN CASCIANI PROPERTY)

In the Townships of Hayes & Charlevoix, Charlevoix County Michigan, COMMENCING at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76 degrees 04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said section line North 76 degrees 04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76 degrees 04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 76 degrees 42'20" West and as South 77 degrees 39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5 degrees 59'01" East, (recorded as South 4 degrees 25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence, South 87 degrees 59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2 degrees 02'25" East (recorded as South 02'14'9" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said section; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76 degrees 18'43" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Section 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said section line and the East line of said block South 1 degrees 03'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87 degrees 51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0 degrees 55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block south 88 degrees 51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned line South 1 degrees 03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89 degrees 14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said Lot 15 North 1 degrees 05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation

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tion easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88 degrees 54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the West 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1 degrees 02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1203.49 feet; thence, South 34 degrees 01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34 degrees 01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50 degrees 23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" East 243.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West & a part of the Northeast of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 15, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

PARCEL 2: BALANCE OF CHARLEVOIX COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST LYING SOUTH OF U.S.-31

In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, COMMENCING at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said section, South 76 degrees 04'44" West 918.26 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76 degrees 04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34 degrees 01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing North 34 degrees 01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55 degrees 58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South quarter line of said section South 1 degrees 31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said quarter line South 1 degrees 31'09" East 543.71 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by TOMMY S. MINTON and GEORGINA A. MINTON, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, on March 25, 2003, in Liber 526, beginning on Page 456, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight and 56/100 (\$122,278.56) Dollars, including interest at 8.930% per annum. No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Friday, December 1, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 8.930%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and inculdible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 6, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION NORTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 1022.58 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 07 SECONDS

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Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: October 4, 2006

JANE E. BRANNON
 Charlevoix County Clerk

By: Donald Schneider
 Deputy Sheriff

Raynor D. Zillgitt, Jr. (P39824)
 Willingham & Cote, P.C.
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 333 Albert Avenue, Suite 500
 East Lansing, MI 48823
 (L-10/04, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/01, 11/08, 11/15)

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WEST 151 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SAID LINE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 156.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 554.75 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF PINCHERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID ROAD LINE NORTH 01 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 156.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 560.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST FRACTIONAL 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5946 PINCHERRY ROAD, CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN 49720-9005.

TAX PARCEL NO. 001-006-015-35.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL § 600.3241a; in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

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NOV. 15 REVIVAL SERVICES

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene located at U.S. 31 and Waller Road is holding a series of revival services beginning Wednesday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 19. The services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly Wednesday through Saturday. The Sunday service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

NOV. 16 BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

For an appointment, call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) or drop in.

Donors are asked to bring an American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.

NOV. 17 CHILI COOK-OFF

The senior class at Northwest Academy will host a chili cook-off from 4 to 8 p.m. Nov. 17 at the American Legion Hall. Proceeds will benefit the school's senior trip to Chicago, Ill. There will be about 10 vendors participating, attendees can sample each chili. The cost is \$10 for a family of three, a family of four is \$15, single \$5, children under six are free. For more information call (231) 547-9000.

NOV. 18 ADVENT BAZAAR AND TEA

The parish of Christ Episcopal Church will host their 3rd Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18.

All proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

NOV. 18 SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to its monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 18, at Tapperooney's, located at 3018 M-119 in Petoskey. To sign up, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905.

NOV. 23 THANKSGIVING SWIM

John McNabb of Charlevoix and his 14-year-old son, Douglas McNabb, of Traverse City, will raise money to help defray treatment costs

for a local female health care worker involved in a recent car accident, by swimming in Lake Michigan on Thanksgiving Day. The swim will take place at 11 a.m. on Nov. 23 at Lake Michigan Beach. This is the fourth year the McNabbs have taken the plunge. For more information or to donate, call John McNabb at (231) 237-0380.

NOV. 28 FLU SHOT CLINIC

A flu shot clinic will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 28 at the Charlevoix Health Department office, located at 220 West Garfield in Charlevoix. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, call 800-432-4121.

NOV. 30 HOLLY DAZE

The 14th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "An Enchanted Evening," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The live auction will have items that focus on once in a lifetime experiences and other "enchanted" items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items for patients of the hospital.

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$100 per person (\$60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. Tickets will be limited due to last year's near sell-out crowd, but are now available by calling (231) 547-8685 during normal business hours.

DEC. 2 OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary's will host its 13th Annual Charlevoix Open House Holiday Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

DEC. 2 SOUL STREET BENEFIT CONCERT

Razor Entertainment is organizing a concert event to benefit the Charlevoix High School performing arts program. The band, Soul Street, is a nine-piece Motown tribute band with musicians from The Temptations and The Drifters. They will perform at 8 p.m. on Dec. 2 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School. Tickets for general admission seats are \$12 each and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop in downtown Charlevoix.

DEC. 10 HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Jordan Valley Community Band, a volunteer group of musicians from Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties will present a holiday concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the East Jordan High School Community Auditorium. Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Computer Tidbit: Making Holiday Address labels, 1 p.m., Nov. 15.
- Writer's Group, 6 p.m., Nov. 15.
- Medicare Drug Plans, are they for you? 1 p.m., Nov. 16 (registration required).
- Youth Department
- Children's Book Week celebration, 3-4 p.m., Nov. 13-17. Activities include volunteer make-a-book craft, story times and children's book displays.
- Lapsit Story Time (birth-3), 10:05 a.m., Nov. 16.
- Pre-K Story Time (ages 4-5), 10:30 a.m., Nov. 16.
- "Paws for a Story" students reading to a therapy dog concludes, 10:30

a.m. to noon, Nov. 18.
• Story Time 2 afternoon story time, 1 p.m., Nov. 21.

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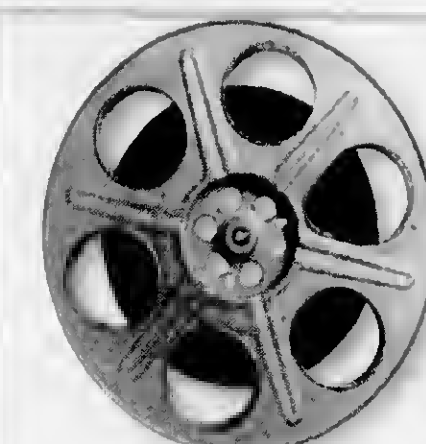
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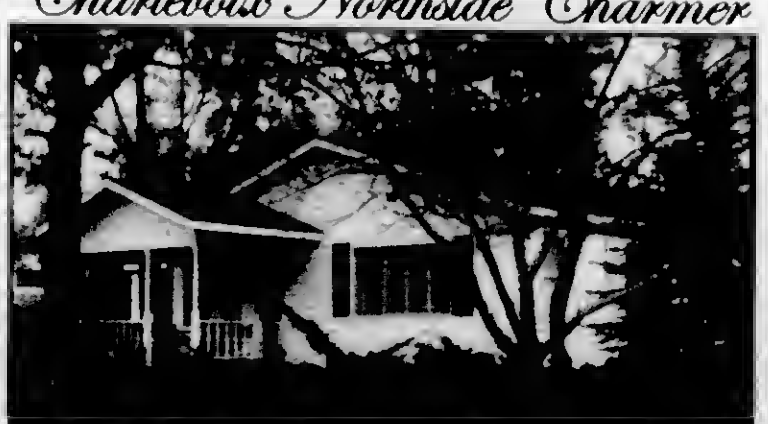
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Hunters compete for big bucks

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

The sales team at Fox Charlevoix, formerly Crown Motors, decided if they couldn't see the action of hunting season from a blind in the woods, they would bring it to their front door.

To celebrate the first stint of regular firearm season, which started Nov. 15, the Fox crew, minus a few staffers who took time off to hunt, hosted their first annual Buck Pole Contest. While some may see this as a ploy to bring truck loving hunters into the auto dealership, Fox Charlevoix general manager, Dave Denboer, said this time, those weren't the bucks the Fox team was looking for.

"There wasn't anything being done, so we started this as a community service. I've been looking to do one (a buck pole) for quite a few years, so we tried it," he said.

The successful event drew people in from across northern Michigan. A total of 33 bucks were submitted in the contest.

"Most of the lucky ones are out of the Ellsworth and East Jordan areas," Denboer said. "It seems to be good. Everyone seems to be seeing deer."

They learned on Thursday, Nov. 16, that their pole just wasn't big enough. Then, on Friday, a head count showed 18 bucks had been submitted in the contest.



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Mike Edson, 75, of Boyne City took first place honors in the Fox Charlevoix Buck Pole Contest Nov. 18. He is pictured above with the winning deer, a 10-point buck with a 24 inch spread that weighed 165 pounds. He won \$1,000 cash and a shoulder mount from Lasting Memories Taxidermy in Ironton.

The five-day frenzy to bag the biggest buck ended at noon on Saturday, Nov. 18 when

Fox gave away cash prizes to winners in first through fourth place. See BUCK, page 3

Commissioners flip flop on administrator

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

After nearly four years of work by at least one commissioner, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners voted 4-2 not to hire D. Wayne O'Neal as the new county administrator.



Randolph Frykberg

for their input on the hiring of O'Neal.

"I've heard this before, 'Because others do it, why do we?' Right now it's 72 counties out of the 83 have some form of administrator or coordinator. The reason for that is you have somebody to run the county on a day to day basis and to serve the will of the board," Frykberg said. "While the job of the commissioners is part-time, the job of the administrator is full-time. And, I've said this before, what company, what business — with a budget over \$13 million a year, would be run by six part-time people and not have anybody there day to day to carry out operations

"By deferring the decision, you are asking people who have not done the job to make the decision. And I think that's backwards."

Connie Saltonstall
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

and keep that straight?" Frykberg suggested the newly elected commissioners chat with officials in neighboring counties to better understand the concept of, and need for, a county administrator.

"Many counties feel the administrators save the counties more than the cost of their salary simply by being able to assist in contract negotiations and having the day to day knowledge to carry out functions," he said. "If we need information on programs, the administrator is the one to turn to."

Frykberg quoted from, and then distributed, a promotional packet intended to explain what a county administrator does and why one is needed.

District Four Commissioner-elect, Joel Evans, asked what the urgency was to hire a county administrator.

"I think the new board needs to discuss this. We have a new board coming in and we need to talk about it. That's not to say that once we look at it... that I'm going to say 'no' I'm

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Joseph Michael Weede, 23, Beaver Island. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$980 in fines and costs.

Gary Louis Bolyard, 56, Birmingham. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Douglas Desmond Milligan, 41, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,230 in fines and costs.

Albert Kenneth Baker, 37, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Serve four days in jail; \$100 in fines and costs.

Edwin Lee Sarasin, 41, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 44 days in jail with credit for four days, 40 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; \$1,130 in fines and costs.

Erica Louise Brown, 27, Gaylord. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in

lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

David Eugene Lewis, 57, East Jordan. Operation of an unregistered vehicle. Fines and costs totaling \$200.

Albert Kenneth Baker, 37, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense; unlawful use of license plate. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve six days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 76 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; \$1,580 in fines and costs.

Brandon Michael Story, 18, Charlevoix. Domestic violence; minor purchase/consume/possess-alcohol. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 15 days, to serve five days in jail, 63 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; \$700 plus restitution to be determined.

Daniel Mark Rasch, 28, Glenview, Ill. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 360 days in jail with credit for 17, to serve 28 days in jail, serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 245 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; \$1,530 in fines and costs.

Brian Richard Coon, 24, East Jordan. Drug/obtain false prescrip-

tion. Serve 16 days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Joshua Lee Marvin, 24, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended-first offense. Serve 10 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve five days in jail; \$800 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Nevaeh Bodyworks, 101 Mason St., Charlevoix, by Emily Anne Bates

Parrott Island Treasures, 123 Water St., Boyne City, by Stephanie Parrott

T.K. Services, 00167 North Advance Road, East Jordan, by Tim Kassuba

Mountain Rentals, 2495 U.S. 131, Boyne Falls, by Marijo Faith Beckman

MARRIAGE

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Allan Bischoff, 50 and Carla Rae Beoning, 51, both of Petoskey

BIRTHS

Elijah Christian Harding weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Nov. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amanda Puroll and Joseph Harding of Antrim County.

Liam Michel Ryan Gallagher weighing 7 pounds was born on Nov. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His siblings are Maggie Potter, Isa and Oisín Gallagher. His grandparents are Tom and Jo Gallagher of Elk Rapids and Tom and Kay Donnelly of Boyne City, Russ and Tammy Polena of Shelby Township and Alexis Antinossi and Mark Sulz.

Justin Mark McCully weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Nov. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mack and Lisa McCully of East Jordan. His siblings are Britanni and Roger. His grandparents are Delmer and Flora Smith of Caro and James and Alice McCully of Roscommon.

His great-grandparents are Delta McCully of Saginaw and Cliff and Arlene Wolicki of Munger.

Micah Jon Furst weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Nov. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David K. and Rebecca A. Furst of Eastport. His siblings are Josiah and Abigail. His grandparents are Jonathan and Patricia Rager of Whitehall, Nancy Waters of Victoria, Canada, and Michael Furst of Beijing, China.

Braydin Lynn Noble weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces was born Nov. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kyle and Rachel Noble. Her grandparents are Mick and Mar Noble of Holton, Marilyn and Doug Boucher and Bill Noordhoff of Muskegon.

Matthew Walter Jarema weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born Nov. 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to John and Krista Jarema. His siblings are Alison, Caroline and Jack. His grandparents are Stan and Carol Martin and Walter and Mary Jarema of St. Clair Shores. His great-grandparents are Lottie Zobeck of Royal Oak and Ruby Shooks of Ellsworth.

Gwendolyn Grace Chrysler weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Gary and Kimberly Chrysler of Boyne City. Her sibling is Trevor. Her grandparents are Gary and Jody Potter of Charlevoix and Gary and Sue Chrysler of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Eleanor Coblentz of East Jordan, Garrett and Bertha Potter of Charlevoix and Charlie and Norma Johnson of Royal Oak.

Margaret Abigail McCafferty weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Daniel and Sarah McCafferty of Beaver Island. Her siblings are Michael, Erin and Susi. Her grandparents are Susan and Michael Myers, the late Bing McCafferty and Madonna McCafferty all of Beaver Island.

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New commission to decide administrator's fate

COUNTY

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not going to hire one, but I think we need to do some research and see what happened here that we need an administrator," he said.

Frykberg responded, "This certainly hasn't been something that's all of the sudden. It's something I've been working on for the last four years and with new people (commissioners-elect) I think it's important to have someone to help run things smoothly and efficiently and be there to help."

When asked, District Five Commissioner-elect, Bob Drebenstedt said, "He's not going to help me. You say he's going to be of all this help to me, but I'll come on board in January and I'll be behind him

by one month. I'm a fast starter and I'll catch up with him."

Frykberg responded, "It's not a matter of not knowing the county, it's (having) a person who's been in administrative government for 30-35 years and has that experience for you to draw on when you have questions."

Frykberg said O'Neal had another job opportunity and, as such, needed an answer from the board to make his own decisions.

"The fact that he's got another job goin' on or the possibility, that's his decision, but our decision is we would like a little more time to look at this," Drebenstedt said. "Right now I can be upfront and tell you I am not for any (county administrator) right now."

Newly elected District

One Commissioner, Shirlene Tripp, agreed with Evans and Drebenstedt and said, "Maybe some of these commissioners (-elect) are willing to give a little more time to the situation."

She added, "I think until we sit in that seat, we ought to look at all options. This (hiring a county administrator) is a big expense, especially when your auditor said you are only solvent for four months. I'd rather walk lightly than be sorry and be in debt."

Chris Christensen, newly elected District Two Commissioner said it's not a matter of disrespect to the current board's decision, but agrees with his fellow commissioners-elect.

"I feel there is definitely an economic issue. I think there

are some gaps in what's being provided by the county, but I don't know that spending \$70,000 to find somebody to fill those gaps is the most equitable solution at this point," he said. "That's not to say we don't need anything. I've said before that I'm willing to work with the board with whatever decision is handed."

Outgoing commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, demanded a decision be made. With no one seconding her motion, she asked the rules be waived and the board voted.

District Six Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, who originally supported the idea of the county administrator, said after reviewing the agreement she had second thoughts.

"The more I looked at it the more difficult it was for me

to digest. I wasn't looking at \$74,000, I was looking at about \$150,000," she said. "By the time you give him his insurance, his retirement, moving (expenses) and everything, it's going to add up — we all know it."

Roloff, Ronald Reinhardt, Vic Patrick and even the plan's architect, Frykberg, voted no.

Frykberg said he could not, "In good faith," bring O'Neal into the county amidst the current situation.

According to Saltonstall, hiring a county administrator could have saved the county three times the salary paid him.

"By deferring the decision, you are asking people who have not done the job to make the decision," she said. "And I think that's backwards."

Boyne City man takes first in Fox Charlevoix Buck Pole Contest

BUCK

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place. Judging was done by Steve Soviak, a scoring guru out of Gaylord. Separate prizes were awarded for first on the pole and heaviest buck.

"These bucks were just amazing and most were from right here in Charlevoix County," said Paula Adams, a representative of WKL, an event sponsor, who has participated in Gaylord's buck pole contest at Big Buck Brewery on several occasions.

Mike Edson, 75, of Boyne City took first place honors with 46 points.

"You never know until the count. But I knew I had the widest rack," he said.

His 10-point buck had the widest spread at 24 inches and weighed 165 pounds. He won \$1,000 cash and a shoulder mount from Lasting Memories Taxidermy in Ironton.

Edson, who has been hunting since he was 12, said he haggled his buck on Thursday, Nov. 16 with a 308 rifle while sitting on a stump near the Pigeon River in Montmorency County.

This was his second big win in his over six decades hunting, the other was in a Gaylord contest for a deer he shot in the Upper Peninsula.

This big win doesn't mean the end of the season for Edson, who said he's headed back to the

woods. "Camp is half the fun of it, or maybe more," he said.

Edson, an experienced hunter, shared the winner's circle with a newcomer on the scene, 14-year-old Ellsworth resident, Kim Hoeksema. She won an award for being the youngest hunter and took twelfth place overall with her 145 pound, nine-point buck with an 18 inch spread.

Second place and heaviest buck honors went to 46-year-old Phillip Oosthuysen of Franklin who tallied 42.5 points for his 172 pound buck with a 17 inch spread. Oosthuysen won a \$500 prize and a shiny new compass.

Third place went to Interlochen resident, Kevin McPherson, 37, for

his 12-point buck with a 15.5 inch spread. He won \$250.

Petoskey resident, Bryan Shaw, 37, took fourth place with 42 points and a \$100 prize for his 148 pound, 10-point buck with an 18.5 inch spread.

Charlevoix resident Matt Gilmet, 27, was first on the pole and took home a new deer blind from Jay's Sporting Goods for his 110 pound, five-point buck.

The regular deer hunting firearm season in Michigan will run through Nov. 30. Muzzle-loading season for Charlevoix County is from Dec. 8-17.

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Let capitalism decide the future of porn stores



THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

In spite of all the evils in the world needing to be fought, some of us still use our energy to howl about consensual acts. I harken back to Ronald Reagan, who, annoyed by his opponents' repetitive ramblings said, "There you go again." Well, here they go again.

Merriam-Webster's says pornography is, "The depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement." Some say it'll be the downfall of civilization as we know it — an old standard as far as inane arguments go.

All this brings us to "Xpectations," the new adult bookstore near Petoskey. Since the company won the right to open its doors until a zoning dispute is settled, I've watched as letter after letter to the editor of some local newspapers have been written by folks seething over the store's existence.

Some letter writers have even gone so far as to make veiled threats toward anyone who would patronize the purveyor of pornography.

Another letter writer challenged the community to, "Keep an eye on the business," and said we should, "Watch, watch and watch," the store. She ended her testament to tyranny by dreamily suggesting license plate numbers of patrons might appear in the newspaper.

Harass and intimidate people for legal actions? What's next? Would these oppressors stand outside the local pub and photograph the town drunkards? Why not wait outside McDonalds to point the finger of

shame at portly patrons?

Some of us scheme to fight poverty and inequality, while others plan to punish adults for merely exercising liberty.

Eventually, these fearful, angry mopes always use the safety of children and cancer on the community cards — which the letter writers have.

Strong words for a store which sells hachelor and bachelorette party supplies, novelties, magazines and movies — all of which are legal.

I cruised over to see this so-called den of ill repute. It is in the middle of nowhere. The door bears a large, "Must be 18 to enter" sign. A Christmas tune played as I entered the clean, well lit store — not exactly downtown Zeboim.

The clerk said the other stores peacefully coincided with their respective towns for years, even winning landscaping awards. He said anyone looking younger than 18 is

asked for a driver's license to prove their age or given the boot.

Is it ironic that these opponents admonish a controlled environment such as Xpectations while some local party stores sell porn in plain sight? Have they also forgotten there are at least two video rental chains in the Charlevoix-Petoskey area with large adult movie sections?

If your youngster runs roughshod on U.S. 131, you've bigger worries. Of course, lazy parents will always expect the village to raise their child.

In the end, it's not a matter of love or hate of porn, it's whether you think it right to impose your subjective moral or religious standards on others.

Unfortunately, archaic fears and misinformation about sex, drugs, skin color and religion will always exist — components of the human condition to be sure, but parts which must constantly be challenged.

I say put your time into preventing drunk driving, spousal abuse, hunger and we'll all be safer and happier.

Besides, left alone, capitalism will decide whether the business profits or dies.

To those who fear misogyny, tumbling property values and devastated communities, there are bad apples in every facet of business. To run Xpectations out of town because some bookstores are sleazy would be like abolishing marriage because some men beat their wives — impinging on personal freedom and personal responsibility is the real unnatural act here.

And to those giddy over the idea of publishing the license plate numbers of those who visit Xpectations, mine is: ZSX 603. Your move.

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Society should mind principles of efficiency



EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

In the natural world efficiency equals survival. An inefficient organism, plant or animal, will be out-competed for food and space by one that is even slightly more efficient.

The outcome over the millions of years that organisms have been competing is that the natural world consists totally of organisms that are remarkably efficient in their relationships with one another and with their environment. We could call that ecological efficiency and recognize that the organisms are competing almost completely for energy — energy as sunlight, energy as heat, energy as food.

The efficiency of human activities and endeavors is more complicated. We can be economically efficient, energy efficient or ecologically efficient.

Economic efficiency means that we would use the least money or economic resources to accomplish what we wished. Energy efficiency would mean using the least energy to accomplish that goal, which would often not be the same as economic efficiency because various forms of energy have dramatically different values. Ecological efficiency for human society would mean that we participated with all the other organisms in a general goal of increased biological success for all.

This theory is confusing without concrete examples. Consider for a moment the collection of garbage and trash in our community. The process must be economically efficient. Three different companies manage to cover expenses and make some profit. I assume they make a profit because they continue the business. Competition in the economic sense is supposed to almost magically result in the lowest prices for a product of service, but I see little evidence that the price to consumers of that service is reduced by the competition.

In terms of energy efficiency the picture is less rosy. Three sets of large trucks drive up and down our community streets on different days. Surely three trucks use more energy than one would. And a single truck could pick up the bags of trash with a shorter distance between stops. The more miles

each of those trucks drives when not fully loaded, the more fuel is wasted and the more heat trapping gases are released into the atmosphere. In economic terms the carbon dioxide and its effect on the earth is called an external. It's not part of the economic efficiency, but surely counts when we try to calculate energy efficiency. If the trucks put something toxic into the air, we would be appropriately concerned that there should be as little of it as possible. Excess carbon dioxide from burning fuels is toxic to the earth.

When we attempt to calculate ecological efficiency we have to count additionally the cost to the earth of the accumulating trash in whatever place it is permanently stored. The only mechanism for increasing the ecological efficiency of the process would be to produce, haul and store in landfills less total material. That

translates into extensive recycling, which would likely be economically inefficient, but could be energy efficient in the long-run. Economists commonly decry consideration of the long-term. The usual quote from an economist is "In the long-run we are all dead." Both the earth and our offspring continue to live however, and a livable world for them may require ecological efficiency.

When next we contemplate an action as an individual or as a community it might be well to consider not just the economic efficiency of an action, but its energy efficiency and ecological efficiency as well. Long-term survival may well depend on it.

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LETTERS to the editor

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MASONS

Editor:

Who are masons? Do they construct with mortar, bricks, blocks and stones?

Yes, but not always. There are Masons who are members of Freemasonry, the world's oldest, and most highly respected fraternal organization. The Da Vinci Code and National Treasure have helped to create an interest in the Masonic fraternity by the general public. The book and movie both left the false impression that one of the major roles of the fraternity is to act as a guardian for something of enormous value.

Those who create fictional stories clearly have a right to express views that are needed for their plot line, as long as what they create is labeled fiction. Fiction will oftentimes leave a mistaken impression of Freemasonry with the reader or viewer. The following may be of interest and surprising to the uninformed.

Freemasonry is a highly respected, centuries-old fraternity dating from the time of the stoneworker's guilds of medieval Europe, making it an attractive topic for legitimate research and wild speculation. Recently, the Masonic fraternity has been woven into the plot line of a number of fictional movies and books that put Freemasonry back into the realm of popular culture. The privacy associated with the fraternity has been exploited as secretive, and popular culture has been given inventions of fantasy such as the following myths about Masonic identity: Freemasonry as a guardian of the Holy Grail; keepers of an enormous fortune; a sinister force, who together with the Jews, are involved in a plot to take over the world; a threat to religious freedom; or a group of men who somehow must have something to hide. Although entertaining concepts, these false interpretations fail to present the authentic purposes of the Masonic order. Purposes that are found in its system of values based upon the following cornerstones: The dignity of man and the liberty of the individual; the right of all persons to worship as they choose; the formation of democratic governments; and the importance of public education.

Freemasonry today is very much a product of the age of enlightenment that, over the centuries, developed into a fraternity emphasizing personal study, self-improvement and social betterment. Worldwide, there are 3.5

million members of the fraternity of Freemasonry who help men and women face the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century by building bridges of brotherhood, performing good works in our communities and upholding the ideals for a better tomorrow.

Never believe anything you read, are told or shown until you check it out. To confirm the above, visit www.msana.com and search out the truth.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

PROBLEM SOLVERS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Editor:

I would like to follow up to a letter written by one of my students earlier this year about the Future Problem Solving program at Charlevoix Middle School.

Future Problem Solving is a gifted and talented program that allows students to use their creative thinking skills, academic skills, as well as working together in groups of four to complete challenging problems that may occur in the future. The students are required to follow a rigorous six-step process to complete each problem. These problems are then mailed in and are scored against other teams around the state. The students solve three practice problems and learn from the scorer's feedback. They then participate in the qualifying problem and if they qualify, they go to the state competition that takes place at Michigan State University.

Last year, we had one team make it to the state competition. This team placed eighth out of the 20 teams that made it to state.

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Again I would like to reiterate what my student wrote about earlier. We are in desperate need of funds to support this great program. Of course monetary donations to the Future Problem Solving program at Charlevoix Middle School are always welcome. There are also ways the community could help out this extracurricular activity. We would appreciate donations of the following items that are all fundraisers for our program: Spartan UPC labels, Olsen's receipts, Box Tops for Education and ink cartridges. All of these items have the potential to raise large amounts of money for our program. If you are able to donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off or mail to Future Problem Solving attn: Amy Pott, 108 E. Garfield St., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Thank you for your time and support.

Amy R. Pott
Science teacher and Future Problem Solving coach
Charlevoix Middle School

'THANKS' FOR BEING HANDICAPPED FRIENDLY

Editor:

A very enjoyable and continuous walk/wheelchair ride along the scenic and charming edge of the Pine River Canal and Round Lake was cruelly obstructed a few years ago by the obtrusive fence enclosing the Beaver Island ferry site.

Thanks to the well designed new sidewalk/ramp constructed recently by the City of Charlevoix southeast of the bridge, Charlevoix retains its high accessibility status and Great Lakes uniqueness.

On Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan conducted a flu clinic to train for a possible mass vaccination of area residents. Over 340 vaccinations were given in about

Many years ago, after visiting and analyzing Michigan's coastal towns and villages we found Charlevoix to have the best accessibility to public waterfront lands. This finding led us to vacation here with our best friend who is confined to a wheelchair and to eventually make Charlevoix our homestead.

We believe Charlevoix is beautiful because it has a significant amount of well managed public landscapes easily accessed by everyone. This major factor contributes to the city's charm and uniqueness.

Thanks to "City Hall" for restoring and enriching one of our many pleasurable experiences while living in the city.

Ken and Shirley Polakowski
Charlevoix

FLU CLINIC SUPPORTERS ASSIST IN SUCCESS

Editor:

On Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan conducted a flu clinic to train for a possible mass vaccination of area residents. Over 340 vaccinations were given in about

two hours. It took the cooperation of all the following organizations to complete this well-organized clinic: Charlevoix Area Hospital, Charlevoix Medical Control Authority, Charlevoix EMS, Boyne City EMS, North Country Community Mental Health, Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, RSVP volunteers, Builders Club teacher Susan Goss, Charlevoix Middle School, health occupation teacher Kay Beatty, Charlevoix High School, American Red Cross, Michigan Department of Community Health-Epidemiologist Roger Raccine, Charlevoix County Emergency Operations Center, Michigan State Police, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, friends and families of health department staff, volunteers and the staff of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

We hope that we have not omitted any organization that assisted in this worthwhile effort.

Carol Paxton, RN, MSN
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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Kathryn and Nathan Boss



High winds on Thanksgiving Day in 1956 took down power lines and damaged the Atwood Reformed Church, but the next day the wedding of Kathryn Shooks of Central Lake and Nathan Boss of Charlevoix went ahead as planned.

The storm proved not to be a bad omen. The couple will celebrate their 50th anniversary on



Nov. 25 at 303 West Garfield St. in Charlevoix, their home for all their years of marriage. The three children they raised there — Gayle, now of Grand Rapids; Denise, of Coopersville; and Craig, a Charlevoix resident, along with their spouses and children will be present for the event.

Local retailers collect Toys for Tots now through Dec. 20

The Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League, in cooperation with the Salvation Army and community Christmas organizations, will begin their annual Toys for Tots solicitation the week of Nov. 25.

The solicitation will last until Dec. 20.

Special boxes will be placed in nearly 90 locations throughout Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties.

Patrons are requested to place new, unwrapped toys in these boxes. Members of the Marine Corps League will take the toys to special storage where they will be warehoused until just before Christmas when they will be distributed.

Toys and gifts are needed for all ages of needy children from infants to teens.

Toys donated in this area will be distributed in this area. In recent years, 12,000 to 14,000 toys and gifts have been donated annually.

The Toys for Tots program is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Charlevoix drop off sites are located at Kmart, Rite Aid, Oleson's Food Store, Glen's Market, ACE Hardware, Pat McKeown Ford, Harbor Industries, Clothing Company, Charlevoix Elementary

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DOCK ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

Chuck Mason, son of Hugh and Betsy Mason, of Charlevoix has been chosen by the members of Northwest Marine Yacht Basin Association as the Dock Assistant of the Year 2006. Chuck is a freshman at Kalamazoo College and was unanimously chosen for his hard work, diligence and commitment. Chuck will receive the Dock Assistant of the Year Scholarship as well as having his name engraved on the Dock Assistant of the Year plaque.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS

Stephanie Busman and Daniel Soullier of Charlevoix recently received academic honors from Ferris State University for the semester ending in May. To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

TRUMPET RECITAL

Rachel Bellairs, daughter of Bob and Jenny Bellairs, presented her senior trumpet recital Friday, Nov. 10, in Brown Hall, on the campus of New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston, Mass. Bellairs, who is a senior, majoring in trumpet performance, presented a program of works by Rachmaninoff, Scarlatti, Suderberg and Plog. She also premiered "The Viscous: Fanfare and Tango," which was written for her by composition student Albert Oppenheimer. The performance ended when Rachel, who is also a vocal student, put down her horn, and sang an encore "There Won't be Trumpets," by Stephen Sondheim. A reception followed the performance, hosted by Jenny and Carolyn Bellairs and Tricia Watkins. Bellairs, who will graduate in May, 2007, is also a member of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, with whom she will perform on Christmas Eve with the Boston Pops Orchestra.

ISLAND STUDENTS

The following Beaver Island Community School students have been recognized for their academic performance. Those who earned a Consistent and Exceptional Performance designation with a 3.5 or higher grade point average are seniors, Emma Adams, Saygan Crosswhite and Brenna Green, juniors, Eric Albin, Brenden Martin and Andrea Moore; sophomores, Caitlin Boyle, Hannah Connor, Patrick Cull and Maeve Green; freshman, Alex Kuligowski; and seventh grader, Jenna Battle.

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Members of the Holly Daze Committee (front, from left to right) Carolyn MacKenzie, Jennifer Aenis, Amy Lalewicz, Kathy Galbraith, Jackie Krutsch, (back, from left) Patti Aikin, Brenda Malpass, Anne Golski, Marge Teske, Mary Faculak and Patty Barrow.

Holly Daze Committee wraps planning for Nov. 30 event

Members of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Holly Daze Committee recently gathered for one of their last meetings prior to the Nov. 30 event.

This year's party will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30 at the Castle and will feature cocktails, a silent auction, dinner and a live auction.

Tickets are still available. The cost is \$100 per person. To purchase tickets or request a preview auction booklet, call (231) 547-8501.

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The coat drive is underway and will run through Dec. 31. The Department of Human Services will accept new coats, hats, gloves and mittens as well as used coats, hats, gloves and mittens that are clean, good condition.

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Lions Club to open annual tree sale fund-raiser on Nov. 29

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, barring delays in completion of some underground construction work, the Charlevoix Lions plan to begin selling Christmas trees in East Park at the foot of Clinton Street.

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OBITUARIES

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William C. Seely Jr. of Juarez, Mexico was born Jan. 26, 1943 and died Nov. 13, 2006 in El Paso, Texas after a courageous battle with cancer.

Survived by his spouse,

Maria of Juarez, Mexico; son, Thomas M. (Tonya Bennett) of Mason, both formerly of Petoskey; brothers, Steven W. Seely of Charlevoix and Richard P. Seely (Brenda) of

Williamston; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Church of the Resurrection in Lansing at a later date.

Gregory Smith: July 20, 1951 - Nov. 17, 2006



Gregory Smith

Gregory Wayne Smith, 55, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Nov. 17 at his home in Atwood.

A funeral took place on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Michael H. Dennis officiated, and burial followed at Antrim City Cemetery in Banks Township.

Greg was born July 20, 1951, in Saginaw, to Kenneth R. and Marlene M. (Muehlfeld) Smith. He graduated from Douglas MacArthur High School in 1969, and then graduated cum laude

with a bachelor of arts in vocal music and earned a secondary teaching certificate from Saginaw Valley State College in 1976. He moved to Charlevoix in 1979, and worked as a musician at the Weatherlane Inn. Greg married the former Judith A. Denemy on April 14, 1981, and began working for Ski & Shore Realty (now Vacation Properties Network) in the early 1980s. At the time of his death, he was associate broker/owner of Vacation Properties Network and Boyne Realty of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix, a charter member of the Charlevoix Country Club, and the Ruffed Grouse Society. He enjoyed bird hunting, golfing, instrumental and vocal music, and played keyboard and guitar at the First

Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Judy of Atwood; parents, Kenneth R. and Marlene Smith of Saginaw; sister, Debra A. (Derek) Black of Almont; father and mother-in-law, William I. and Patricia (Mort) Denemy of Petoskey; brothers-in-law, William (Natalie) Denemy of Petoskey, Brian (Susan) Denemy of Lake Orion; sisters-in-law, Joan Denemy of West Branch, Terry Denemy and her husband, Jerry Postema of Allendale, Ariz.; nephews, Michael, Justin and Joey Denemy; niece, Maggie Torongo of Roscommon.

Contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix, or to Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency-Hospice, The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.



Courtesy photo

A living memorial

Charlevoix Area Hospital staff gathered recently to remember their friend and coworker, Roger Sievertson, who died in September. An autumn blaze maple tree was planted on the lakeside campus in Sievertson's memory while lab technician and Episcopalian minister, Peggy Natterman, conducted a short service and poetry reading. Following the service, each person was invited to water the new tree, in a spirit of care and unity. Sievertson, vice-president of support services at Charlevoix Area Hospital who guided much of the hospital's recent expansion, was remembered for his steady leadership and wonderful sense of humor. The memorial tree was donated by the hospital employees' Hero Club.

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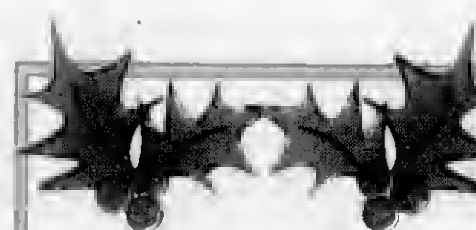
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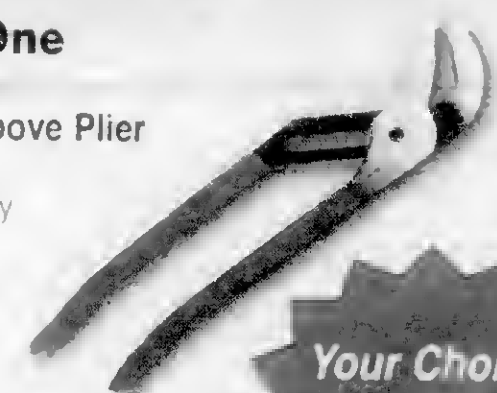
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China 1 owners dodge immediate deportation

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

Two Charlevoix restaurant owners convicted of multiple felony tax fraud charges have been released from custody on bond.

According to Shaynee Fanara, Charlevoix County chief assistant prosecutor, a legal process she helped fast track ended with an unexpected outcome. What she believed to be final deportation orders for the owners of Charlevoix China 1 have not been carried out.

"I'm standing there saying to the judge they are in custody of immigration, confident they would be deported. It makes us all look bad," Fanara said. "I would think after 9/11 our borders would be better protected. I'm disappointed to see how immigration is dealing with this."

On Aug. 22, the owners of China 1 in Charlevoix's Glen's Plaza were pushed through legal proceedings prior to what a Charlevoix judge and attorneys believed to be their imminent deportation. But Fanara said Yong Shen Dong, 38, has since returned to Charlevoix.

"I'm not clear on why he's out," Fanara said.

While Fanara has been unable to get a straight answer on Dong's release, the Courier learned that his wife and co-owner of the restaurant, Yuzhen Chen, 35, is free on bond as well.

Greg Palmore, a spokesperson out of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office in Detroit, said Dong is scheduled for an April 2007 hearing before an immigration judge.

"He hasn't received the final order from an immigration judge saying he's deported," Palmore said.

Palmore does not believe Dong has a valid green card and is ineligible to work in the United States. He had no clear answer on how Dong is supposed to support himself while awaiting the April 2007 hearing.

Chen is free pending a hearing on a stay proceeding before the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York, N.Y. Palmore explained she was in the process of being removed and



Yong Shen
Dong

was granted a stay hearing before the court of appeals.

If the stay is denied by the court of appeals, she will be taken back into custody. But if it's granted, she may be entitled to a benefit which Palmore said could mean her status will be adjusted and she could legally live in the United States.

Walking free just months after the two faced serious felony charges isn't exactly what Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas and Fanara had in mind this summer when they rushed their legal proceedings.

Fanara said she was told both had final deportation orders hanging over their heads from 1998 and that's why she didn't push for jail time for either of them.

"They truly did get off easy. They're not on probation like any other citizen would be. They were treated under special circumstances because we were led to believe they would be deported," she added.

The plea deal offered by the prosecutor's office reduced a list of eight charges to three felonies for each including attempted racketeering and two counts of tax fraud. The three charges, each carry a possible five-year prison sentence.

The sentencing guidelines for the felonies would mean serious prison time for most. But Chen and Dong were expected to only do as much time in jail as it took to complete the deportation process. Fanara believed they would be held at the U.S.



Yuzhen
Chen

Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Sault Ste. Marie where orders were issued to send the two back to China.

With Dong and Chen skirting prison time, Fanara said justice has not been served in this case.

"This will change how I will approach a case like this in the future (pushing for traditional probation and jail time). I'm not guaranteed any type of follow through by immigration. We'll take the matter into our own hands," she said.

The penalty they did participate in included the forfeiture of cash and possessions including \$100,000 and a Toyota Rav4 seized by representatives of local and state police agencies of China 1 restaurants in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Gaylord and Traverse City.

Other people involved in the China 1 operation, many of who are the couple's family members, were also recently charged.

Gaylord China 1 president, Zhen X. Chen and vice-president, Fa Yang were charged on Nov. 14 with one count of attempted racketeering and one count of felony tax fraud. Both are five year felonies. Charges were dropped against Chen's wife, Ai Hua, their son, Xian Chen and his wife, Min Ru

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CHIEF ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

Dong. Fanara said Yang has the largest tie to all the restaurants.

Cheboygan China 1 owner Cui Min Chen, Zhen Chen's daughter and former owner of Charlevoix China 1, pleaded guilty to attempted racketeering and felony tax fraud as well on Nov. 14. Charges were dropped against Chuan Ke Wang.

Traverse City China 1 owner Wen Bing Wang pleaded guilty on Nov. 9 to two felony tax fraud counts. Charges against Hui Yun Wang were dropped.

Fanara said each of the guilty parties are expected to be sentenced in January 2007 in Charlevoix County Circuit Court.

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Conflict of interest policy enforced

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Newly elected first ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Lyle Gennett, flexed his muscles just minutes after being sworn in on Monday night, Nov. 20.

Gennett was the tie breaking vote in a decision to turn down a payment request submitted by city engineer, Don Swem, for survey work. Third ward council member, Shirley Gibson, and second ward councilman, Gene Beer, also voted against it.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain had to sit this one out because of a conflict of interest.

"I feel bad but this should have been handled properly from the beginning," Gennett said of his decision.

The \$740 payment request at the root of Monday night's controversy was brought before council for survey work done by Ferguson and Chamberlain in August. Councilman Chamberlain is one of the business owners.

Because the surveyors have ties to council, hiring the firm to do work for the city over \$500 is a violation of the conflict of interest policy city council adopted in July.

The policy states that city manager Mike Wiesner may pay city officials, city employees or family members of the two groups up to \$500 for goods or services and up to \$1,500 for emergency expenditures for goods and services without prior approval from Charlevoix City Council.

In the situation brought to council this week, Swem said he was approached in August by a national tree trimming and clearing company that offered services free of charge to get their foot in the door.

Swem said there was work at Pine Point that needed to be done so he contacted Ferguson

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Shirley Gibson
THIRD WARD CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

and Chamberlain field coordinator, Jim LaBeau to come out and mark the city's right of way.

"I've worked with Ferguson and Chamberlain for 25 years. It never entered my mind not to go straight to them," Swem said.

The survey workers found there was no city right of way there. So, Swem said the trees weren't cut and now there is this bill fiasco hanging over his head.

To right this situation gone wrong, against authorizing payment of the bill, the issue isn't dead. Chamberlain said he plans to approach each council member individually to clarify the situation.

Beer asked that he waive the fee entirely. Chamberlain did not confirm that the bill will be dropped but did say that a clear message will be sent to all Ferguson and Chamberlain employees.

"I talk to my employees about conflict of interest. Maybe this time they will listen to what I tell them," he said.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. agrees that the bill should be paid by the city and lashed out at Gibson for her opposition claiming she has a personal beef with Chamberlain.

"We are not going to pay someone for good work for the city because of a personal vendetta?" Carlson said.

After the meeting, Gibson reprimanded Carlson for the public jab.

"I don't have a personal vendetta against anyone up here. I do have a problem with the conflict of interest policy being violated. Sherm and I are allowed to disagree," she said.

Carlson apologized.

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Newly elected first ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Lyle Gennett is sworn in by city clerk, Carol Ochs, minutes before making his first controversial decision

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS - OCTOBER 25, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the October 11, 2006 meeting as presented.

• Tom Woll, Equalization Director presented the 2006 apportionment Report.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-083, 2006 Township & City Clerk's Report.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-084, 2006 Tax Levy.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-085, Maximum Authorized Millage Rates.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-086, Cigarette Tax Distribution.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-087, Convention Facility Tax Distribution.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-088, 2007 General Fund Budget.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-089, 2007 Salary Schedule.

• Motion adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Local retired Coastie sings at NFL game

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

While many people's voices are never heard outside the shower, David Smith of Charlevoix recently had the opportunity to sing in front of the 55,000 people before the Indianapolis Colts took on the Buffalo Bills, Sunday, Nov. 12.

But Smith, who retired from the United States Coast Guard in 1981, isn't new to performing for large crowds.

"I started singing in the church choir when I was 15 and actually started taking singing lessons when I was 16," he said. "I love to do it. It's a wonderful way to touch people and to share emotions and feelings and pride in country and so forth."

While Smith considers himself to be a semi-professional singer, he has recorded sing along records with a Coast Guard Chorus for MGM Records and has sung for the Coast Guard in every state in which he's been stationed. Some of the recorded tunes include "Shine On Harvest Moon," "Me and My Gal" and sea shanties such as "Shenandoah."

Like so many things in life, Smith's opportunity to sing at the NFL came from a chance encounter.

"Every year for a number of years we've had a Fourth of July party. One year, Ron and Judy Willey, who live here in Charlevoix, invited some of their family who were visiting at the time," Smith said. "And, one of the kids that came to the party was their son-in-law, Pete Ward, the executive vice-president of the Colts — he's the number three man in the organization."

NFL officials decided this year they would honor soldiers on



Courtesy photo

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Sunday, Nov. 12, the day after Veterans' Day, with musical salutes and Ward thought inviting the former Coast Guard officer to sing at the game would be perfect.

"I sang a five-service medley and the Colts made a presentation of a Colt jersey to the family of a young man who had been killed in Iraq who was a Colts fan," Smith said. "At the time he was shot, he was wearing a Colts T-shirt, so they gave his parents a jersey with the son's name on it."

He added, "Then, after a moment of silence, I sang 'God Bless America.' I was told there weren't too many dry eyes in the house."

Smith jokingly quipped, "I don't

know if that was from the emotion of the moment or the quality of my singing."

Because his performance was not televised, Smith plans to share a CD of the event with anyone interested.

So what's it like to perform in front of so many screaming football fans?

"It's a funny thing. I don't tend to get nervous until somebody asks me if I'm nervous," he said. "But, the biggest problem I really have is the

emotion that the words produce and trying not to get choked up."

He added, "I love to sing the fourth verse of the National Anthem. Sometimes I really have trouble with that."

As far as his favorite types of songs to sing, Smith enjoys the serenade from "The Student Prince."

"In the summer I sing with the (Charlevoix) City Band," he said. "Whenever they've got something I know the words to. I sing, Gary Stutzman, who is the director, gets me to sing the words to some of the melodies from musical comedies, stage shows and things like that."

While living in Ann Arbor for a number of years, Smith sang during the opening moments of sporting events, but never for the number of people attending the Colts game.

"The Colts won. It was a wonderful game," Smith said. "It was quite moving and I know my family and I were deeply touched by the experience. We are most appreciative to our friends...and the Colts organization."

He added, "We hope we'll get asked to do it again."

Smith graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1960 and spent the next 25 years serving in various capacities, always finding time to fit in his gift of song along the way.

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Don't blame the squirrels

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Most abnormal power outages can be blamed on bushy tailed rodents, but the culprit behind two outages that disrupted the power supply to city residents in less than one week, remains a mystery.

The most recent of the two incidents took place just before noon on Nov. 15 and left about 60 percent of the city's 4,500 customers in the dark for 26 minutes. The customers to which service was cut were in downtown Charlevoix.

Harsha House displays lighthouse replica

The Charlevoix Historical Society is currently displaying at its Harsha House Museum the model lighthouse constructed by former Charlevoix city electrical department superintendent, Ed Whitley.

The white, steel replica, built on a scale of two inches for every foot, stands six feet tall. A red light shines in the lantern that crowns the structure.

Whitley built the model beginning in late 2000 to stand in his backyard overlooking Lake Charlevoix on M-66. He was inspired to do so after almost obtaining the current lighthouse when it was scheduled not to be reinstalled after the pier renovation of the late 1980s. A short, thin structure similar to the one on the north pier was intended to take its place. Whitley was offered the lighthouse by the contractor and was ready to haul it away to his property when he realized what it meant to the town, contacted the mayor, phone calls were made and wheels started to roll. He claims Charlevoix came within four hours of losing one of our signature landmarks.

The model is the centerpiece of a photo and the document exhibit that traces the history of all the Charlevoix lights, supplemented by original lighthouse artwork done by Charlevoix middle schoolers originally displayed in the 2006 Venetian Festival Heritage tent in East

Power outage stumps electric department

the entire north side, all along M-66 and in the Belvedere Club.

"It wasn't supposed to be that big. We haven't figured out why. Normally it's a squirrel but we haven't found a squirrel. Something happened in the Belvedere Club that took out the main transformer," said City of Charlevoix engineer, Don Swem.

According to Swem, three out of four outages like this can usually be blamed on an unlucky squirrel who stands on top of a transformer, brushes its tails against the other phase, completing the circuit and sending a current of electricity through them which blows a fuse.

"They use those lines for freeways and if they hit the wrong place that's all it takes," Swem said.

Squirrel or animal guards have been installed on the system, but

Swem said they're not foolproof. "It depends on how enterprising that squirrel is and where it's at on the line," he explained.

But in this case, with no fire in sight, the city has decided to bring in an instrumentation expert to see if the problem reaches beyond rodent misadventures.

"Instruments are supposed to trip the system off if there's a fault, like a squirrel," Swem explained.

He said instruments in place provide three levels of protection. The first is a fuse, if it blows it takes out a local area. Then, there's the recloser, an automatic protection device that senses and interrupts distribution, reducing the impact of the power outage to the fewest possible. If it fails, the relay takes out the transformer which brings down the entire system.

"It shouldn't have happened and we haven't come up with a good

explanation as to why," Swem said. "Two things had to happen at once in a fraction of a second. That's the kind of coincidence if I believed in I would play the Lotto. I don't believe in coincidence. I believe something is wrong with the relay."

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Park. The Harsha House exhibit has been mounted in conjunction with major fund-raising efforts designed to help restore and preserve the lighthouse.

The Harsha House is located at 103 State St. Visiting hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday until Dec. 31. For more information call (231) 547-0373.

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CHARLEVOIX COURIER 15

Saltonstall questions COA war chest

Fund balance
may allow
termination of
county-wide
senior millage



Connie
Saltonstall

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Joan Blanchard, chairperson for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, said he Charlevoix Senior Millage could be nixed if the commission is able to maintain the \$2.3 million fund balance it now possesses.

"We will probably cut it (millage) next year if we have that much money available," Blanchard said.

Originally passed in 2000, the four-tenths of a mill is levied to implement new programs and improve old ones, provide for staffing and service costs.

During the Monday, Nov. 20 Commission On Aging meeting, District One Charlevoix County Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, questioned board members about the sizable rainy day fund.

"The average fund balance for the county is 26 percent. You have over 341 percent in reserve," she said.

Saltonstall wondered why the commission hasn't fixed the air conditioning at the East Jordan Senior Center and why two individuals on Beaver Island weren't getting their meals when there is such a large amount of cash on hand.

Board members told Saltonstall the individuals were uncooperative, but every attempt had been made to feed them. The air conditioning issue was not addressed.

The board then asked Saltonstall how she thought the money should be spent.

"I'm not here to tell you how to do your job," she said. "But I would like to be appointed to the board."

She added, "I'm here for all Charlevoix seniors." Blanchard responded, "You're saying we're not doing a good job? So you don't know what's going on, but you're criticizing us?"

Saltonstall said, every time she asked questions about the commission's budget, she was told she didn't understand it.

Joan Blanchard admitted to me and Earl (Muma, director of the Charlevoix Senior Center Inc.) that they are deliberately holding back money," she said, during an interview in the days leading up to the meeting. "My concern is that this (Senior) Millage money has been approved by the voters to pay for services for seniors and this board is not using that money. They're only using about half of it. Meanwhile, there is over a

million and a half dollars sitting in an investment account."

She added, "I think we have to look at how the Commission On Aging is making decisions and I think they need to do a better job of serving seniors with the tax dollars that they pay."

Commission board member, Nels Northup, said, "It's nice to be criticized for not blowing the taxpayers money."

During the Thursday, Nov. 16 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting, Saltonstall expressed her concerns to the board and asked to be appointed to the Commission On Aging board. Chairman of the county board, Vic Patrick, nominated her, but the proceedings were cut short when District Six County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, said Saltonstall should first bring her concerns to the Commission on Aging meeting of Nov. 20.

During the Nov. 16 county board meeting, Margo Johnson of the Commission on Aging said there were no positions open on the board. However, Saltonstall said, the board currently has eight members and up to 11 are allowed.

During the county board meeting, Roloff said Saltonstall should have brought her concerns directly to the Commission on Aging.

"Well frankly," Saltonstall said, "What I was told is I simply I don't understand it."

Roloff quipped, "Sometimes I don't think you do. If we have

a problem...you should go directly to them. We don't hang people with them not being here."

Saltonstall said the county board is ultimately responsible for the Commission on Aging's budget.

"I don't think there has been enough scrutiny given to the budget," she said.

Roloff said she had a problem with Saltonstall's decision to bring the issue up at an open meeting.

Saltonstall said, "Your board member didn't mind putting it

in the newspaper saying to the people of Charlevoix County that I didn't know what I was doing."

Several times Saltonstall said she would like to be a member of the board and several times she was told she was welcome to sit in on meetings as a guest.

Saltonstall could know as early as the 3 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13 County Board of Commissioners meeting whether she will be appointed to the Commission On Aging board.

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On this special holiday, we all have a chance to stand back and take a look at ourselves and to think about how fortunate we are to live in this wonderful country called America. The freedom and the opportunities we have are like nothing else anywhere on this earth.

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• Put your work phone number on your checks instead of your home phone.

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Ace to host Nov. 26 midnight madness shopping event

One Charlevoix business isn't going to waste a second of the post Thanksgiving shopping rush.

Charlevoix Ace Hardware will open its doors at 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 24 and will offer shoppers a Holiday Shopping Extravaganza.

The extravaganza will include refreshments, sales, drawings and hourly specials. Free gifts will be given out from 12:01 until 5 a.m. to each shopper. One lucky shop-

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Holiday hours are from 12:01 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 25 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26.

For more information, call (231) 547-6232.

Bolt family to host holiday art show

Sue and Russ Bolt will host a holiday art show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 24 and 25, at Bolt's Grange Hall, located at the corner of Marion Center and Ferry roads.

The show will feature ceramics, paintings, prints and fabrics by Lori, Sue and Russ Bolt.

For more information, call (231) 547-4855.



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Lunch is served

Jayne Kagbitang of Charlevoix sits with Charlevoix United Methodist Church secretary, Danielle Baier, during the Community Lunch Nov. 15 at the church. A traditional Thanksgiving meal was made and served by Juillerets owner Mary Morrison (back left) and manager Jan Malison (back right). The program offers lunch at no cost from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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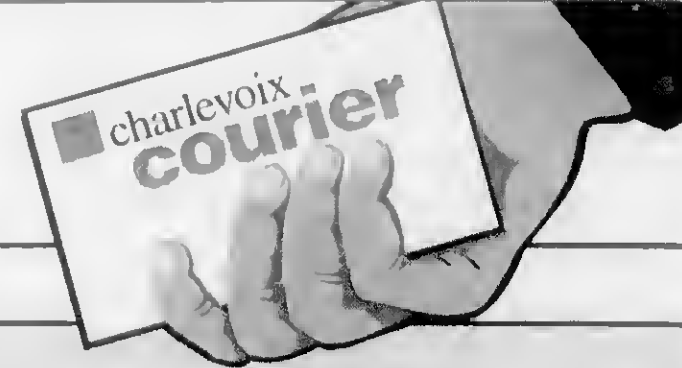
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Four arrested in connection with October storage unit break-ins

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The suspects, two from Antrim County and two from Grand Traverse County, are among those responsible for known incidents in Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim and Grand Traverse counties during September and October.

The suspects were each charged on a 23-count felony warrant by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office alleging 21 counts of breaking and entering and two counts of larceny from motor vehicles from incidents in Marion Township in mid-October where storage units were broken into and numerous electronic items stolen from boats

and motor vehicles.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted in the investigation by the Antrim County Sheriff's Office, Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office, Elk Rapids Police Department, Harbor Springs Police Department and the Michigan State Police Kalkaska Post.

Three adult suspects have been arrested and appeared in front of the Charlevoix County 90th District Court Magistrate who has set bond. The adults are James R. Bruening, 18 and Nicholas S. Briggs, 17, of Williamsburg and Jesus S. Miguel, 18, of Kewadin. A 16-year-old Rapid City male has been charged in Probate Court for the same counts.

The investigation continues with additional arrests pending.



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Mix it up

(Left) Junior, Murphy Gillespie and senior, Kara Ciesielczyk, chat while eating lunch during Charlevoix High School's annual Mix It Up Day on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Mix It Up Day is intended to get students communicating with classmates they wouldn't generally talk to in an effort to, "Cross social boundaries." (Below) Junior, Nic Williams and senior, Tyler Haske check their seating arrangements during lunchtime on Mix It Up Day.



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Brian Gabrick

Petoskey News-Review press technician Brian Gabrick, 43, moved into the company's growing online division on Nov. 1 as a Web loader and designer in Petoskey.

Gabrick, who joined the News-Review in September 2005, will continue to be based out of Petoskey where he will assist in the loading of ads and content for Schurz Communications Inc. Web sites www.petoskeynews.com and www.gaylordheraldtimes.com.

Gabrick also will help create the network that will connect Petoskey, Gaylord and Charlevoix which, in turn, will support the creation of a new regionally focused Web site as well as a news Web site for the Charlevoix Courier in 2007.

The regional online staff will work independently of the newspapers' staffs but will have close ties with the production of the newspaper Web sites.

"Brian has a 'bootstraps' understanding of technology," said online media manager Peter Comings. "He has pored himself into learning technology and will be a great addition to the team."

"I'm looking forward to the technical challenges, the nitty-gritty of making this thing work," said Gabrick, who moved north from Grand Rapids 15 years ago. "What interested me in it (the job) was the challenge of learning new things. I see digital media as the wave of the future."

The regional site, which is due to come online in January, will place increased emphasis on community participation and content development and will offer such technological amenities as podcasting, blogs and video-related products. Parallel products will be pursued for the newspaper Web sites.

Interest in home networks and Web sites, Gabrick also enjoys playing guitar, hiking and fishing. Gabrick has a son and daughter who continue to live in Grand Rapids.

To reach him at the Petoskey News-Review, call (231) 439-9352 or e-mail bhgabrick@petoskeynews.com.

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Beta Mu steers homemade hospital fund-raiser

The Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, an international service, cultural and social organization has created and is selling a cookbook, "A Taste of Charlevoix, 2006" to benefit local charities.

Recently, the chapter was able to present a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation to support the expansion and renovation of the hospital's physical therapy department.

According to Jackie Krutsch, a member of the chapter, "Our organization is pleased to be able to support our hospital and other worthy organizations through the sale of this wonderful cookbook."

The cookbook is sold throughout the Charlevoix area. The cost of the book is \$15.



Courtesy photo

Lyn Jenks (left), executive director of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, accepts a check for \$1,000 from Jacqueline Krutsch of the Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. The donation for the hospital's physical therapy department was made using proceeds from the sale of the sorority's cookbook. The Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, an international service, cultural and social organization has created and is selling a cookbook, "A Taste of Charlevoix, 2006" to benefit local charities.

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Sex offender registry available on-line

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasatar and Undersheriff Don Schneider advise of a program available on the Internet that allows citizens to access information on registered sex offenders.

The following information is available: the exact residence of the registered sex offender, a photo of the offender, other miscellaneous information and prior convictions.

The Web site address is www.familywatchdog.us. When visiting this Web site you can enter your address and a map will pop up with your house as the small icon of a house and red, blue and green dots surrounding your entire neighborhood. When you click on these dots, a picture of a person will appear with an address and the description of the crime he or she had committed.

You may want to show your children the pictures and know how close these people live to your home or school. This site was developed by John Walsh from America's Most Wanted.

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Kevin Elsenheimer

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer will serve his second term in the Michigan House as the assistant House minority leader, working with House Minority Leader, Craig

DeRoche.

"The things that I have learned as a northern Michigan resident have provided me with the qualifications for this position, and that is hard work and an ethic that includes common sense," said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. "My job as assistant leader is to fight for the needs and desires of the residents. It's a tremendous responsibility, but I'm ready and looking forward to it, and proud to have been given the opportunity."

Elsenheimer was elected by the 52 Republican members of the Michigan House of Representatives to the number two spot in the House Republican caucus during a caucus meeting last week.

The 105th District lawmaker will begin his new post when the 94th Legislature convenes in January 2007.

Elsenheimer was re-elected to the State House this November by the voters of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Otsego counties.

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Caught being good

The students at St. Mary School recently celebrated the end of the marking period in two ways. They had a special showing of the movie Santa Clause 3 at Cinema III in Charlevoix and were treated to a "Caught Being Good" assembly. Throughout the marking period, if a student is caught doing something good without an adult asking them to do it, their name is written down on a coupon and put in a box to be part of a drawing for prizes. Pictured above are the prize recipients for the first marking period. They are (front, from left to right) Addison Bemis, Jane Kelly, Nathan Pearl, (center, from left) Miranda Stieglitz, Olivia Jeakle, Kamryn Vryser, Mackenzy O'Leary, Hayden Dvoracek, Danny Nesburg, (back, from left) Erin Stebe, Kelsey Pischner, Ryan Joy, Kourtney Putman, Quincy Greene, Parker LaVanway, Isaiah Sladick and Austin Putman.

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Turkey Day details: Stuff it, serve it and wrap it

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Whether you're using the microwave, grilling, deep-frying, pressure cooking or roasting your bird, lovers of juicy turkey will be happy to know the USDA recently lowered the internal cooking temperature of turkey from 180 degrees Fahrenheit to 165 of the same.

Don't worry about pink meat. As long as the internal temperature of the breast is 165 degrees, it is safe to eat.

Fully cooked, yet pink, meat can be attributed to the age of the bird, levels of hemoglobin, nitrates and other chemical reactions.

THE BIRD IS THE WORD: The USDA recommends planning on one pound of turkey per diner.

Do not buy fresh turkeys more than two days before cooking.

Do not buy fresh turkeys which are stuffed.

Frozen turkeys should be thawed using the following methods.

Thaw frozen turkeys by running cold water over them, setting them on a tray in the refrigerator or using the defrost option on your microwave.

Refrigerator method: Allow 24 hours per five pounds.

Cold, running water or submerged in cold water method: Allow 30 minutes per pound. (Be sure to change standing water every half hour for submerged method.)

Thawed turkey can be frozen again if necessary and will last approximately two days in the refrigerator.

The USDA advises stuffing a turkey just before cooking.

Even turkeys with built in thermometers should be checked with a quality, commercial grade food thermometer.

Allowing the turkey to rest for 15-20 minutes after removal from the oven will ensure the juiciest bird possible.

To avoid cross contamination, always wash hands and tools thoroughly and disinfect preparation areas before preparing other items.

For more cooking and safety hints, call (888) 674-6854. **THE BEST WAY TO STORE LEFTOVERS, ACCORDING TO THE USDA:**

Discard any turkey, stuffing, and gravy left out at room temperature longer than 2 hours; 1 hour in temperatures above 90 °F.

Divide left-

overs into smaller portions. Refrigerate or freeze in covered shallow containers for quicker cooling.

Use refrigerated turkey and stuffing within 3 to 4 days. Use gravy within 1 to 2 days.

If freezing leftovers, use within 2 to 6 months for best quality.

TO GRANDMOTHER'S HOUSE WE GO:

According to a AAA press release of Nov. 14, nearly 1.5 million Michiganders will do some traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday.

"The vast majority of travelers in Michigan and surrounding Great Lakes states (91 percent) will stay with relatives

— a significantly higher percentage than the

hling from last year, the airports are sure to be bustling.

"To help cope with heavier-than-normal traffic volumes and heightened airport security, AAA recom-

mends that travelers allow plenty of extra time to

ticket/hoarding pass from the Internet before you ever leave home and be aware of the amount of carry-on luggage with which you may fly.

"Wrap gifts after you arrive at your destination. Security personnel may request that gifts be unwrapped at screening checkpoints," the release stated. "Stay calm in lines and during inspections. Don't make jokes or take actions that may be construed as threatening."

AAA warns motorists to be aware of deer on the run from hunters. There were nearly 60,000 auto accidents involving deer last year.

"(In 2005), nine motorists were killed and 1,700 were injured as a result of vehicle-deer crashes. During the 2005 Thanksgiving holiday period, 19 persons died in 17 fatal crashes on Michigan roads, compared with 10 deaths in 2004. Restraints were used by 84 percent of the victims who had them available. Five, or 26 percent of the fatal crashes, were alcohol-related," the release stated.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS - NOVEMBER 8, 2006

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:05 p.m. in Charlevoix. Commissioners Reinhardt and Jason were absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the October 25, 2006 meeting as presented.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-090, Agreement for Auditing Services, authorizing Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-091 Court Appointed Attorney Contract, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-092, Placement of Continuously Operating GPS Reference Station, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-093, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

• Motion approved Resolution #06-094, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Head lice cases have been reported

Several cases of head lice have recently been reported to the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"Head lice are a common problem during the school year, especially in the winter months," said Joshua Meyerson, M.D., Medical Director of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "They occur at all social levels and are not related to cleanliness."

Children can get head lice from close contact with an infested person or by sharing hats, clothing, combs and hairbrushes. The most common symptom is intense itching of the scalp. Head lice do not transmit diseases to humans, but scratching can result in infection.

The favorite site for lice and nits (lice eggs) are the nape of the neck and behind the ears.

If you suspect your child has lice, examine this area using a magnifying glass and flashlight. Actual head lice are hard to see because they are tiny and few in numbers. Nits are found on the hair close to the scalp. Nits are gray white or silvery in color, oval in shape, and the size of a poppy seed.

"If one person is infested, all family members should be checked and all infested members treated at the same time," said Meyerson.

There are prescription and over-the-counter medications for treatment of head lice. Because all lice and nits may not be killed with the initial treatment, a second treatment is usually recommended 7-10 days later to kill newly hatched lice. Never use home remedies such as alcohol or kerosene. They don't work and may be

dangerous. Removal of nits after treatment is not necessary, but if attempted for aesthetic reasons, can be facilitated with a special fine tooth nit comb.

At the time of treatment, all bedding and clothing used within the last 72 hours should be dry cleaned or laundered in hot soapy water and machine dried. The hot setting on the dryer should be used. Non-

washable items can be sealed in a plastic bag for 14 days or left in below freezing temperatures for 12 to 24 hours. Insecticide sprays, aerosols and fumigation of the home are not recommended. Only vacuum those areas touched by a child's head such as a car seat or favorite chair.

"Remember to clean your child's favorite fuzzy toy as

well as headgear, brushes and combs," said Meyerson.

Although lice may survive for two to three days off a person under ideal conditions, they usually die within one day.

For additional information about lice, contact your child's doctor, the local health department office or visit the health department's Web site www.nwhealth.org.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder girls' basketball threepeat

Charlevoix
conquers East
Jordan for
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BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders won their third straight girls basketball district championship in Boyne City last week, defeating the Ramblers, 61-55 in the semis and East Jordan, 65-50 in the district finals.

The win over Boyne was the rubber match between the conference co-champions who split in their regular season meetings. The Ramblers lost only three games this season, two at the hands of the Rayders.

Charlevoix shook off an uncharacteristic slow start as the Rayders trailed 21-15 at the half.

Boyne humped the lead to eight at 25-17 before a stretch where Lori Zimmerman sank two three-pointers and Robyn Petzak sank one, the Rayders' first three of the night, to give Charlevoix a 26-25 advantage.

The game was back and forth

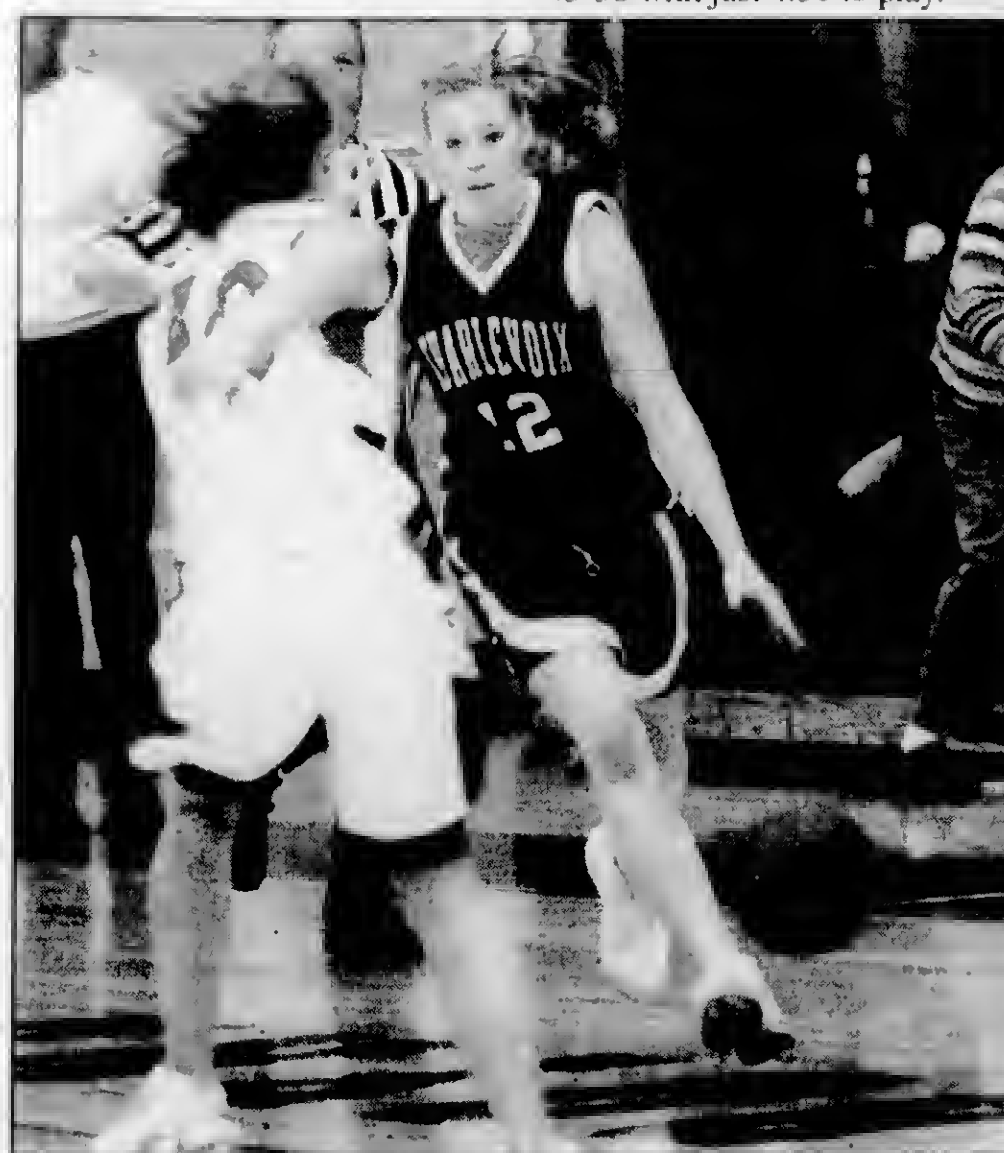


Photo by Scott Richards
Lori Zimmerman moves the ball down the court during the Rayder district final win over East Jordan on Nov. 17.



Photo by Scott Richards

The Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team won their third straight Class C district championship in Boyne City last week, defeating the East Jordan Red Devils 65-50. The team is pictured above with their championship trophy. They are (front, from left to right) Robyn Petzak, Sasha Spencley, Zita Anderson, Lori Zimmerman, Emily Foster, Ariel Ramsey, Desi Faust, (back, from left) assistant coach Jim Gels, Becca Madison, Teresa Potter, Murphy Gillespie, Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Kandis Way, Tammy Potter, Kaleigh Blanchard, coach Keith Haske, assistant coach Liz Grunch and assistant coach Bret Erskine.

until midway through the fourth quarter when the Ramblers appeared to take control with an 11-4 run that found Charlevoix trailing 45-38 with just 4:30 to play.

When Ashlie Bradley scored on a put back but then fouled out seconds later, it appeared that Charlevoix's season might be over. However, Boyne made only one of the two foul shots to take a 50-45 lead.

Becca Madison responded with a bucket and following a Rayder steal, Petzak sank a three-pointer to deadlock the game at 50-50. The Ramblers fought back to retake the lead but a Tammy Potter "and one" put Charlevoix ahead to stay at 53-52.

"It took awhile, but we finally got that run, for about 45 seconds, and got the lead," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said.

Back to back steals by the Rayders with resulting Zimmerman and Potter lay-ups put the game away. Zimmerman and Madison sealed the deal with four straight free throws.

The free throws were especially nice to see, following Charlevoix's three for 10 production from the line in the first half.

"We finally made some free throws, and made them when they mattered," Haske said. "Tammy was big for us, and she still doesn't know just how good she can be."

Zimmerman finished with 17

points, six rebounds, three assists and four steals. Petzak scored 14. Potter contributed 12 points, six rebounds and four steals. Madison tallied eight points.

Sasha Spencley played tenacious defense and had five steals, four rebounds and four assists.

In the somewhat anticlimactic district final, the Rayders ended the Red Devils' season with a 15-point win.

Zimmerman again led Charlevoix in scoring with 17 points, also dishing out three assists. Petzak had 12 points and five

steals.

Bradley finished with 10 points, eight rebounds, three steals and two assists. Madison nearly pulled off a double-double with nine points, nine rebounds and four steals.

Charlevoix (18-4) advanced to regional play at Kingsley. The Rayders opened against McBain on Monday, Nov. 20. The winner advanced to the regional finals at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 against the winner of Kingsley-Whitemore-Preseott. Game summaries will appear in next week's Courier.

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NOV. 23 THANKSGIVING SWIM

John McNabb of Charlevoix and his 14-year-old son, Douglas McNabb, of Traverse City, will raise money to help defray treatment costs for a local female health care worker involved in a recent car accident, by swimming in Lake Michigan on Thanksgiving Day. The swim will take place at 11 a.m. on Nov. 23 at Lake Michigan Beach. This is the fourth year the McNabbs have taken the plunge. For more information or to donate, call John McNabb at (231) 237-0380.

NOV. 23 THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Christian Science Society of Charlevoix will host a Thanksgiving Day service at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 205 Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

NOV. 24 TREE LIGHTING

From 4 p.m. to just before 6 p.m. visit Santa at the North Pole, 222 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. There, children can have their picture taken with Santa.

Bring your homemade ornament to East Park to be hung on the community Christmas tree. Those who forgot an ornament can make one at the North Pole at ornament making stations hosted by the Charlevoix Children's House.

Warm up with hot cocoa and cookies in East Park beginning at 5 p.m. While there, enjoy holiday music courtesy of Dale Boss and the Petunia Truck. Santa will light the tree at 6 p.m. sharp.

NOV. 27 PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETING

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27 at the Boyne District Library in Boyne City.

The meeting theme will be "Traditions of the Season." The evening will begin with a potluck supper. Every one is asked to bring a dish to pass. The society will provide the plates, cups, silverware and linens.

Following dinner, attendees will share their favorite holiday traditions.

The evening concludes with live and silent auctions to benefit the society. Participants are asked to bring along one or more unwrapped new or "like new" white elephant or "re-gifts," hand-made or home-

baked items to auction off. Society member, Bob Goodenough will be the auctioneer.

For more information, call Carol Goodenough at (231) 582-7042.

NOV. 28 FLU SHOT CLINIC

A flu shot clinic will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 28 at the Charlevoix Health Department office, located at 220 West Garfield in Charlevoix. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, call 800-432-4121.

NOV. 30 HOLLY DAZE

The 14th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "An Enchanted Evening," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The live auction will have items that focus on once in a lifetime experiences and other "enchanted" items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items for patients of the hospital.

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$100 per person (\$60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails

and dinner. Tickets will limited due to last year's near sell-out crowd, but are now available by calling (231) 547-8685 during normal business hours.

DEC. 2 OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary's will host its 13th Annual Charlevoix Open House Holiday Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

DEC. 2 SOUL STREET BENEFIT CONCERT

Razor Entertainment is organizing a concert event to benefit the Charlevoix High School performing arts program. The band, Soul Street, is a nine-piece Motown tribute band with musicians from The Temptations and The Drifters. They will perform at 8 p.m. on Dec. 2 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School. Tickets for general admission seats are \$12 each and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop in downtown Charlevoix.

DEC. 10 HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Jordan Valley Community Band, a volunteer group of musi-

cians from Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties will present a holiday concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the East Jordan High School Community Auditorium. Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Computer Tidbit: Gold Mining the Library Catalog, 7 p.m., Nov. 21 and 28.
- Computer Tidbit: Set Up a Free E-mail Account, 1 p.m., Nov. 22.
- Computer Tidbit: Holiday Shopping Online, 1 p.m., Nov. 29.
- Nov. 23, Thanksgiving, library closed.
- Lapsit Story Time (birth-3), 10:05 a.m., Nov. 30.
- Pre-K Story Time (ages 4-5), 10:30 a.m., Nov. 30.
- Family Fun Day at the Library, 1 to 4 p.m., Dec. 9.
- Story Time 2 afternoon story time, 1 p.m., Nov. 28.

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about your end-of-life wishes with your family members. Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or Hospice of Northwest Michigan (231) 547-6092 for a copy of Five Wishes to start the conversation when you gather with your family this Thanksgiving season.

ST. MARY CHURCH GIVING TREE

St. Mary Church will host their annual Giving Tree, which is affiliated with the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project on Saturday, Nov. 25 until Dec. 10. After each mass numbered tags will be available for those wishing to adopt a family for Christmas. If you would like to participate in this project or would like more information, please contact Rose Mary Horton at 547-2359, Becky Wimmer at 547-5746, or Mary Plude at 547-4873.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN BACKGAMMON CLUB

Robert Townsend, of Petoskey, is organizing a Northern Michigan Backgammon Club. The group will meet starting Nov. 30 on Thursday evenings at the Horizon Book Store in Petoskey. Contact Robert at (231) 622-2040.

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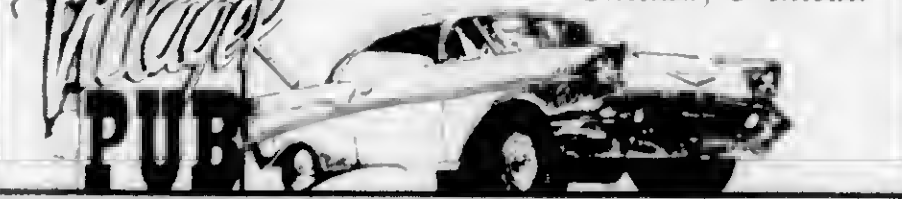
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Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Avenue 6:30 p.m. Nov. 24 and 25 John Perry — piano.

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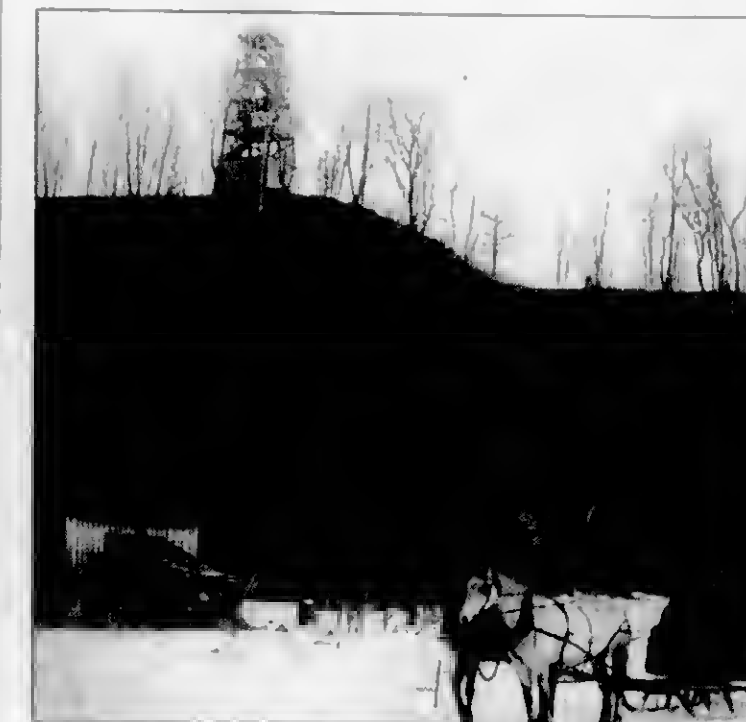


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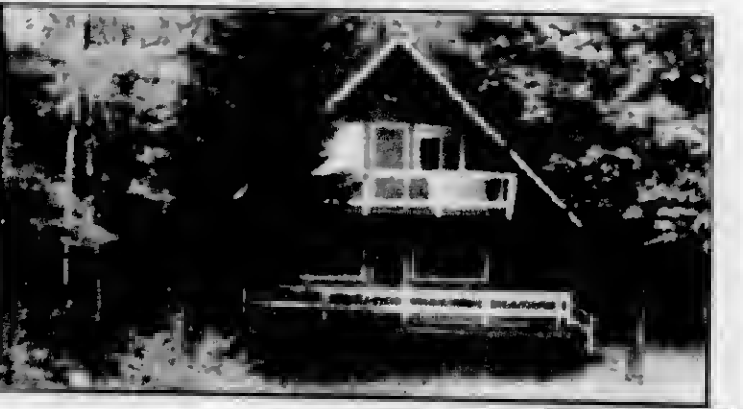
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Santa baby

Catherine Hayes, eight months, of Charlevoix, is delighted to rest on Santa's red velvet lap during the Nov. 24 Charlevoix community Christmas tree lighting event. Unseasonably warm weather drew a crowd of hundreds to the popular local event. For more pictures, see page 21.

Funding cuts to schools loom on horizon

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Just as Charlevoix Public Schools officials were about to breathe a sigh of relief concerning their fund balance, the specter of proration appeared on the horizon.

"We recently learned that state revenues are coming in at lower than anticipated levels — there have been some rumblings of it (possibility of proration) over the last several weeks," said Charlevoix Public Schools business manager, Shawn Biddle. "As the state's fiscal year ended, there were rumblings that the numbers were not what they expected."

According to the Citizens Research Council of Michigan,

nearly \$200 million less in revenue found its way to the state's budget. Elimination and reduction of certain taxes as well as extreme reductions in commerce have continued to sack the state fiscally.

"Total employment declined by 325,000 (6.9 percent). Manufacturing employment dropped 236,000 (26.0 percent)," the report stated. "Non-manufacturing employment fell 89,000 (2.4 percent). Auto and light truck sales by the Big Three dropped 15.8 percent (1.8 million units). Auto and light truck production in Michigan declined 20.5 percent (657,000 units)."

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Courtesy photo

Bill and Karen Schuiling (above) have pledged \$60,000 to the renovation of the new Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building off Mason Street.

Schuilings pledge \$60,000 to chamber relocation, renovation

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce won't be left in the cold this winter thanks in part to Bill Schuiling's latest community donation.

According to Peter Pollack, principal designer for Pollack Design Associates of Ann Arbor, the architectural group steering the upcoming East Park renovation project, the

chamber building at 408 Bridge St. will be demolished soon after Jan. 1, 2007.

With its demolition date less than two months away and their fundraising effort for the renovation and move to the former Mason Street post office at \$32,000, short of its \$100,000 mark, the chamber was facing an uncertain future.

Then, Charlevoix's own philanthropic dynamic duo, Karen and Bill Schuiling opened their hearts

and their wallets once again.

"I thought I would jump in there and give a hand," Bill said.

On Nov. 10 from his farm in Culpeper, Va., Bill announced his plan to donate \$60,000 to the chamber relocation and renovation effort from the William and Karen Schuiling Trust. He plans to present the chamber with the check in early December.

Schuiling stressed that the dona-

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Robert Jason White, 28, Suttons Bay. Domestic violence; assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 22 days, to serve 31 days in jail, 40 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,785 in fines and costs.

William Stanley Dunson II, 34, Boyne City. Attempted interfering with electronic communications; aggravated domestic violence. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for three days, 157 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; forfeit machete; \$1,000 in fines and costs.

John Bernard Jozwiak, 39, Johannesburg. Possession of marijuana; operating while intoxicated. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for three days, 335 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,530 in fines and costs.

Kristopher Neol Lewis, 22, Bellaire. Disturbing the peace; breaking and entering-illegal entry without permission. Serve 90 days in jail, to serve five days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$600 in fines and costs.

Gary Francis Grapp, 43,

Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail, 60 days held on an electronic monitoring device, 52 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,785 in fines and costs.

Thomas Edward Follette, 33, Boyne City. Checking account-insufficient funds-more than \$100, but less than \$500. Serve 25 days in jail; \$685 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

The Talley Barrel, 211 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Sandra K. Root

Preferred Cleaning Company, 310 West Lincoln St., Charlevoix, by Samantha Harris

Winding Drive Productions, 04604 Sumner Road, Boyne City, by John Warstler

BIRTHS

Joshua Johnathon Wormell weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces was born Nov. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Anthony and Nicole Wormell of Boyne City. His grandparents are Debbie Erickson, Donny and Evy Erickson, Jackie and Skip Hall, all of Boyne City, and John and Linda Wormell of Petoskey. His great-grandparents are Andy and

Betty Andrick of Boyne City and Genny and Bill Brodin.

Logan David Kenneth Wilks weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces was born Nov. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Nicole Wilks. His siblings are Destiny, Taya and Lauren. His grandparents are Tamar and Carl Whitley and Ruth and Ken Wilks. His great-grandparents are Doug and Lillian Wilks and Shirley Stoel of Ellsworth.

David Sanford Dhaseler weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was born Nov. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joshua and Tennille Dhaseler. His sibling is Ellen Josephine. His grandparents are Steven and Joyce (Matchette) Tchozeski of Belding, Anneke Leenen-Dhaseler of Petoskey and Allan and Leslie Dhaseler. His great-grandparents are (Sanford-deceased) Agatha Matchett, Charles and Darlene Dhaseler, Henry and Butte Tchozeski of Grand Rapids, and (Jan-deceased) Anneke Leenen of the Netherlands.

Heaven Starr Kreager weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born Nov. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Samantha Jo Gibson and Chris Kreager of Boyne City. Her sibling is Faith Christine. Her grandparents are Tanya and John Gibson of East Jordan. Her great-grandparent is Wanda Gibson of East Jordan.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital blood drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 at 14700 Lakeshore Drive. For more information or to make an appointment, call Jean McDonough at (231) 547-8906. Donors must have photo identification or a donor card.

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Hospital, Harbor Industries to host blood drives

Charlevoix Area Hospital and Harbor Industries will host upcoming blood drives.

From 1 to 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6 there will be a blood drive at Harbor Industries, located at 100 Harbor Drive in Charlevoix. To make an appointment, call (231) 237-6214. Walk-ins will be accepted from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m.

The drive coincides with the manufacturer's annual Toys for Tots and food drives. Those who bring canned goods or a toy will be entered in a drawing.

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Schueling philanthropy extends to chamber

SCHUILING

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tion is a "no strings attached" commitment to an organization he feels is integral to Charlevoix's success.

"It's been shown that local Chamber of Commerce groups who are involved with the business community always help the community up and above what it costs to have them — they substantially help small businesses and we need that," Schueling said. "I'm pleased with what they are doing. I'm happy they've found a place to go and I'm happy to help them."

Schueling purchased a home in Charlevoix 15 years ago and spends about nine months out of the year here. During his time here he said he's given over \$10 million to community residents, students and organizations.

In this case, Bill's generosity is

Rags to riches

Who: Bill Schueling

What: Donated \$60,000 to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce relocation renovation project.

Community background: Schueling purchased a home in Charlevoix 15 years ago and since then has given over \$10 million to community residents, students and organizations.

The Schueling fortune: Schueling is chairman of Brown Automotive Group, a leading auto dealer in the mid-Atlantic region he founded in 1983, that also includes over 200 subsidiaries.

His story is the classic rags to riches tale. Schueling is chairman of Brown Automotive Group, a leading auto dealer in the mid-Atlantic region he founded in 1983, that also includes over 200 subsidiaries.

"I started with nothing and the Lord's blessed me. I'll give it all back, every nickel," he said of his fortune.

In this case, Bill's generosity is

the chamber's gain.

The Chamber of Commerce will lease the former post office building, which is located next-door to city hall from the City of Charlevoix for \$1 a year for 10 years. The contract approved by city council includes an automatic five-year renewal.

Under the agreement drawn up by city attorney Jim Young, the chamber will be responsible for all

maintenance and utilities related to the building with the city covering insurance which will cost about \$500 a year.

Maintenance and utility costs are a new expense for the chamber. Under the current arrangement the group pays the city \$100 a month to rent its Bridge Street location, above the harbor master's office, where it has been since 1944, and the city covers utilities and maintenance.

The renovation work which started with exterior projects early this month will convert the setup left by the police and fire departments who operated at the building during the renovation at city hall, into a business and visitor friendly welcome center.

Fuller-Nichols Architects of Harbor Springs, the same group that handled the renovation at city hall, is handling planning for the

chamber's new building.

Services at the new site may be augmented to include member use of meeting space and extended areas to review literature. Staff levels are not expected to increase. The chamber currently provides two full-time positions year-round and one additional full-time position in the summer. A part-time position and volunteer hours are also logged.

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority bought the post office in 1986 for \$70,000. An insurance appraisal done in 1998 found the building's value to be \$208,927. This figure does not include the \$40,000 in renovations the city did to the building in 2003 to prep it for use as a temporary city hall and police and fire stations while renovations were done next-door.

Schools prepare for late state funding cuts

FUNDING

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In an e-mailed response to questions sent to her, Biddle noted that since the majority of the school's funding comes from the state, "The potential effect on our school district's budget is significant. While all of the information is not in yet, it appears that state revenues could be short by up to \$160 per pupil below what was promised for this year."

"When the Legislature convenes in January 2007, they will have to make decisions about how to deal with this shortfall. They may find revenues from other sources to eliminate that shortfall — which we will encourage them to do — or they may cut funding to our school district in the middle of our fiscal year, or they could do a combination of both," she further stated. "Please understand that this type of mid-year cut has occurred several times in the past and that we cannot control it. If nothing is done, it appears we may be losing significant revenues in the middle of our fiscal year, well after our budgets have been finalized and financial commitments have been made."

School officials are working on a plan to deal with the apparent impending shortfall.

"There are no easy solutions.

We appreciate your understanding of our situation and your support in asking the Legislature to do all they can do to avoid again cutting spending on schools," Biddle said. "A \$160 (per) pupil reduction would result in more than \$200,000 less in state aid revenue than we were promised."

The local public schools may have to lean on a deeper than anticipated fund balance.

At the Monday, Nov. 13 Charlevoix Public Schools board meeting, the board approved budget revisions which changed the fund balance from the June 30 level of \$95,018 to \$326,603.

Biddle explained the increase in fund balance to staffing changes, contract negotiations and a vocational education budget adjustment.

"We had two teachers resign, so they were both replaced with teachers at the lower end of the pay scale. We had two administrators resign and savings on that situation," she said. "Also, when Susan Klinger moved into the position in the high school, we did not replace her as the media center specialist at the middle school."

She added, "Two administrators retired and came back as contracted employees."

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Work to give contracts to our local workers

EDITORIAL

One of the major concerns voiced by Charlevoix City Council candidates during the recent election was the local business climate.

When asked how exactly a government body could help the private business sector, the responses were vague — but everyone felt council should take some role in boosting the economy. Vacant storefronts in the business district seemed to top the list of concerns.

We feel there is one easy way council can make a difference — give project contracts to local businesses.

No we're not advocating handing work over to unqual-

ified candidates with outrageous rates, but there have been situations where local bids haven't been pursued when the difference between the low bidder and local Joe has been close. And as we learned with the CCMS fiasco, the low bid isn't always the best bid.

Recently this situation was realized in the marina bid process. Bids were opened for the first and second phases of the \$11 million project on Oct. 19. Bids came in for these first two phases, replacing the seawall and docks, at around \$3 million.

Of the eight bidders vying for the contract to replace the existing sea wall, Molon Excavating Inc. of

Traverse City was the low bidder at \$1,616,578.53. The second low bid was from a Charlevoix business owned by Ben Cunningham called R.B. Lyons Inc. Cunningham's bid was for \$1,722,025.

In this case, council would have lost state funding had they strayed from the low bid, which we wouldn't advocate. But almost \$2 million in the pockets of local workers would do a lot for local businesses they patronize. With another \$8 million in work to be bid out, we would like to see as many contracts as possible go to local bidders.

Another interesting scenario was back in council's lap on Nov. 20 — the audio

visual contract for city hall. This \$132,000 job was a small piece in the \$2.6 million city hall renovation that included 26 contractors but could have been given to Buday's Sound Advice, a local business that is both a leader and innovator in the field. We feel this would have saved some serious headaches and brought money into the community.

In July 2005 city council voted to reassign a \$45,000 sound and audio contract to Blue Water Technologies, of Southfield. Sound Media of Whitmore Lake, who held the contract before, went bankrupt. This change cost the city almost \$6,000. Now, Blue Water has dropped the ball and the remaining

\$15,836 in work has been handed over to Intaglio.

We feel the local business has more to lose if they fail to meet the bid specifications or perform below par and also has a vested interest in the community and should have been asked to bid the project.

The City Hall project undeniably produced a community gem and in looking at plans for the marina project it is obvious that the end result will be nothing short of spectacular. Let's use local workers with hometown pride and community spending power to craft our masterpiece and meet our goal of invigorating Charlevoix's business climate.

Take action at home to combat global warming



A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I was recently asked to attend the viewing of the film "An Inconvenient Truth."

Though some residents referred to the film as an anti-Bush movie, I felt it was a here and now issue to be

tackled by all citizens regardless of what party they affiliate themselves with. The film was educational and inspiring in a classroom lecture format. Our senior high students in attendance were given insight into their own future. For the concerned citizens in the audience it urged them to

write their Congressman and demand change.

"An Inconvenient Truth" focuses on global warming, which refers to the earth's surface heating up from the sun and in turn the earth hounces it back. Our activities on earth have led to a buildup up of greenhouse gasses — mostly carbon dioxide. Some of the heat the earth radiates is staying in our atmosphere retaining it like the glass panels of a greenhouse.

Our oceans, lakes and rivers are very sensitive to climate changes. During the film, photos flashed across the screen comparing landscapes as recent as 10 years earlier and then were compared to the drastic difference of how those areas look today. Aerial shots depicted the re-sculpting of landscapes for irrigation purposes — once flowing rivers have become completely dried up look-

ing more like desert terrain.

With increasing warmth in our atmosphere we will see warmer summers, more rain in the winter and evening temperatures will rise slowly. Our farms, forests, and fisheries may become less productive and recreation in Michigan during the winter months will change dramatically.

Some of the film goes in attendance agreed that last summer was a hot one just as the film reflected. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 20 of the 21 hottest years occurred within the last 25 years — 2005 ranked as the hottest in history.

Climate changes have occurred throughout time but occurred at a much smaller rate because the carbon dioxide levels were much less significant than the present. Today's carbon dioxide levels are

higher than anytime in the last 650,000 years. The levels have increased at such a high rate that we need to look at what we are doing in our daily lives as we are to blame.

Start by reducing your energy use. Most greenhouse emissions are found in our own home. Replace incandescent light bulbs with efficient fluorescent ones. Scientific reports from Gore's book state, "If every household in the United States substituted one conventional light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb, it would have the same effect on pollution levels as removing a million cars from the nation's roads."

We also need to continue recycling and promote this practice where we work or attend school. Try to purchase items that have been recycled or repaired. Pass on items no longer

needed to someone who can use them. Limit your use of paper towels and use rags instead. Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones, stop junk mail and support stores and brands that make it their business to be environmentally responsible. When replacing a worn out appliance replace it with an energy efficient one.

Growing up in Dearborn I've always had the utmost respect for Henry Ford. In 1925 he spoke these prophetic words, "The fuel of the future is going to be from fruit and vegetable matter." Mr. Ford was an insightful man who knew about resources and protecting the environment. Now we need to stress to our elected officials that fuel alternatives are a viable renewable resource.

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LETTERS to the editor

PUSH CITY COUNCIL TO OPPOSE COAST GUARD PLAN

Editor:

On behalf of Northern Michigan People for Peace, I appeared before Charlevoix City Council on Nov. 20 to offer a draft resolution opposing the Coast Guard's plan for live fire target practice zones in the Great Lakes.

As I said to the council, Northern Michigan People for Peace would soon be offering a substitute because we are continuing factual investigation. We offered the draft to prepare council and Charlevoix citizens to be thinking about whether a city resolution was appropriate and if so what it should say.

Around the lakes, scores of other cities, Indian tribes and sporting and trade organizations have taken a stand on this controversial proposal. Even though the Coast Guard's deadline for public comment has gone by, Charlevoix should speak out too.

Here is a revised resolution delivered to City Hall Nov. 27. Whether you are for it or against it, and whether you support these reasons or different reasons, please contact your council person to say what you think.

(Editor's note: The following is wording proposed by Northern Michigan People for Peace for adoption by Charlevoix City Council. At this time council has not acted on Boal's request.)

"Whereas the Coast Guard has proposed to establish 34 live fire zones on the Great Lakes for practice with machine guns and rifles;

Whereas one of the zones is near Charlevoix on the way to Beaver Island, at the geographic center of

Charlevoix County;

Whereas the car/passenger ferries sail right through this zone;

Whereas the Coast Guard and the City of Charlevoix enjoy a decades-long harmonious relationship;

Whereas the Coast Guard's historic mission is to rescue people and encourage safe boating;

Whereas the lakes are beautiful; Whereas the shooting will put 7,000 pounds of lead in the lakes annually;

Whereas lead is a carcinogen and neurotoxin;

Whereas shooting heavy metal effects a discharge of solid waste in the most literal sense, and should be regulated;

Whereas bills to phase out lead shot and lead fishing tackle were introduced this year in the Michigan House;

Whereas the Coast Guard's health risk assessment, based only on a five-year horizon, was not a complete environmental impact statement;

Whereas the Coast Guard did not consult or coordinate about the zones with the 34 Indian tribes and first nations of the Great Lakes basin;

Whereas the lakes are stressed already with toxic contaminants, invasive species, nutrient loading, land use changes, and hydrologic modifications;

Whereas guards, fences and cameras are better ways of protecting potential terrorist targets;

Whereas militarization will only raise the likelihood of conflict on the lakes;

Now therefore the City of Charlevoix calls on the Coast Guard to abandon the plan to establish live fire zones on the Great Lakes."

Ellis Boal

Local group tackles environmental threat

CARE

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In Charlevoix, a committee has been formed in response to these concerns. They are calling themselves CARE (Conservation and Renewable Energy). These concerned citizens are promoting thoughtful action to climate change and seek a healthier and safer environment for all of us. They are commended whether they promote changes in policy or increase our understanding of global warming.

When you read or hear about them in future press releases, please take time to evaluate their findings and what sugges-

tions they may offer. We need to protect future generations from the mistakes we make today. And for the skeptics wondering if the greenhouse effect is real — it is still imperative for the world to get a lot smarter about energy consumption. As resources dwindle and the population grows we all need to look at ways of protecting what is left of our planet. After all, we do refer to her as "mother earth" and we've always been taught to respect our mother.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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'THANKS' HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUPPORTERS

Editor:

The Charlevoix Historical Society sends its thanks to the community for its recent support of the annual fundraising spaghetti dinner at the Villager Pub. All tips collected during the evening help preserve and restore the historical artifacts in the Harsha House Museum collection. Door prize winners for the night were

Bonnie Lenhart, Lyle Gennett and Cyndi Urban, all of Charlevoix. David Miles, Co-director Harsha House Museum

HOLIDAYS AND RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION

Editor:

Each year the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and its many like-minded allies deliberately bully individual citizens, schools and government officials into removing

any mention of Christ or Christianity from the public celebration of Christmas.

Christmas has historically been one of the most celebrated holidays of the American people. Misconceptions and controversy about the fictitious "separation of church and state" and the celebration of Christmas has led many public officials to remove Christ from Christmas in places such as schools, parks, libraries and government offices.

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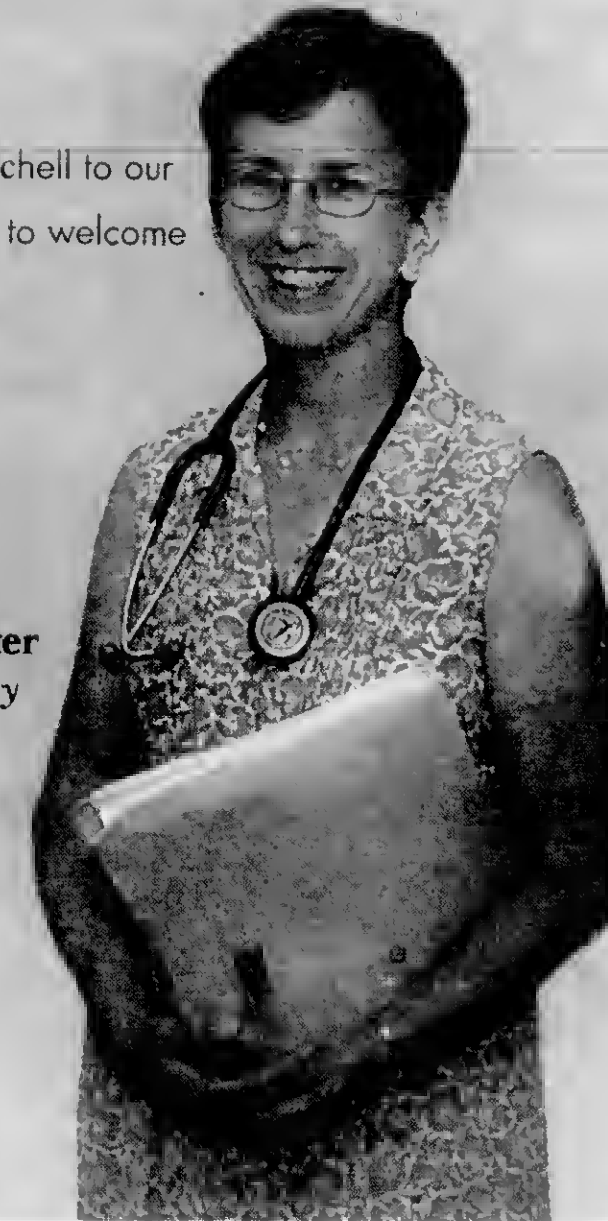
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LETTERS

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This was not the intent of the founding fathers. No court has ever ruled that the Constitution requires government officials to censor Christmas carols, eliminate all references to Christmas, or silence those who celebrate Christ's birth.

In order to eliminate any confusion with regard to your right to publicly celebrate Christmas, the following will equip you to dispel the myths and excuses that are used to silence the public celebration of Christmas.

Religious Christmas carols may be sung by individual students or by a group of students during school activities such as choir, Christmas programs and other events.

School officials may refer to the school break in December as a "Christmas holiday." The Supreme Court has acknowledged with approval that government has long recognized holidays with religious significance such as Christmas. Congress has proclaimed Christmas to be a legal public holiday.

School districts may not ban teachers or students from saying Merry Christmas. The Supreme Court has stated that teachers and students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." In order to violate the Establishment Clause, a teacher would have to use his or her authority to promote religion to his or her students.

The Supreme Court has stated that "the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion or the like." The court explained that the "study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education," is constitutional under the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court has held that the Constitution "affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions and forbids hostility toward any." First Amendment rights accompany each student throughout the school day both inside and outside the classroom. School officials must permit students to convey religious senti-

ments through their school assignments, selection of reading materials, and clothing that conveys a religious message through words or symbols.

Public school officials may display religious symbols such as a nativity scene if they have a clear educational reason for doing so. The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday.

Public officials may display religious symbols such as a crèche or

nativity scene. The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday. Courts often look to the endorsement test or "The Three Reindeer Rule," which asks whether a reasonable observer would believe that the municipal display constitutes an endorsement of religion by the government. This rule requires a municipality to place a sufficient number of secular objects in close enough proximity to the crèche to render the overall display sufficiently secular.

The Constitution does not require government officials to eliminate all public religious expression of Christmas. It's okay to say Merry Christmas, regardless of the legal threats from the ACLU and its allies. To support and encourage others in your community to exercise their right to say Merry Christmas you'll be part of an important effort to protect and preserve the rights of people everywhere to practice and observe their beliefs. We must protect what we have, reclaim what we've lost and shape who we will become.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

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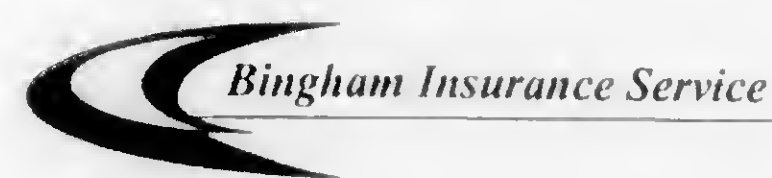
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Enjoy caroling, refreshments, special sales and more during Charlevoix's Merchant Open House on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Santa Claus will arrive by City of Charlevoix fire truck at noon in East Park. Kids will be treated to free candy and a full-length holiday movie at 1 p.m. at Charlevoix Cinema. The movies are "Everyone's Hero" and "Zoom." Donations of canned or boxed food will be accepted for the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

That day shoppers can enjoy the following special sales and in-store events.

American Spoon Foods, Kilwin's Chocolates & Ice Cream, Elements and Rocking Horse Toy Company will serve refreshments all day. At 1 p.m., American Spoon staff will serve one of the store's most popular recipes.

Woolly Bugger will have coffee tasting from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. And a special purchase of a hand-made mug filled with your favorite coffee drink for \$10 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Elements will also feature a trunk show from 2 to 5 p.m. by jewelry artist Deborah Clarkson.

Marvin's Gardens will be stocked with Christmas decorating supplies and will have free hot dogs, chips and drinks from 5 to 7 p.m.

C2 Gallery will have live music and refreshments. Carey's Shoes will offer a 20 percent off discount on Sperry and Birkenstock brands.

Central Drug Store will give away hourly door prizes and offer a buy one gift, get the second half off special.

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The Clothing Company will host a one-day sale and will give away a \$200 shopping spree and a free gift with a \$25 Woolrich purchase. At 12:30

p.m. the Ragamuffin Theatre and Company will perform there.

Gallery 704 has loads of gifts. See OPEN HOUSE, page 8

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From 3 to 5 p.m., Bridge Street Book Shop will feature jazz guitarist Randy Reszka, playing the music of Christmas and other jazz standards.

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Pass the gavel

Charlevoix Kiwanis Club's new president, Dave Garland, accepts the gavel from outgoing president, Susanne Muma, at the annual induction dinner and ceremony. Garland's goal as club president is to continue the club's involvement with youth programs and adults with disabilities. The club actively supports the Head Start reading program, the Charlevoix Middle School Builders Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Aktion Club. Kiwanis Club meets at noon on Tuesdays at the Weathervane.

OBITUARIES

Robert Curtis: June 8, 1933 - Nov. 20, 2006

Robert A. Curtis, 73 of Charlevoix died Monday, Nov. 20, in Charlevoix. A funeral took place on Friday, Nov. 24 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Michael Smith of the Ironton Congregational Church officiated. Burial immediately followed at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Bob was born June 8, 1933, in Coleman, the son of Wilmer and Lila M. (Johnson) Curtis. He was raised on the family farm until his teens then moved to Clare where he graduated from high school in 1951. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War on a flight crew with the Strategic Air

Command. On Aug. 26, 1955 Bob married the former Marilyn B. Brewer. They moved to Elkhart, Ill. where Bob graduated from Elkhart University in 1959. They moved to Charlevoix in 1959 and Bob worked at Charlevoix Area Hospital as an x-ray/lab technician for six years. He then went to work at Big Rock Nuclear Plant as a control room operator, retiring early in 1977 to start his own dairy farm with his family on Barnard Road in Charlevoix. Bob served on the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary for many years. Bob enjoyed woodworking and wildlife of all kinds. Whenever you would drive by his home you

would see deer eating from the apple trees, turkeys eating corn off the ground and a host of birds feasting on the many feeders found in his yard. He always had a hot cup of coffee waiting for the next visitor, and enjoyed talking with his friends.

Marilyn preceded Bob in death on Aug. 26, 2001. He is survived by his son, Casey (Kari) Curtis; grandsons, Tyler and Travis Curtis; and daughter, Candy (Denny) Mousseau all of Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, or the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary.

Edna Miller: July 4, 1922 - Nov. 21, 2006

Edna M. Miller, 84, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian Burial took place on Saturday, Nov. 25, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and burial followed at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Edna was born in Charlevoix on July 4, 1922, to Emerson and Lillian (Engstrom) Hull. On Dec. 12, 1941, she married Robert D. Miller in Charlevoix, and he preceded her in death in 1977. Edna was a member of Saint Mary's Church, the Saint Mary's Altar Society, the American Legion Leslie T.

Shapton Post #226 Auxiliary and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She served on the Bergmann Center Board of Directors for 28 years, and the City of Charlevoix Election Board for over 40 years. She volunteered for the Michigan Special Olympics through her association with the Telephone Pioneers of America, and was a Rainbow Shoppe volunteer. She was a longtime employee and friend of Birdie's Beauty Shop, and enjoyed playing hingo.

Edna is survived by her daughter, Vicki L. (Chip) Emery of Charlevoix and Minneapolis, Minn.; son, Richard Miller; grandchildren, Sandra (Baxter) Robertson of

Redwood City, Calif., Michelle Scorsone and Melissa Garner both of Pittsburgh, Pa., Jared (Lauren) Emery of Broomfield, Colo., Steve Young of Grand Rapids, and Richard Miller; great-grandchildren, Corey and Kyle Garner, Jamey Carter, Anthony, Christopher and Robert Scorsone, Marguerite Mae Robertson, Lillian Nicole Emery, Evan Young, Sarah, and Lindsey Winkle.

Edna's sisters, Marguerite McKay, and Emerjean Kohoski-Christy, and brother Richard Hull preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bergmann Center or to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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WEDDING

Ricks — Kosten



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Jennifer Ricks, of Huntersville, N.C., and Kevin Kosten of Cornelius, N.C., were married in a double ring ceremony on June 24 in the Queen's Courtyard at Castle Farms. Pastor Larry Grooters officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jeffrey and Patricia Ricks of Charlevoix and the groom is the son of Bob and Joy Kosten of Maryville, Ill.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Kathryn Ricks. Bridesmaids were sisters of the bride, Claudia Zarotney and Kristen McClure.

The best man was the groom's brother, Jeff Kosten. Groomsmen were the groom's brother, David Kosten and the bride's brother, Michael Ricks. The junior groomsman was Alex Kosten.

The flower girl was the niece of the groom, Ashley Kosten. The ring bearer was the nephew of the bride, Eli Zarotney.

The bride wore a white satin and organza strapless gown with a semi-cathedral train. The maid of honor, bridesmaids and flower girl wore tea length strapless cranberry dresses.

The reception was given by the bride's parents in the Queen's Tent at Castle Farms.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents June 23 at the Grey Gables.

The couple took a wedding trip to Parrot Cay at Turks and Caicos.

Kevin is a captain with Delta Airlines and Jennifer is employed as a personal broker for BB&T in Charlotte, N.C.

The couple resides in Huntersville, N.C.

Charlevoix Public Library to host Dec. 9 Family Fun Day

Charlevoix Public Library will host a Family Fun Day at 1 p.m. on Dec. 9.

Escanaba based folksinger/storyteller, Bill Jamerson, will kickoff the event in the library's community room. Jamerson celebrates Michigan's past with tales and original songs about lumberjacks, miners, ski jumpers and early settlers of the state. He'll also include songs that capture the spirit of the season.

Parents and children are invited to make holiday greeting cards from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Youth Activity Center. Beth Allan, from Scraper's Attic,

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Who: Charlevoix Public Library
What: Family Fun Day
When: 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9
Where: 220 West Clinton St.

will have cool papers and supplies to make a creative card. Everyone will be able to make one card and take it home with them.

Vi Forreider, from Seavie's Gourmet Deli and Bake Shop, will present Holiday Party Tips at 3 p.m. in the community room. She will show par-

ticipants great ideas for holiday table decorations and holiday entertaining.

Charlevoix Public Library's Family Fun Day will be held at the library at 220 West Clinton St. All the events are offered free of charge.

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12th Annual Teddy Bears and Eggnog to benefit area youth

The 12th annual Teddy Bears & Eggnog Children's Christmas Party to benefit the Family Independence Agency & Charlevoix Child Development Center (Head Start) will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 3 at the Charlevoix Country Club on U.S. 31 North.

Admission is one gift per person to be donated to a community child in need. All gifts are to be wrapped and identified for a boy or a girl. Please include an age recommendation for each gift.

Children will be treated to great dance tunes, a light show, fog and bubble machines, a wide array of finger foods, prizes and a visit from Santa Claus.

For more information, call (231) 547-9796.



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(Above) The Snabes family of Charlevoix enjoyed the Teddy Bears and Eggnog family event at the Charlevoix Country Club in 2005. This year, the event will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 3 at the club.

School bands to perform holiday concerts, Dec. 5 and 14

Charlevoix Middle and High School Band students will present two evenings of holiday music.

The Charlevoix Middle School Bands will be presenting several traditional songs of the holidays as full band pieces, individual duets and trios and jazz tunes. Some of their favorites are "African Noel," "Jingle Bell Rock" and "How the Grinch

Stole Christmas." Their concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium. The Charlevoix High School Bands will surround the auditorium with sound showcasing beautiful melodies, fanfares, jazz tunes and some surprise guests. Back by popular demand is their rendition of "The Little Drummer Boy/Bolero" that builds up to an

exciting finish. The high school bands concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 in the high school auditorium.

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Tuesday, December 12, 2006 - 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, in the Conference Room on the Main Floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact, or mathematical computation.

If you have any questions please call the City Clerk's Office at 547-3250.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
 City Clerk



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Big winner

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild recently held a contest to name their gift shop and Bea Wollam (right) won with "Port of CAHL." (Above) Donna Looze, gift shop manager (center), presents the \$100 gift certificate to Wollam. Peg Mitzi (left) started the contest and reported 257 name suggestions were submitted.

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(Above, left) Douglas McNabb leads a group of brave swimmers into Lake Michigan during a Thanksgiving Day fund-raiser at Michigan Beach. (Above, right) To qualify as a swim, each had to take three strokes underwater.

On your mark, get set, go

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

In Charlevoix resident John McNabb's world the conditions were perfect for a Thanksgiving Day swim in Lake Michigan — the sun was shining and the air was a balmy 53 degrees.

While many are thinking a quick November swim in Lake Michigan is borderline certifiable, McNabb was joined by about 75 participants in the holiday benefit swim at Michigan Beach on Nov. 23. The entire group didn't take the plunge, many watched from

shore as swimmers braved the 34 degree water not once, but twice.

McNabb, the event organizer, said 15 people ages 11 to 49 dipped in the frigid water at 11 a.m. and then, just minutes later, a man approached him with a \$100 donation and a proposal for a second swim. McNabb agreed and eight swimmers went for another round.

The swim was short but memorable — everybody had to swim underwater for three strokes for their act of bravery to count as an official swim. "It was lovely, the air was

great the sun was out. It was a lot better than last year," McNabb said.

The McNabbs followed up the chilling event with a hot, traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Last year was the third year in a row that John and his son Douglas were the only swimmers and was the first year that the icy dip was also a fund-raiser. That 2005 swim

is forever scarred by cruel 40 mph winds, blizzard conditions and freezing cold water. According to John, regardless of the weather, he will be there again next year.

Last year they raised money for Colleen Griffin, a local cancer survivor.

This year, the Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Day Swim raised about \$2,000 for Debbie Molaroni, a Charlevoix

Area Hospital employee who was involved in a life altering car accident in September. Molaroni is still recovering from her injuries.

The event raised about \$2,000 so far. The largest contribution came from Charlevoix resident, Mark Knapp, who raised \$500. Anyone wishing to donate to the cause can contact John McNabb at (231) 631-4574 or (231) 237-0380.

Wednesday, November 29, 2006



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Founder of the Thanksgiving Day swim fund-raiser, John McNabb, surfaces from the 34 degree waters of Lake Michigan on Nov. 23. The event raised about \$2,000 for Debbie Molaroni, a local woman involved in a recent car accident.

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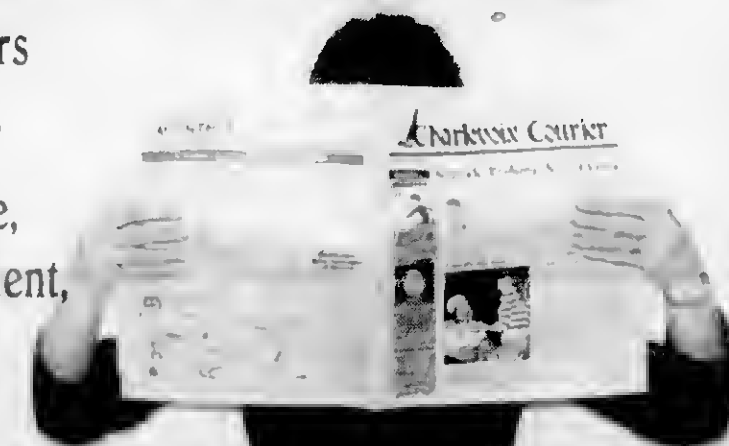
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Bullies beware: Schools enact new policy

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With murder and mayhem on the rise in schools across America, local educators have a full-time job monitoring potential threats and implementing crisis response plans.

Charlevoix High School principal, Gary Grundman, said he and his fellow educators are ever vigilant when it comes to the well-being of students.

"I think in the days when you had problems at Paducah and Columbine, it made everybody take a look at that situation," he said. "Our staff really did take it seriously."

While many remember



Gary Grundman

three students slain at a school in West Paducah, Ky. in 1999.

"We have had a crisis plan in place for seven years. I think that we, as a staff, really look at this now not only in what could happen, but what the signs are and how to work with our cri-

s plan," Grundman said. "The outside doors are locked. There is only one entrance where people can get in and only one entrance where people can get out."

During the interview, he added, "I'm looking right now and I can see every car coming and going. If someone came in from the side, it would be quite a hike — we're right in

the middle of 76 acres."

More than 75 students, staff and their assailants have perished by gunfire in American schools since 1992 when a 20-year-old student murdered four and wounded 10 in a California high school.

Aside from limiting entry points and having a remote location, Charlevoix High School was built with a security plan

in mind.

"Cameras were one of the things we were going to buy out of contingency funds at the end of the project, but there were not enough funds left to do that," Grundman said. "We had a limited system at the middle school, and that's been resurrected because we had some blind spots at that

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Violence in schools prompts policy change

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He added, "We are getting bids for a full security system (for the high school)."

School staff has discussed their readiness plan with local police personnel and even held a lock down drill recently.

Grundman said his staff is constantly watching kids for warning signs.

"We look for anything that's out of the ordinary on the side of kids being overly aggressive, drawing pictures (depicting violence) obsessing about some of these things," Grundman said. "Those signs usually come out and that's the time when our counselors do need to get involved."

Grundman said at home, parents should talk with their kids about important issues, report suspicious behavior and get kids help when they need it.

"We have a very fine counseling staff that parents and students have access to," Grundman said. "The number one thing is communication between parents, schools and kids."

He added, "Our number one job is to keep kids safe."

Some school shooters later told police they were responding to years of being bullied by classmates. Charlevoix Public Schools recently brought their policies on bullying and hazing in line with state requirements.

When is it harmless teasing and when is it bullying or hazing?

"Bullying depends upon the individual on the receiving end," Grundman said. "The way we've treated it in the past is that, at this age, it's borderline assault, whether it be physical or verbal, we treat that very harshly and work very closely with the police department."

Charlevoix High School is a much more peaceful place to be in the new millennium, Grundman said.

"Back when I first started as principal in 1994, we did have a situation where ninth-graders were picked on by the upper classmen and that was a problem," he said. "When we went to hlock scheduling back in '95-'96, that was one of the real issues we tried to tackle with our seminar, and that's

why we had multi age grouping and tried to do community oriented things."

He added, "When you have a room with four freshman, four sophomores, four juniors and four seniors, and have scripted discussions, it really created an atmosphere where there was a family situation between fresh-

man and upperclassmen."

As far as hazing, Grundman said, "Our lockers were so small, we didn't stuff freshman in lockers, but there was a lot of teasing in the halls."

Grundman believes hazing may be rooted in human culture.

"We're doing a much better

job of looking at those types of problems," he said. "A lot of times what we see at the high school level is because of efforts made at the elementary level."

Concerned students or parents should contact Grundman, or assistant principal, Susan Klinger at (231) 547-3222.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS Monday, November 20, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed accepting Greg Stevens' resignation from the Planning and Housing Commissions
- Motion passed approving the Major Development Plan Amendment for Lexallie, 12555 Taylor Road, for a dust collector and silo.
- Motion passed to hire Intaglio to complete installation of the audio visual system for \$15,836.52.
- Motion passed authorizing payment to BlueWater Technologies for work on the audio visual system for \$28,592.34.
- Motion passed authorizing the amendment to the ambulance billing contract with AccuMed Billing.
- Motion failed to authorize payment of \$740 to Ferguson & Chamberlain for survey work.
- Motion passed authorizing payment to Resco for underground cable in the amount of \$11,885.72.
- Motion passed authorizing airport lighting repairs by RS Wallace Electric estimated between \$25,000 - \$35,000.
- Motion passed authorizing purchase of snow gun and tower from Nubs Mob for \$14,000.
- Motion passed appointing Gabe Campbell to the Board of Review.
- Motion passed appointing Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain to the Board of Review.
- Motion passed appointing Councilmember Robert Timms as Deputy Mayor.
- Motion passed accepting the Charlevoix County Board of Carvassers' certification of the November 7, 2006 General Election.
- Resolution 2006-11-01 adopted, Uniform Resolution for Adopting Benefit Program "E" Increase to the Effective on Adjustment Date January 1, 2007.
- Resolution 2006-11-02 adopted authorizing Postal Equipment Lease.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.
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(Above) Five-year-old Elliott Bennett's character, pumpkin pie, learned it takes the teamwork of all holiday dishes to make a Thanksgiving dinner tasty during Northwest Academy kindergarten and first grade's holiday skit. (Below) The turkey in Northwest Academy's, Tuesday, Nov. 21 Thanksgiving play was played by 6-year-old MaKayla Liermann.



14th Annual Holly Daze event to take place on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms

The 14th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "An Enchanted Evening," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The live auction will have items that focus on once in a lifetime experiences and other "enchanted" items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items for patients of the hospital.

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30. Tickets are \$100 per person (\$60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. Tickets will be limited due to last year's near sell-out crowd, but are now available by calling (231) 547-8685 during normal business hours.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Synopsis - November 16, 2006

The Charlevoix City Council met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved the minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting as presented.
 - Motion approved Resolution #06-095, Bank Depositories.
 - Motion approved Resolution #06-096, New Sanitary Regulation.
 - Motion approved committee appointments.
 - Motion defeated the hiring of a country administrator.
 - Motion approved the Commission of Aging presenting an annual report to the Board of Commissioners.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
 Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Women's Resource Center seeks food and supply donations

In the past year, 636 battered women sought supportive services through the Women's Resource Center's (WRC) Domestic Abuse Program.

This sobering statistic makes it clear domestic abuse is not something that just happens in the big city, it is happening in northern Michigan.

The Harvest Food and Supply Drive which is going on now provides the opportunity for community members to make an impact on this tragic issue by taking action at the local level to support area victims of domestic violence and their children.

The Women's Resource Center provides the only shelter for victims of domestic abuse in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Safe Home offers emergency shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, along with a 24-hour crisis phone line.

In the past year, 68 women and 74 children took refuge at Safe Home to escape the peril of emotional, verbal and/or physical abuse. The Women's Resource Center provided 2,814 nights of housing, averaging eight persons per day. Food and supply costs

exceeded \$20,000 during that time. Over \$15,000 was donated locally by groups and individual supporters.

The Harvest Food and Supply Drive is a call to action for the northern Michigan community to assist the Safe Home in providing food, supplies, and personal items to the many families who utilize these emergency services. Non-perishable food items and paper products are a major need. The Safe Home

also requires financial support with \$95,000 needing to be raised each year to maintain and operate/staff the shelter. Cash donations are crucial and very much appreciated.

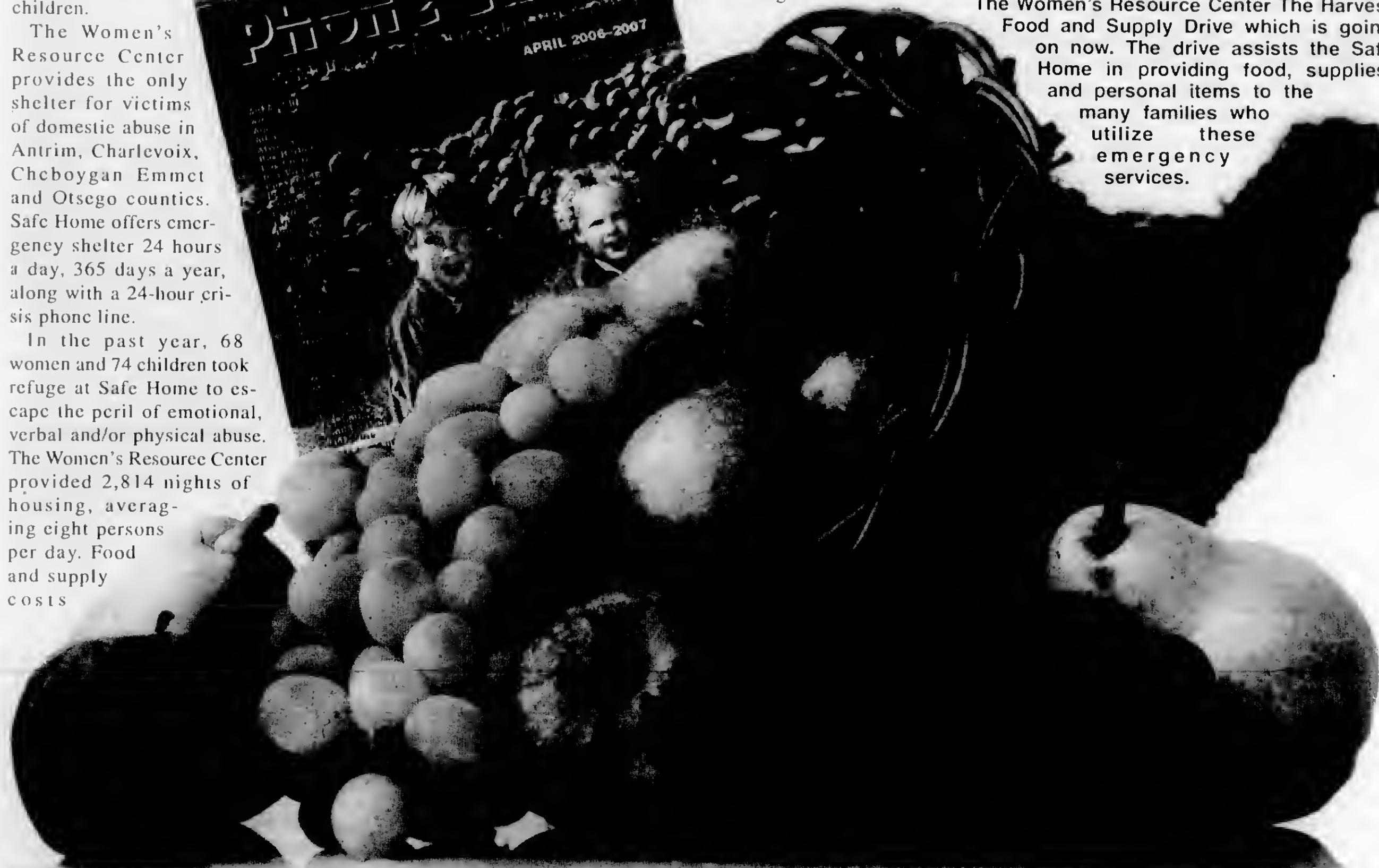
Donations can be brought to the Women's Resource Center main office, 423 Porter St. or the Gold Mine Resale Shop at the corner of Emmet and Washington streets in Petoskey.

The Safe Home Needs List is available by calling (231) 347-1572 or visiting www.wrcnm.org.



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What's cookin'

Suzanne Acharya, co-owner of Charlevoix's Esperance, was one of many local people in the business community who put on seminars on Thursday, Nov. 9 at Charlevoix Middle School. The exercise was aimed at getting students to engage in career exploration. The fifth, sixth and seventh-grade students chose three careers to be exposed to and the eighth-grade students attended two sessions. All the students attended a session on interviewing skills.

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Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center named Low Back Pain Center of Excellence

Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center recently announced its designation as a Blue Care Network Low Back Pain Center of Excellence.

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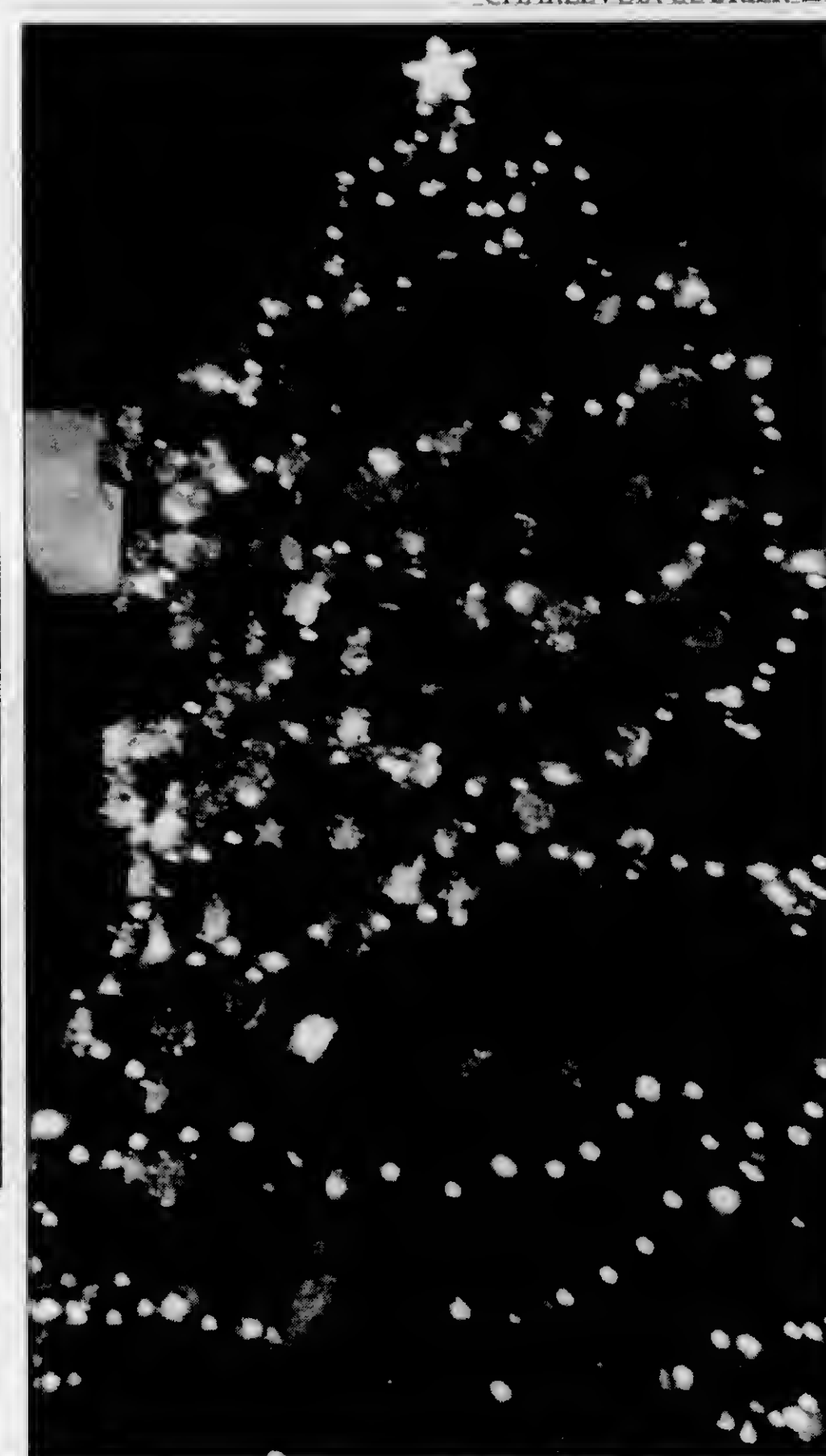
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Crowds gathered at the North Pole on Bridge Street before the community tree lighting on Nov. 24 to visit Santa Claus and have their picture taken as well as to make ornaments for Charlevoix's signature community Christmas tree that stands at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets in downtown Charlevoix.



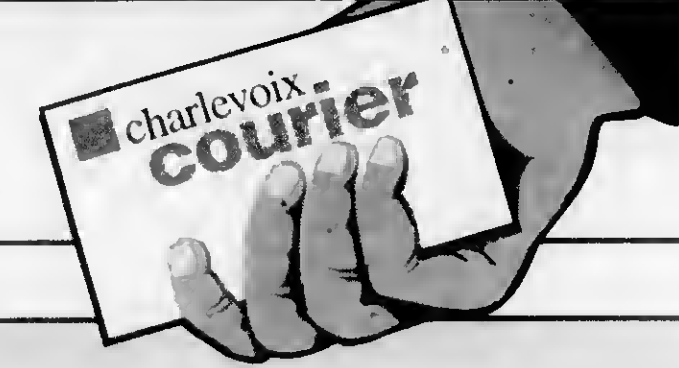
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(Above) Chioé Rosa, 7, and her dad, Michael Rosa, of Pigeon, hang ornaments from the community Christmas tree on Nov. 24 in East Park before the tree (right) was lit at 6 p.m. The event drew hundreds of spectators and participants.



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Charlevoix Area Zonta announces their 16th annual Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

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Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 5, 2007 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club, c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in late February.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional \$500 to the district winner.

Shannon Dibble from

Charlevoix High School was named the winner of last year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world. The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

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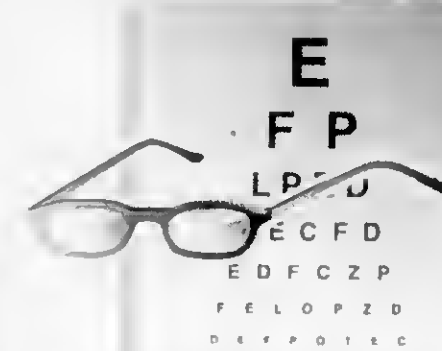
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Hundreds of homemade cookies will be sold at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix's annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the church located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in downtown Charlevoix.

The First Congregational Church of Charlevoix will hold its annual Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the church located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in downtown Charlevoix.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lady Rayder hoops team loses in regional play

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
STAFF WRITER

A cold spell at the wrong time ended the season for the Charlevoix Rayders as they fell 54-35 to McBain in regional basketball play.

"Over the course of the season we'd had some nights when we were cold shooting but usually one or two players were on — it would be Lori (Zimmerman) one night or Robyn (Petzak). Rayder coach Keith Haske said, 'Unfortunately against McBain no one could get it going.'"

Charlevoix trailed only 22-21 at the half but a 15-2 McBain advantage in the third quarter was the Rayders' undoing.

"We felt good at half-time, only trailing by one but in that third quarter, nothing would fall for us," Haske said. "We had some pretty good looks — lay-ups, jump shots but nothing was going in. It's hard to press when you're not scoring any points."

Zimmerman led the Rayders in scoring with eight points and dished out four assists. Tammy Potter contributed seven points, 10 rebounds and four steals. Ashlie Bradley pulled down six rebounds, Petzak and Sasha Spenceley each had four steals.

Despite the disappointing finish to the season, Haske saw positives after the game.

"The thing I was pleased most with was our improvement over the season," he noted. "We started out slowly but in the middle of the season we were playing some real good basketball."

"This team improved maybe as much as any team I've ever coached."

The season-ending loss spelled the end for seven Rayder seniors: Zimmerman, Petzak, Spenceley, Bradley, Teresa Potter and Bethany Pearson.

"The seniors really contributed but we have some good players coming back and the JV team was 20-0 (for the third straight season)," Haske commented.

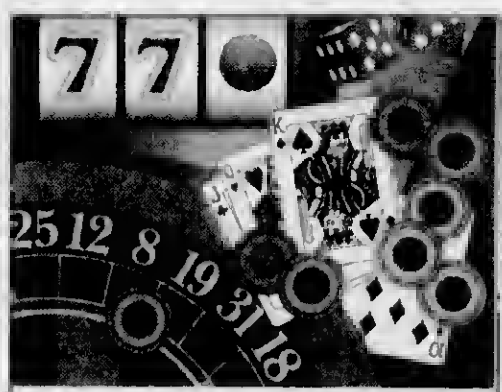
Charlevoix finished the season with a 18-5 record.

"I am very proud of the kids," Haske said. "They won a conference championship and a district championship. It was an excellent season. All of the games we lost were to very good teams."



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Lori Zimmerman (left) led the Rayders in scoring in their regional 54-35 loss to McBain. But her contributions weren't enough to carry the team. She and five of her teammates and fellow seniors ended their high school basketball careers at the game.



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Local soccer standout takes college team all the way

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Former class of 2003 Northwest Academy alumnus, Craig Welscott, recently helped take the Goshen College Maple Leafs to the playoffs of college soccer for the first time in nearly 30 years — the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships.

While Craig's team lost their Wednesday, Nov. 15 game against Park University at Embury Riddle University in central Florida, Craig will end his collegiate soccer career as Goshen's top man for shut-outs as a goalie and a record of 52 wins.

"We didn't get blown out in our game like a lot of people expected us to. Even though we lost, it was nice to know we belonged there, so we got a lot of respect for that. Overall, it's been very positive," Craig said. "We started out my freshman year in the middle of the pack so to speak, then we started coming together. Starting my sophomore year, we ended up being second in our conference and then for two years we were co-champions of our conference. So I would say it's been a pretty good ride."

Craig said this year has been particularly fun.

"At the beginning of the season we lost a couple games. It was a pretty tough opening schedule since we played two teams which are NCAA schools," he said. "In the pre-season they were both ranked in the top 25. So that alone made it a pretty tough opening schedule. But, we played pretty tough and after we started coming together as a team, we had a really good run."

Craig's Goshen Maple Leafs won the conference championships, the conference tournament and regional tournament to go on to the national championship.

"To get to the national championships means you're one of the top 20 teams in the country, so just knowing that is pretty good," he said. "That is pretty good to know all the hard work you put in just sort of turns out and you get to where you want to be."

Craig's father, Tom Welscott, said his son began playing when he was approximately 5-years-old.

Tom knew his son had something special early on in his soccer career.



Courtesy photo

Former class of 2003 Northwest Academy alumnus, Craig Welscott (pictured above in the front row, first from left), recently helped take the Goshen College Maple Leafs to the playoffs of college soccer for the first time in nearly 30 years — the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Championships.

"It was about when he went to Northwest (Academy) in junior high. He was trying to play soccer and baseball and he had to make a choice — he chose soccer and he went on to play soccer exceptionally," he said. "He always did well and he had fun. The support for the goalie wasn't always there, but I think he always wanted to be the goalie."

He added, "If the team wasn't scoring well, then it made the job for the goalie very hard."

Craig's former principal and music instructor, Gary Stutzman, of Northwest Academy, remembers Craig as an unassuming go-getter.

"He was very shy and withdrawn, very polite and kind of like the perfect student," Stutzman said. "He did everything that was expected of him and never crossed the line of what you would call a troubled student. As he grew older, he became more and more proficient as a musician and student. He became one of the outstanding trombone players that I had the pleasure of working with at the high school level."

He added, "(Craig's) father was a minister, so he grew up in a very structured home and his demeanor reflected his upbringing. He was

the kind of student where, if you needed something done, you could count on Craig to do it. He was the kind of model student that, as a teacher, makes you want to stay in education."

Tom said Craig nearly set a few state records during his high school soccer career.

"I think he had 30 saves in his second to last season with Northwest Academy," he said. "For a small school, they gave some of the bigger schools a run for their money."

Stutzman said Craig was a serious student of the game.

"He spent a lot of time watching

film — watching the pros play. Back then... soccer was just becoming a very prominent sport with us here in America," Stutzman said. "You could watch the World Cup and watch things on TV, but there was as much going on with school programs — they were just getting started."

Stutzman said Craig began his soccer career just as the American soccer movement was on the rise.

"Northwest's soccer program had its best days when Craig and his classmates were involved with the team," he said. "Outside of music, soccer was his love."

Stutzman said Craig took his

instrument with him on the way to the NAIA Championships so he could continue practicing for his senior recital.

"I'll bet Craig was the only guy on the team with a trombone as part of his luggage," he said.

Craig's senior recital will consist of several pieces performed on trombone including a concerto by Mozart in honor of his two hundred-fiftieth birthday.

"It's a pretty significant work, so that will probably be the highlight of the recital," he said.

Craig, who won a soccer scholarship to Goshen, is pursuing a major in music with an emphasis on digital recording. And, though he's become an accomplished athlete, Craig said his love for music will guide his career path.

"Professionally, I don't think (soccer) is the direction I'm going to be taking. I enjoy doing music much more than being in professional athletics," he said.

Craig said his love for music began at Northwest Academy.

"It was always something I was drawn to and it was always something I was good at," he said. "I started as a biology major (in college) and after my first semester, I wasn't playing at all and missed it. I was like, 'Man, I don't think I should be studying biology, I should be studying music.'"

Stutzman said, "It's very gratifying to see students set goals early in their life and continue to strive to reach those goals. Craig is one of those success stories that you wish there were more of."

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Todd Essenberg of Ellsworth correctly identified the structure pictured at left from the Nov. 22 installment of "Did you know?" It once stood on the Mt. McSaubia property.

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Sheriff warns of two new scams

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater advises of two new scams to be wary of.



Sheriff George Lasater

The first scam targets senior citizens where a company calls and says there is a problem with one of the citizen's checks. The caller then requests the citizen to verify the numbers

on the check.

Sheriff Lasater would like to remind all citizens there is no reason to give any personal information over the telephone.

The second scam is spreading fast and is in reference to jury summons. Most of us take summons for jury duty very seriously and an ominous kind of scam has surfaced. If you fall for it, your identity could be stolen. Someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers. Give out any of this information and your identity just got stolen.

Sheriff Lasater said this scam has been reported, so far in 11 states and is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to hully people into giving information pretending they're with the court system.

The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their Web sites warning consumers about the fraud.

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Armed robbery suspect faces five felonies

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Daniel Lee Russell, a 45-year-old Charlevoix man accused of the armed robbery of a Charlevoix Family Video clerk in August, did not take the stand during the Nov. 28 preliminary examination in Charlevoix County District Court.

Several people, including 21-year-old Bethany Reeves, the victim of the robbery, testified while Russell remained lodged outside the courtroom.

"I left the exit door, I had three (deposit envelopes)...my best estimate is a little over \$800," Reeves said. "I walked to my car on the far side of the driveway, towards the back of the building. Then, out of the corner of my eye I caught a blur, it came out and blind-sided me basically from my left side. A man came up to me with a ski mask on, put a gun to my head and said, 'Give me the money.'"

Reeves wept as she gave the description of her assailant.



Daniel Russell

"I handed him the money. He asked if that was everything. I said 'yes,'" she said.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarena,

asked Reeves why she handed the perpetrator everything but her driver's license.

"I didn't want him to know where I lived," she sobbed.

Reeves said the attacker kept trying to force her into the back seat of her car.

"While he was trying to get me into the car, I fell to my knees," she said. "I thought I was going to be a different kind of victim, so I (decided) to make it hard for him."

She added, "He was yelling at me, 'I've already killed four people.'"

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Photo by Julie Witthoef

Up on the rooftop

Art Falting braves the rooftop of he and his wife Jane's home off Marion Center Road to express his family's holiday cheer during the freezing cold morning hours of Nov. 30. The sounds from inside were the pitter patter of reindeer feet as he secured his holiday sleigh.

Official kickoff of park and marina project

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A project that has taken five years to bring to fruition will be celebrated this Friday.

The City of Charlevoix is hosting an official groundbreaking ceremony at 10 a.m. on Dec. 8 in and around the Odmark Pavilion in East Park to officially kickoff

the \$11 million marina and park renovation project.

Local and state officials will be in attendance as well as project architects and state and local politicians. After a brief ceremony, warm beverages and appetizers will be served. Community members are encouraged to attend.

"It's been a long time com-

ing," said Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson Jr., the event emcee. "Everybody is on board. Hopefully, by spring there will be a whole different picture in the park."

With construction starting this winter, Carlson said the city anticipates the new seawall and dock system being in place by

June. Amenities like the new amphitheater and harbor master's facility are expected to follow in July. The complete project will be done in the fall of 2007.

"Next summer is going to be tough down there," longtime former retailer and Downtown Development Authority member, Jeannine Wallace, said at a recent

meeting regarding the project schedule butting into high tourist season.

Carlson agreed the project will be an inconvenience but said the benefits far outweigh the complication.

Contracts worth \$3.8 million were signed last week for phase

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Aaron Matthew Hardy, 19, Grand Rapids. Minor in possession/purchase/consume-alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; fines and costs totaling \$100.

Troy Alan Midyett, 21, Petoskey. Operating while license suspended. Serve 10 days in jail; \$260 in fines and costs.

Keever Elijus McPherson, 26, Traverse City. Sex offender fail to comply with reporting. Fines and costs totaling \$800.

Kenneth Allen Bedford, 47, Boyne City. Attempted delivery/manufacture controlled substance; attempted maintaining a drug house. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail with 159 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$2,000 in fines and costs.

Ashley Amher Wilhur, 20, Petoskey. Checking account-insufficient funds, less than \$100. Serve 20 days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Samuel Martin McGarey, 31, Petoskey. Two counts domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 60 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; \$500 in fines and costs plus an amount of restitution to be determined.

Jose Angel Tristan-Baldonero, 32, East Jordan. Use of narcotics-cocaine. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 80 days, 285 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$950 in fines and costs.

Mark Fitzgerald Moore, 29, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for

10 days, 83 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$1,000 in fines and costs. Operating while license suspended and motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve seven days in jail, 85 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; \$950 in fines and costs.

Stephen John Grinnell II, 41, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 78 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$1,330 in fines and costs.

Dustin James Turner, 26, Petoskey. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 14 days, to serve 10 days in jail, 69 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$850 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

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Weston Construction, 05321 Bergman Road, East Jordan, by Mark R. Weston

Charlevoix Lakeside Rentals, 105 East Clinton St., Charlevoix, by Kimberly Engstrom and Judith Winter

Jeremy Peck, 00993 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, Boyne City, by Jeremy Peck

Daniel Steed Company, 1492 Pleasant Avenue, Boyne City, by Daniel Steed

Waterfront Properties LLC, 5854 Elm Lane, Harbor Springs, by Mark T. and Ella Gardner

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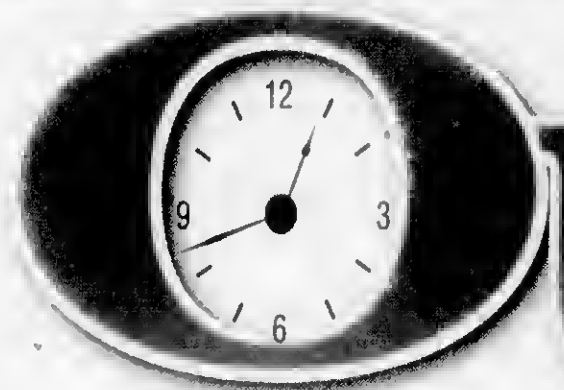
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est pay in the country at an average of \$57,360 and \$60,550 respectively while high school teachers are fifth with \$55,810.

Meanwhile, on planet earth, 2005 national average pay for teachers in the same order was \$46,990, \$47,890 and \$49,400 respectively.

"Making ends meet on a teacher's salary is so tough that nearly half leave the profession within five years. Schools struggle to fill jobs, and students bear the cost of losing good teachers," the National Education Association stated from its Web site.

Starting pay for a unionized teacher in Charlevoix Public Schools is \$34,396. Average pay is \$53,600 and the highest paid teacher earns \$67,833.

"37 percent of teachers who do not plan to continue teaching until retirement blame low pay for their decision to leave the profession," stated the NEA.

To put things into perspective, I took a look at what other people in the community make. The NEA might

reconsider making melodramatic statements within earshot of child care workers and home health aides, both of which earn less than half of what an average Michigan teacher earns (according to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth) and with few or no benefits. Also earning less than half are cooks, CENAs, cashiers, general laborers and 90,000 Michiganders (Detroit Free Press) earning at or below minimum wage. Customer service representatives, carpenters, mechanics, machinists and truck drivers also earn less than your average teacher, according to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. One could argue these folks earn less because they never went to college. To me it demonstrates that millions of Michiganders raise families with much less money than our unionized educators.

According to the AFL-CIO, which represents 13 million union workers in America, "With union representation, workers earn 29 percent more. It doesn't cost to join a union, it actually

pays and pays well!"

I knew we were overpaying, but I didn't know it was by nearly one-third.

A 29 percent reduction in the \$9.2 million Charlevoix Public Schools budgeted for salary, benefits and retirement for teachers, support staff and administrators would leave the schools with a \$2.6 million fund balance — surely enough money to retain programs destined for the chopping block.

However, the NEA argues, "To attract and retain a greater number of dedicated, committed professionals, educators need salaries that are literally, 'attractive.'"

There are many jobs with salaries that are less than attractive, yet employers miraculously manage to fill the positions day after day. Furthermore, the idea that hard work and dedication only exist as a result of lucrative and everlasting contracts insults everyone who hustles their hump to squeak out a paltry living.

As we've seen with the nurses strike

at Northern Michigan Hospital, there will always be people willing to work for pay others find insulting.

To save our schools, we must eliminate tenure and collective bargaining. The move to "at-will" employment is the only way to put the control of finances back into the hands of the taxpayers. Teachers must earn a fair wage because they worked for it, not because their organization threatens work stoppages if they don't get their way.

Hey, feelings of entitlement will always exist. We all wish we made more money. And I haven't met one person in my life who didn't think they worked harder than everyone else, but extortion never has and never will produce the efficient, productive and fiscally responsible school system Michigan's children, and taxpayers, deserve.

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Learn tools for living, not making a living



EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

I can proudly say that I am the product of a liberal education.

This has nothing to do with politics. What I benefited from is more properly called a liberal arts education. I might as well identify the source of my liberal arts education. It was St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. It provided me

not so much with entree into employment as with the possibility of enjoyment.

I taught for 30 years at a similar liberal arts college, Luther College in Decora, Iowa. I used to tell my students not to identify their major or what they were studying at a given time with their future career plans, and to delay permanent career choices for as long as possible. "Your education," I would tell them, "is for enjoyment, not employment. However well you may be prepared to enter the workforce at whatever level, the majority of your life will not be spent at some kind of work. Your education should prepare you for

living, which is a full-time job, rather than for working which cannot consume all of your time, or at least should not."

More than 40 years ago, Eric Sevareid wrote of the value of such institutions and such an education. It may be necessary to point out to anyone younger than 50 that Eric Sevareid was a long-time CBS correspondent, a best-selling author and something of an adventurer who canoed across the wilds of Canada from Minnesota to Hudson's Bay as an 18-year-old. In 1965, he wrote this about liberal arts colleges: "It seemed to me that current public opinion has missed the point about some of

these small colleges like Luther and St. Olaf, up at Northfield. I wonder how many Americans, frantic about getting sons and daughters into the big-name schools, understand the quality of scholarship at these rare little places. Where else would you find a man who could alternately coach football, master five languages and teach the classics? Latin and Greek remain honored here for what they are — keys to the past and the proper tools for honing the mind in the discipline of exactitude."

Luther, St. Olaf and other liberal arts colleges teach much more than Latin and Greek, but most of the curriculum leads in

the direction of providing tools for living, not just tools for making a living. Graduates of these institutions are doctors, lawyers and even politicians. They are salespersons, outdoor educators, teachers, bartenders, professional campers — almost any imaginable career. They've studied science, literature and languages, and I always hoped that they would enjoy life at least as much as they enjoyed their work.

If at the end of a college education the student is able to read complex material with understanding, write with precision and understand what numbers

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LETTERS to the editor

'THANKS' PANTRY SUPPORTERS

Editor:
We would like to extend a public thank you to Father Jerry Hunko of St. Mary's Parish, Keisha Verysse, principal of St. Mary's School, the parishioners, school children, and staff for their constant and stellar support of the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry this past year.

In their monthly food collections for the pantry, they have contributed over \$2,500 and countless bags of food items. In addition, the school children collected approximately 1,300 food items in their Thanksgiving collection and over \$100.

The Knights of Columbus presented the pantry with a check for \$1,560, proceeds from their fall dinner. And the Diocese of Gaylord awarded the pantry a grant of \$900 from a fund allotted to feed the hungry.

We would also like to thank Laura Stehe, Rebecca Jeakle, Amy Putnam and Jim Jinsky for loading the Thanksgiving collection and transporting it to the pantry, and Buck Bradley who delivers the monthly collections.

The needs at the pantry continue to grow. In a recent two-hour Monday we had 22 households who came to us for help — a record. Several of them were first-time visitors to the pantry. It only takes a ear repair, a sickness in the family, or some other emergency to force

a family living on minimum wage to have to seek help feeding their family. Many of our families have one, even two, people working, but it's often not enough to keep up.

Again, thank you to St. Mary's and to all of the churches who faithfully support the pantry during the year.

Sue Dixon
Pantry board president
Maxine Bergmann
Pantry manager
Charlevoix

ADVENT BAZAAR & TEA

Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all those who attended the Advent Bazaar & Tea at Christ Episcopal Church. This was our third year and we're so pleased with the attendance and generosity of all those who came. Proceeds from the Bazaar & Tea will benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Your support of the ministries is greatly appreciated.

Lynn Carson
Bazaar & Tea chairperson
Charlevoix

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Editor:
According to the American Red Cross every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. The Red Cross collects and distributes nearly half of the blood needed by the sick and injured.

The American Red Cross held two blood drives in Charlevoix recently. On Nov. 16, the Community Reformed Church hosted a drive and on Nov. 21 Bethany Lutheran hosted a drive. The combined total pints collected was 109. It was exciting and heartwarming to have eight first-time donors.

I want to express my gratitude to the churches and to all the volunteers, especially Edith Dale who coordinates the blood drives at Bethany Lutheran.

The need for blood is always crucial, whether it is a holiday season or hunting season. I am so thankful to the donors and volunteers who made it a priority to give so generously of their time to ensure a supply of blood. We are literally saving lives together.

Please mark your new 2007 calendar with the date for the next community blood drive at the Reformed Church. It will be from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Jan. 18. Many of you have already signed up. Thank you.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year.
Ellen Breining
Charlevoix coordinator
American Red Cross

CHARLEVOIX KEEPS GETTING BETTER

Editor:
Although Thanksgiving is past, my wife and I would like to thank some special people for the gift of their time.

First to the men and women who show up at the cemetery

in uniform to say farewell to a fellow veteran. Their dignified professionalism gives honor and respect to those who have served our country. I know the families appreciate what they do. So, thank you to all who participate, you know who you are.

Next, a special thank you to who we feel are six of the most under-appreciated men in town, the street department crew. They are always there to help me do the difficult task of interning our neighbors and loved ones, even in the most unpleasant conditions.

The last is a very heartfelt appreciation to Alida Klooster at City Hall for being so cooperative and patient with helping me get and keep the cemetery records updated and accurate. There are many other people behind the scene that help make our cemeteries unique, with that old-time pristine flavor.

Thanks to all that help others get through the difficult time and grief of losing a loved one. My wife and I have lived in Charlevoix for 34 years and it seems like it just keeps getting better. Which reminds me of one last kudos to our new street department manager, Pat

(Elliott). I've noticed a positive change in morale and management of the department since he took the helm. Our hats off to all of you for making Charlevoix a better place to live. Sincere thanks from the Charlevoix cemeterian.
Boh McGhee
Charlevoix

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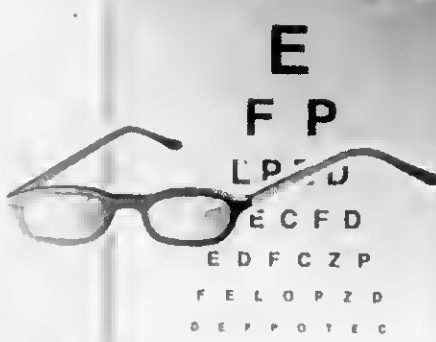
Editor:
Thanks to all my constituents, friends, and neighbors of district one for supporting me in the recent election for Charlevoix County Commissioner.

Also, a big thanks to everyone at work who gave me lots of encouragement and support to continue on.

Shirlene Tripp
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Community Christmas Choir to perform Dec. 9, 10

The Charlevoix Area Community Christmas Choir, made up of 50 plus people representing over 10 area churches, is presenting their annual musical "Sing and Shout for Joy, a Christmas Worship Experience," at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10.

The program is hosted by the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street in Charlevoix. The musical includes favorite Christmas carols, praise choruses and some new songs as well, woven together with narratives designed to challenge us and renew our Christmas celebration.

Choir members, Riek Torres, Michael Manville, Dianna Shull and Sarah Klooster are featured soloists, with narratives by Jim Mansen, Karen Campbell, Joanne Jones, Bruce Deckinga, Deborah DeVries and John Eakes. Theda Williams will provide the piano accompaniment with support from instrumentalists, David Otis, Mary Beth Kur, Elizabeth Kur, Dee Hoadley, Pat Carland, Marcy Bennett and Veronica Shull. The musical is directed by Cindy Mansen.

There is no cost for admission. Donations will be accepted.

Atwood church offers two-day live nativity

The members of the Atwood Christian Reformed Church will host their 4th Annual Live Nativity.

It will be on display at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15 and at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, located at 10090 North U.S. 31 in Atwood. Refreshments will be provided after each performance. For more information, contact Pastor Dave or Gayle Kroon (231) 599-3290 for more information.



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Four generations

Four generations of the Marr family of Charlevoix recently gathered. Pictured above (from left) are Michael Ramsey-Marr, Anna Marr-McDonald, Breanne (Marr) Dawson and Ellie Anne Dawson.

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Liberal arts education prepares students for work and life

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mean and how they can be useful, then they have been well educated. They are theoretically prepared for almost any sort of employment and ready to participate fully in life.

If, on the other hand, they have pursued a specific career goal by taking mostly specialized courses, they may find that their imagined career has disappeared even before they graduate. In a world of ever-increasing speed of change, flexibility is certainly desirable, maybe even essential.

Some interviewers of potential employees do not understand this well. A student with a college

major in Latin or Greek may be better prepared for work in investment banking than a student with a major in accounting who has never seriously examined the Classics.

When people in the 19th century referred to the three R's (readin', ritin' and 'rithmatic), they were expressing something about education that we may undervalue. Reading is not simply what you learned in the second-grade, it's what you learn when you read Greek or study Shakespeare's works. Writing is not just handling cursive, but being able to turn out an understandable paragraph on the nature of time or the history of the automobile. And arithmetic requires a grasp of the mean-

ing of very large and very small numbers and a good idea of how probability works.

A wise person once said that if we continue to urge young people to make permanent career choices even earlier in their lives, we will wind up with a serious surplus of astronauts, firemen and flight attendants. Any society needs people who are prepared for jobs that don't even exist and won't exist for 20 years to come. A liberal education provides just such people. Hurrah for all the colleges that require it.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia 'Pat' Bassett: Died Nov. 24, 2006

Patricia "Pat" S. Bassett, 78, of Syracuse, N.Y., died Friday, Nov. 24 at home. Born in Chicago, Ill., she lived in Syracuse since 1970. Pat was a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Buffalo. A teacher for the West Genesee Central School District in Camillus, N.Y. for 15 years, she retired in 1985. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Christian Church of the Resurrection. A volunteer at

Sunnyside Care Center, Van Duyn Home and Hospital and Hospice of Central New York, Pat was also a charter member of Western Area Volunteer Emergency Services.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Thomas G. Bassett; sons, Raymond (Patricia) Bassett of Webster, N.Y. and Kenneth (Penny) Bassett of Camillus; daughter, Elizabeth (Thomas) Finneran of Sumner, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, Dec. 2 at St. Luke's Episcopal.

Contributions may be made to the Christian Church of the Resurrection Benevolent or Missions' Fund, 7125 Collamer Road, E. Syracuse, N.Y. 13057; St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5402 W. Genesee St., Camillus, N.Y. 13031; or to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, N.Y. 13088.

Kenneth Gilbert: June 15, 1928 - Nov. 26, 2006

Kenneth Gilbert, 78, of Boyne City, died Sunday, Nov. 26, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral took place on Friday, Dec. 1, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, the Rev. Mary Willis officiated. Burial took place in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Ken was born June 15, 1928, in Frankfort, the son of Garland and Elsie (Kibbey) Gilbert. On Sept. 16, 1951, he married the former Kathryn L. Penfold in Frankfort. Ken served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a Corporal. He graduated from Central Michigan University in 1954,

with a bachelor of science degree in education. He taught fifth-grade at schools in Boyne City before becoming principal of the Morgan-Shaw School. In 1962, he went to work for Courter Inc., becoming a partner in ownership before retiring in 1988, as industrial relations manager. Ken enjoyed cruising and racing his sailboat, and was a founder of the Boyne City Yacht Club, serving as commodore for four years. Ken, his family, and dog Brecon, enjoyed many wonderful summers cruising the Great Lakes, later earning his Great Lakes Captain's license. Ken also enjoyed golfing, reading and cooking. He

was a great family man, a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, and a friend of Bill W.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn of Boyne City; daughters, Laurie (Bill) Haggard of Charlevoix, Jayne Gilbert of Boyne City; son, Thomas (Amy) Gilbert of Cincinnati; grandchildren, Erin, Laurie and Colin Ford; Meghan and Alexis Gilbert; great-grandchildren, Sullivan and Sidney Bogart; Eliza Ford; sister, Lorayne Case of Frankfort; sister-in-law, Alma House of Frankfort. Ken's grandson, David Ryan Ford, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

Dorman Robinson: March 29, 1934 - Nov. 27, 2006

Dorman Robinson, 72, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Nov. 27 and will be greatly missed by his family and friends on this earth.

Dorman was born in Friendship Township on March 29, 1934, the son of Elenor (Stocum) and Lewis "Bob" Robinson. He attended Stutsmanville and Harbor Springs schools. Dorman enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 at the age of 17 and served during the Korean War. His time was spent mostly on destroyers, making several world cruises into the battle zone.

Dorman married Doris J. Webb on Dec. 19, 1953 in St. Clair Shores. He felt called to return to the northern Michigan he loved in 1957 and

they have resided here since. He spent most of his working years at Manthei Veneer Mill and the McLaughlin Co., with a brief stint of independent trucking. Football and hunting were his interests beyond his family.

Dorman ministered in music that blessed many over the years at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church where he was a member and at monthly singings held in many churches in the area during the 1970s.

Dorman will be greatly missed by his wife of 53 years; his children Charles (Cynthia), Larry (Tina), Daniel (Sheri), Lori (Fred) Upton, Mark (Maureen), Kathy (Ted) Kehrer,

Karen (Frank) Veraldi and Nathan (Heather); also by his 20 grandchildren. Dorman is also survived by a sister, Audrey Jablonsky; two brothers, Dale (Joan) and Sandy (Christine) Robinson; and many nieces and nephews. Dorman was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael John, his parents, brother Robert, and sisters Lavina Billiau, Betty Cease, Arbutus Robinson and Joan Thompson.

A family graveside service was held at the Northbay Cemetery. A memorial service to celebrate his life took place on Dec. 2 at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. Donations to the church are suggested in lieu of flowers and cards.

Louis 'Bob' Hooper: Jan. 8, 1919 - Nov. 29, 2006

Louis R. "Bob" Hooper, 87, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Todd Thompson will officiate. Interment will take place in the Beaver Island Cemetery in the spring.

Bob was born Jan. 8, 1919, in Middleville to David and Florence (Cutler) Hooper. He graduated from Thomapple High School in Middleville. Bob served in the U.S.

Army during World War II and was discharged as a Corporal. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from Albion and master's in social work from the University of Michigan. On Sept. 9, 1950, he married the former Frances Bacon in Farmington. They made their home in Charlevoix in 1955, where Bob was employed as a social worker, retiring from the Michigan Department of Social Services in 1984. Frances preceded him in death in 1998. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, and Charlevoix Lodge #282, F&AM. He was a founder

of the Antique Car Club in Boyne City.

Bob is survived by his sons, Robert Hooper of Chicago, Ill. and Peter (Dolly) Hooper of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Molly and Jordan Hooper of Kalamazoo, Ben Hooper of Chicago, Ill. Christi (Dominic) Brodeur of Colchester, Vt.; great-granddaughters, Michaela and Olivia Brodeur.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Charlevoix. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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Lange PUD in Hayes, Charlevoix townships faces foreclosure

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The 73-acre Lange Limited LLC parcel in a Planned Unit Development (PUD) located in portions of Hayes and Charlevoix townships since late 2003 was foreclosed on Friday, Dec. 1.

According to the judgment of foreclosure dated Sept. 11, the amount owed on the development, which was once proposed to host a hotel, office space, housing for seniors, a restaurant, grocery store, apartment complex, storage buildings and retail space, was nearly \$1.5 million.

A representative from Irwin Union Bank and Trust Co. of Lansing was on hand to reclaim possession of the distressed property and would not speculate on the fate of the proposed development.

The Langes now have six months in which to pay the \$1,493,151.87 plus 11.75 percent interest, "Accruing at the rate of \$390.56 per day."

Representatives of Lange LLC originally appealed to Charlevoix Township officials in 2003 for a rezoning of 28 acres of the 73-acre property. An AmeriInn Motel and Suites was eventually constructed on four acres and remains the only commercial structure on the property.

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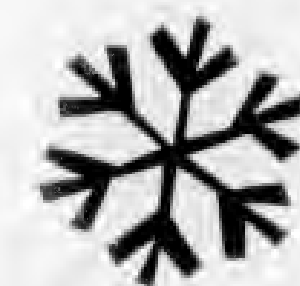
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Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

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thence along the North line of said Section (as monumented) North 88E27°57' West 1308.17 feet to a 1 inch pipe on the East 1/8 line of said Section (as monumented); thence along said East 1/8 line South 1E36°4' West 1079.64 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence parallel with the North 1/8 line of said Section, South 88E32°26' East 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of Sloop Road; thence continuing South 88E32°26' East 201.34 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1E35°55' West 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing South 1E35°55' West 33.00 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said North 1/8 line North 88E32°26' West 234.40 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said East 1/8 line North 1E36°44' East 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25.

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 - Cost for 100% cotton uniforms.
 - Cost for perma press uniforms.
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DUE DATE: Until 11:00 AM Local Time on 11 January, 2007, the City of Charlevoix will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the of-fices of:

BID LOCATION: City of Charlevoix City Council Chambers at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

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3. Performance Pavilion: The complete construction of a single story bandshell including but not limited to 2 public bathrooms, 2 performer's bathrooms, a covered bandshell stage, a backstage room, audio/video rooms and equipment, multiple storage and janitor's rooms, a mechanical room, and a park maintenance room. The construction also includes a terraced roof plaza with planters.

BIDDER QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL: A Bidder Qualification Submittal and Sworn Statement is required for this project and shall be submitted to the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on or before: 14 December, 2006 at 11:00 AM local time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the PROJECT SITE AT THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, EAST PARK with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on 14 December, 2006, at 11:00 AM Local Time prior to the due date for bids. The purpose of this mandatory meeting and on-site inspection is to answer questions and provide a one time only inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company authorized representative must be present at this mandatory pre-bid meeting and register on the Meeting Attendance Record in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

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Harbor Industries to monitor contamination

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix City Council recently approved the installation of test wells on city property for what Harbor Industries officials hope is the final phase leading to closure of their 1980s chemical leak case with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The five wells, which could cost nearly \$60,000 to purchase and install, will be used to monitor levels of tetrachloroethylene or PCE, a chemical used in paint remover, brake cleaner, degreasers and glue.

"This is the same issue we've been dealing with since the mid-1980s," said Tim Parker, vice-president of operations for Harbor Industries. "The actual contamination happened earlier than that, but we've been doing various things (to fix the problem) ever since. We remediated the soil, extracted and incinerated it years ago."

Nearly 2,000 tons of soil was removed and treated in 1995 in response to the contamination.

At a previous city council meeting, Parker said Harbor Industries spent at least a half million dollars to clean the chemical damage.

Parker added, "We thought we were close to closure, but had a change in our case manager at the DEQ and that's when they asked to have more wells installed."

According to Parker, there is no new contamination.

"In order to give closure on the site, we are required that the test data from several years ago be updated. They wanted a different and better profile of the plume area," he said. "So, they wanted us to test different areas...to have a

better definition of where the plume is."

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the highest levels of PCE, which does not occur naturally, can be found in dry-cleaning businesses.

"On the basis of results of repeated short-term, human, inhalation exposure studies, it is considered that no acute effects will occur at tetrachloroethylene concentrations of approximately 140 mg...or less," a 1987 WHO report stated. However, the study shows, exposure to vaporized PCE of 500 mg causes eye irritation. Exposure to 700 mg can irritate, "Depression of the central nervous system and nose and throat irritation."

"From the levels we tested before, (the amount of PCE contamination) is very minimal," Parker said. "We don't deal with a lot of degreasers anymore. We use a lot of more environmentally friendly chemicals when we can."

He added, "The contamination came from degreasing metal parts. We don't really do that anymore. And, the new building was designed with catch basins to contain it and not let it get into the soil."

Parker said the contamination occurred when workers used a drain which wasn't actually connected to any pipes.

"It (PCE) just went into the ground," he said.

Mike Shaw, director of continuous improvements at Harbor Industries, said the test wells should be installed before the end of the year.

"The plan was to get them in while the weather was still halfway nice," he said.

The three-inch diameter PVC wells with locking metal caps will be flush with the ground and could reach in excess of

100 feet below topsoil.

"There's quite a sophisticated way to test so we don't get contamination," Shaw said. "There are screens at different levels and they drop a (moni-

tor) down and pull from each portion to test at the site."

Shaw said a mobile test lab will be on site during each inspection.

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

City residents can breathe a sigh of relief — in its search for financial corners to cut, the Charlevoix Citizens Advisory Committee did not propose a tax increase, but city employees and programs beware.

Charlevoix City Council will review the complete set of recommendations made by the citizens committee during their year-long review of city operations at a special joint meeting of the citizens committee and city council at 6 p.m. on Dec. 12 at City Hall.

"I think council has to take into consideration what this committee is presenting. It's up to them to make decisions and it's time for council to step up," citizens committee chairman, Don Voisin, said. "Every one of these recommendations is important."

According to Voisin, at the upcoming special meeting, the great debate will likely be about the committee's recommendations on employee benefits and staffing, costs at the municipal airport and golf course, and the creation of a fire and emergency

response authority.

"We don't think we need a tax increase. Let's clean up our own house first," Voisin said. "They (city council) have to spend more time on their budget process."

The first sweep aims at the ever looming reality of increasing health care costs. Under general findings in the committee's report they recommend controlling the costs of salaries and health benefits.

"The benefit packages of city employees are much more generous than those enjoyed by city taxpayers," the report states.

Motions approved under this general recommendation include cost sharing by all city employees in health care benefits and staffing cuts if health care costs continue to be prohibitive.

According to city treasurer, Riek Brandi, the city currently pays \$433,600 to insure the 49 employees enrolled in the health care program. At this time, all employees pay for individual and family coverage. He added that the MERS health care program the city switched to on Sept. 1 saved the city, and employees money.

The committee also took aim at the airport and golf course, recommending they no longer be subsidized by the general fund.

"People paying for the services should be the people that use the services. Why should every taxpayer have to support the golf course and the airport when they aren't supporting themselves," Voisin said.

This year the airport is budgeted to cost the city \$25,000. According to Brandi this money will be used to match grants for projects there and the airport would otherwise be breaking even.

The golf course on the other hand has been in the red for the past couple of years. Brandi attributes this to increased competition and dips in tourism.

"We are hoping to get to the break even side. But it will take some work," he said.

This year the city paid \$85,000 from the general fund to operate the course.

Mt. McSautha was not mentioned in the committee's findings but is anticipated to draw \$76,000 from the general fund this year.

While the committee argues See CITIZENS, page 18

Citizens Advisory Committee background

Formed: November 2005

Members: The committee includes: Tim Parker, Kirby Dipert, Bill Bellows, Pete Phillips, Don Voisin, Ken Staley, Curt Thompson, Ed Johnson, Butch Russell, June Cross, Birdie Whitley, Kaye Beatty, Tom Conlan, Chris Papineau, Dan Nuttle, and students Kevin Greyerbiehl, Chuck Mason and Caitlin Cole.

What have they done: The group has met over 20 times since November 2005 to review operating procedures and city department budgets to establish these cost cutting recommendations.

Purpose: Budget projections show the city will be short about \$50,000 in its general fund by 2008.

Currently, city manager Mike Wiesner said the city is supplementing the general fund with infrastructure dollars to get it to the break even point. Over the past two years, \$220,000 has been turned over to the general fund from the infrastructure millage.

In a previous interview, mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said that instead of city administrators making the decision to increase taxes or hike service fees, the advisory committee was established to make recommendations as to where the city can cut corners to make up the shortfall.

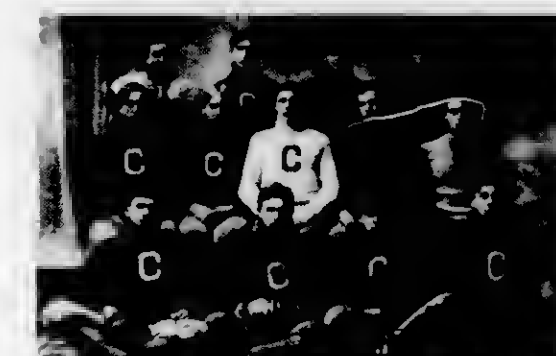
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Pie eye

Pack 11 Charlevoix Cub Scouts enjoyed a little "Sweet Revenge" against cubmaster, Christopher Snabes, during the November pack meeting. Snabes challenged each boy to sell at least \$350 in popcorn during the annual Popcorn Fund-raiser for the Cub Scouts. One pie was awarded to any boy who reached the mark, and a second pie was awarded to any boy who sold \$750. A total of 26 pies were tossed at the cubmaster's face. (Above) The cubmaster's son, Nicholas throws the last pie. Any boy from first through fifth-grade can join Cub Scouts, and any adult can volunteer to be a leader by calling (231) 547-7347 or (231) 547-6862.

Charlevoix Area Community Pool expands Dollar Nights program

Starting Dec. 4, the Charlevoix Area Community Pool has expanded dollar nights to include Monday through Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$1 per person for those living in the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township or Charlevoix Township. All others are non-district and will pay \$1.50 per person.

Dollar nights have proven to be so popular the expanded nights were necessary. Friday night was dropped as a dollar night as it has reached the point where some swimmers have been turned away in the winter months because of

lack of space.

The pool board and staff hope that by having four nights of the discounted prices, the attendance will average out over the four nights and it will be a more enjoyable experience for those attending.

Swimmers wishing to swim at the pool on the weekends including Friday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays have to pay \$3.50 (\$3.75 out of district) for adults, kids 18 and under are \$2.

For a complete pool schedule of classes and programs, call (231) 547-0982.

Petoskey hockey starts season with six straight wins

The Petoskey Area Hockey BB hockey team improved its record to 6-0 with three wins this weekend.

On Dec. 2 they hosted Mackinaw BB team. They took the first game 5-4, with a hat trick by John Miller, and goals from Justin Stolt and Dwayne Aulger. Assists came from Evan Keller, Russell Williams, Britt King and Chris Loyselle. Nick Ferree was between the pipes.

With brilliant defense and patient passing the Petoskey team, which features several Charlevoix players, took the second game with a 6-2 victory. Stolt put one past the goalie, Travis Gunderson two and Miller, three. Miller gave two assists and Williams, Gear Robinson, Travis Gunderson and Britt King contributed one apiece.

On Dec. 3, the team traveled to Mackinaw and posted a 7-3 win over the B team. With Ferree as net minder, Williams, Evan Keller, Justin Stolt and Travis Gunderson each scored, while Miller tallied another hat trick. Keller and Williams each gave two assists and Miller, Gunderson and Alex Molter contributed one each.

The team was coming off Thanksgiving weekend wins.

In the first game, Nov. 24, they beat Gaylord 7-3. Ryan Ruggles, Justin Stolt and Williams each scored once and Miller and Gunderson tallied two each. Evan Keller earned a play maker

with three assists. Williams and Miller gave two assists each and Gunderson one.

On Nov. 26, they hosted two games with Mackinaw and took both games. In the first game, goals were scored by Dwayne Aulger, Miller, Williams and two by Justin Stolt. Assists were given from Stolt, Chris Loyselle, Keller and two each from Molter and Gunderson. Ferree was the winning goalie. At the end, the score stood 5-3.

The second game was a 10-1 rout. Miller scored five goals, Williams added two and Gunderson, Ruggles and Stolt rounded it off. Stolt earned his play maker with three assists. Ruggles, Scott Sutliff and Gunderson gave

two assists each.

Aulger, Molter and Williams contributed one each.

Rod and Gun Club to host annual meeting

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will hold its annual meeting on Thursday Dec. 7 at the clubhouse.

Dinner is at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a short business meeting. The newly elected officers and board members for 2007 will be announced.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will hold a special board meeting on Friday, December 8, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissions Room, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49730. The Board will be going into closed session to discuss pending litigation with their attorney.

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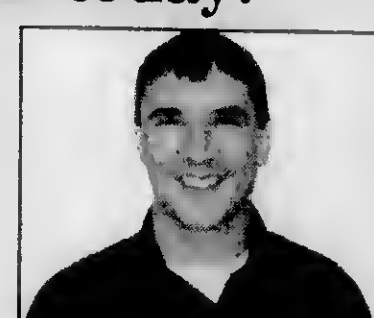
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State purchase of Big Rock on hold

According to an Associated Press report, a request for funding through the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund to buy the Big Rock Point property in Charlevoix has been abandoned, for now.

The Trust Fund board was expected to hear the \$3 million request today, Wednesday. It was one of 162 grant requests they would consider. The request is among \$63 million worth of projects under consideration for the \$35 million available. The \$3 million was an initial payment and an additional \$16.3 million would be requested in future years.

The decision came just after a Nov. 30 push by a coalition of environmental groups urging the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board to reject the plan to purchase the former Big Rock Point property which once housed an ac-

tive nuclear power plant.

The environmental group cites the continued storage of high-level atomic waste at the site and the availability of numerous high-quality natural lands competing for limited Trust Fund dollars as factors in its recommendation.

"There are more than 160 applicants for trust fund dollars, many for spectacular lands including sand dunes, wetlands, riverfront and lake-front property and forests — none of which have nuclear waste issues," said Hugh McDiannid Jr., spokesman for the Michigan Environmental Council. "We ask the board members not to shortchange these applicants to invest in a site that will have dangerous radioactive waste for the foreseeable future, and that has a dubious environmental legacy of contamination."

Although Big Rock has been de-

clared clean by contractors hired by the property's owner, Consumers Energy Co., the environmental group maintains that questions remain as to the residual contamination and radiation, and the thoroughness of the environmental assessment.

A connection between the environmental coalition's lobbying effort and the decision to pull the grant request was not made. And according to Department of Natural Resources officials, the project is not dead.

Mindy Koch, the department's resource management deputy, told the Associated Press that the agency still considers the property a worthwhile acquisition for the state but needs more time to develop its proposal.

Groups opposing the state acquisition of the Big Rock property include: Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination, Citizens Resistance at Fermi Two, Coalition for a Nuclear-Free Great Lakes, Don't Waste Michigan, Environment Michigan, Friends of the Detroit

River, Great Lakes United, HEAL - Hamtramck Environmental Action Team, Home for Peace and Justice Huron Environmental Activists' League (HEAL), IHM Justice Peace and Sustainability Office, Les Cheneaux Watershed Council, Lone Tree Council, Michigan Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, Michigan Environmental Council, National Environmental Trust, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Tittabawassee River Watch, and Wayne State University College Democrats.

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Cool Cities survey distributed this week

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

Charlevoix business owners and managers will be given surveys to complete this week to assist with the Cool Cities initiative.

According to Cool Cities coordinator Keith Carey, the survey is the first piece in the important community input portion of the Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns market

study.

The survey will be hand-delivered by either Carey or a member of the Cool Cities Process Committee which includes members of the Downtown Development Authority as well as 15 representatives from key community sectors like the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Public Schools and the retail community.

Carey said the survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and will delve into what improvements can be made and the overall strengths and weaknesses of the downtown area.

It is requested that the survey be completed by the third week in December when a Process Committee member will pick it up and will leave a Cool Cities logo sticker behind.

This Process Committee will do a lot of the preliminary

leg work for consultants with the firm, HyettPalma who will formulate the Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns market study for Charlevoix and will develop a five-year economic enhancement action strategy.

From now until the end of January, Carey and the committee will conduct business and residential surveys, gather residential, business and parking maps and will look at the



history of retail sales tax.

For more information, contact Carey at (231) 547-3270.

Hospital, Harbor Industries host blood drives

From 1 to 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6 there will be a blood drive at Harbor Industries, located at 100 Harbor Drive in Charlevoix. To make an appointment, call (231) 237-6214. Walk-ins will be accepted from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m.

The drive coincides with the manufacturer's annual Toys for Tots and food drives. Those who bring canned goods or a toy will be entered in a drawing.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital blood drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 at 14700 Lakeshore Drive. For more information or to make an appointment, call Jean McDonough at (231) 547-8906. Donors must have photo identification or a donor card.

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Veteran's dinner



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Two-year-old, Aidan Boop, takes a breather from sampling treats during the 7th Annual Veterans' Holiday Dinner, Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Charlevoix area American Legion. Aidan's father, BMC, Scott Boop, and his men served dinner to vets and their family members while student musicians from Northwest Academy serenaded them with Christmas music.

Local banks host mitten trees for Christmas Project



Courtesy photo

Dann Balesky and Amy McKeown stand beside the Mitten Tree at Bay Winds Federal Credit Union in Charlevoix. Bay Winds is one of three local banks participating in the Mitten Tree project coordinated through the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project.

This year for the first time, Citizens Bank, Charlevoix State Bank and Bay Winds Credit Union have volunteered to display Mitten Trees in the lobbies of their downtown branches.

The Mitten Tree is one of the many projects that make up the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project, whose goal is to provide families in the community with a merry and warm Christmas.

The banks have their trees up in their lobbies and anyone wishing can bring in their donations of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, as

well as yarns and cash. All size winter items are needed from toddler and teens to adults. Deadline for dropping off donations to either bank is Dec. 15.

Chair persons Joan Balch and Marilyn Miller are pleased with the addition of the banks to the mitten project this year and hope this will be a way for people of our community to show their holiday spirit.

For more information, contact Joan Balch at (231) 547-9013 or Marilyn Miller at (231) 547-5551.



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Director of Veterans' Affairs for Charlevoix County, Bob Drebenstedt, veteran Joe Seidel and U.S. Coast Guard personnel SN Jordan Shelvin, BMC Scott Boop, BM3 Seth Thorson, MKC John Vouboukis and MK3 Eric Militello.

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Happy Holly Daze

(Above) Linda Mueller, owner of Castle Farms, points to a decoration she admires while attending the 14th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "An Enchanted Evening," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital on Nov. 30 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. The event was a sellout with 280 in attendance and netted about \$109,000. The highlights were the many mid-range items that brought in big bids like his and hers custom bicycles, a dining furniture set and the Great Chef Series featuring cooking lessons from five area chefs. The funds will be used to pay for the new Light Speed CT Scanner at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Holly Daze 2007 is scheduled to take place on Nov. 29, 2007.

Charlevoix County Republicans elect new officers

Charlevoix County Republicans met Nov. 28 for their County Convention.

County residents were elected to party leadership positions for the next two years. John Haggard was re-elected county chair. Virginia Marme and Don Schneider were elected co-chairs. Shirley Roloff was re-elected secretary. And Margo Johnson was re-elected treasurer.

Chairman Haggard re-appointed Wes Dilworth of Boyne City as membership chair and Susan Flanders and Linda Werth as social chairs for the upcoming spring Lincoln Day Dinner.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 16 to elect delegates to the State Convention to be held in Grand Rapids on Feb. 9 and 10.

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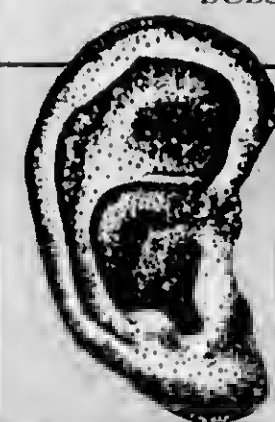
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Local author has gone Plum Crazy

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
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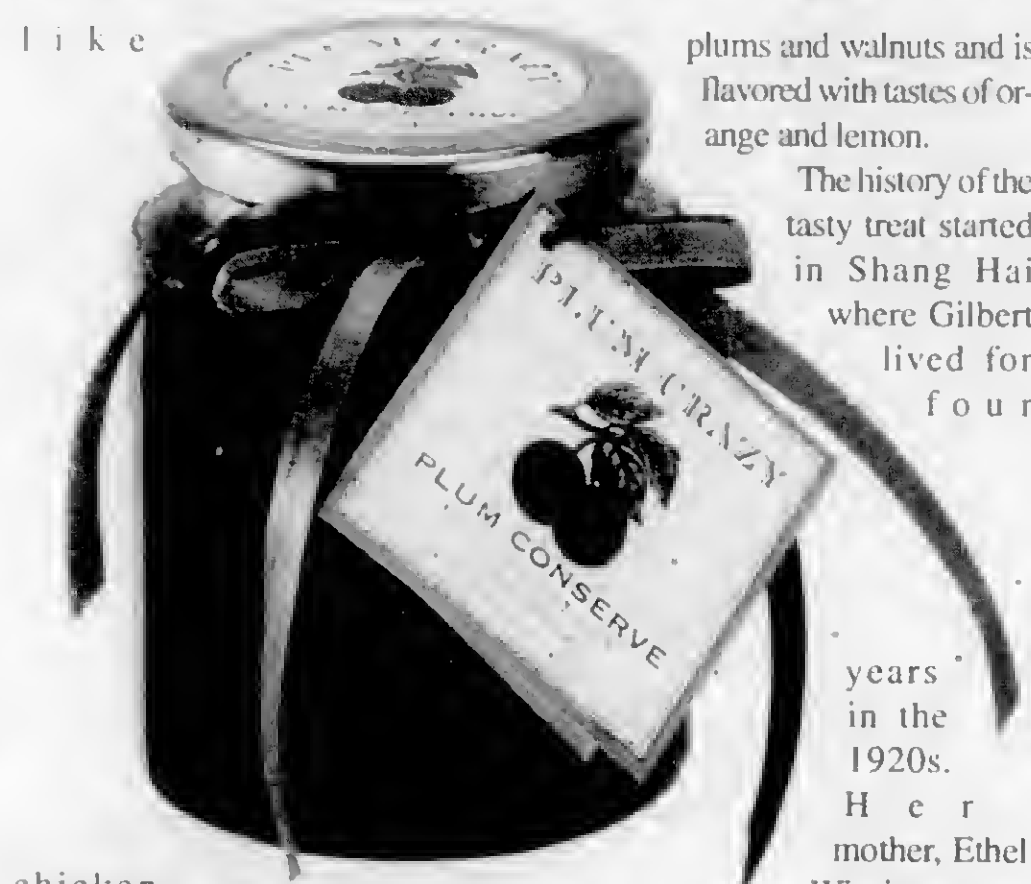
Retire at 60? "No way," says local author and etiquette guru, Edith Gilbert. Now in her late 80s, Gilbert, a Charlevoix resident, continues her successful

freelance writing career and has most recently burst onto the culinary scene as well.

"I'm just as amazed as everyone else (at the new business challenge). I have so many wonderful friends and neighbors supporting me. That's why I love living in Charlevoix," Gilbert said.

Her latest venture is dubbed "Plum Crazy," a plum conserve product packed with taste and edible possibilities. The conserve, like cranberries, is a perfect plate partner for dishes

like



plums and walnuts and is flavored with tastes of orange and lemon.

The history of the tasty treat started in Shang Hai where Gilbert lived for four

years in the 1920s. Her mother, Ethel

Wiesinger was given the recipe by an Italian ambassador and harvested plums from her yard to bring the ingredients to her dinner table.

chicken and pork and has been enjoyed by many spooned right out of the jar and relished on its own. Gilbert suggests about two tablespoons per plate.

"You can always go back for more," she said. "It really does wonders for the dinner."

Plum Crazy is loaded with fresh

The recipe was revived in the 1960s when Gilbert and her husband, the late Julius Gilbert, moved to their Michigan Avenue home. Right in the Gilberts' front yard

stands a single plum tree. The self-described non-baker, non-canner began making the conserve from its fruits and gave it as gifts to friends.

"The only thing I've ever canned is these plums," Gilbert, author of the book, "Easy Entertaining," said. "I always did lots of entertaining, but I was never in the kitchen. I was supervising. I'm not a cook, I'm not a gardener — I'm an entertainer."

This year, the gourmet gift blossomed into a business. This fall, 200 pounds of plums from Friske Orchards in Atwood were processed at a Traverse City area plant. This produced about 200, 16 ounce jars of tasty conserve. Plans are in the works for the product to go into national production next year. Gilbert is hoping for a fabulous September crop of plums.

While she gushed about her conserve business-savvy Gilbert kept her processor hush, hush.

"I don't want to tell everything," she said. "This is business."

Plum Crazy is a partnership Gilbert has pursued with Art and Sue

Kleinpell, of Bloomfield Hills, who own and operate King's Lake and Crane. Like Gilbert, Sue Kleinpell's famous gourmet granola started in her kitchen and is now sold locally at Esperance and soon will be retailed at Target stores. Sue is the daughter-in-law of Charlevoix resident Joan MacGillivray.

Gilbert credits Sue for moving the project forward and for the clean, quality design and packaging Plum Crazy wears.

"She's (Sue Kleinpell) a dynamite," Gilbert said. "She came to me last winter to do this. I was highly flattered. And we've been very busy getting this off the ground in less than a year. I couldn't have done it on my own."

Currently, the product sells for \$14.95 a jar and is available on-line at www.kingslakeandcrane.com or at Esperance on Charlevoix's north side where she will host a special tasting from noon to 5 p.m. on Dec. 9.

"I'm afraid we are going to sell out," she said.

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All aboard

Bill West of Hastings test drives a train while Christmas shopping during the Merchant's Open house on Saturday, Dec. 2. Hundreds of people old and young turned out to shop the downtown district while the little ones sat on Santa's lap. Despite heavy snowfall the day before, Saturday was clear and mild as cold weather goes.

Holiday festivities at Friske's Farm Market

On Saturday, Dec. 9 several events will take place for children and adults at Friske's Farm Market.

From 8 a.m. to noon a Children's Christmas Pancake Breakfast will be served. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be cookie decorating. Also offered will be storytelling with Gale Kroon at the following times: 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon and 1 and 2 p.m. Another

activity from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be an old-fashioned Christmas Sing-a-long.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 there will be easy gourmet holiday food tips with Dawn Wilhelm, with recipe handouts as well as prize drawings throughout the day.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

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Photo by Melissa Grosberg

Charlevoix resident, Melissa Grosberg caught this shot of the pier and lighthouse with the St Marys Cement Challenger in the distance at sunset this past summer.



Photo by Julie Christensen

Charlevoix resident Julie Christensen caught these trick or treaters from Charlevoix Elementary School parading downtown and back on Halloween day, Oct. 31.

Once a month some local women get together for a ladies' night out. They always meet at the Flight Deck before starting that month's activity. October's activity was a Halloween scavenger hunt. Lisa Herriman, Natalie Jason, Krista Berlage, Kris Blanchard and Jamie Kornacker participated.

Photo by Nick Gould



Photo by Veronica Dainoviec

The veterans of Boulder Park Terrace were honored on Veterans' Day by the residents, staff and family members with a program and refreshments. Each veteran received a certificate of appreciation for their service to our country. They are (above, from left) Eileen Wyszynski, Swen Aho, Chester A. Nowak, Louis Drost, Michael Dainoviec, Louis R. Hooper. Simeon C. Perron is missing from the picture.

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DEC. 6 CHRISTMAS PROJECT MEETING

Volunteers with the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, located on U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

Committees will be preparing for distribution week which will begin on Dec. 18 at the VFW in Charlevoix.

Anyone wishing to donate time, money, or goods may attend the meeting or contact chairperson, Bev Boss at (231) 547-2078 or committee member, Rosemary Horton, at (231) 547-7259.

DEC. 6 CIRCLE OF STRENGTH

The Circle of Strength support group for cancer patients currently in treatment, or survivors of any type of cancer, meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the first Wednesday of every month, in the large classroom on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital. This month's educational meeting will host Laura Ziembra, a certified massage therapist, Reiki master and a natural foods chef. She will share the benefits of the macrobiotic diet and Reiki body work for those people in the healing process, and benefits for all.

DEC. 9 AND 10 CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

The Charlevoix Area Community Christmas Choir, made up of 50 plus people representing over 10 area churches, is presenting their annual musical, "Sing and Shout for Joy, a Christmas Worship Experience," at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10. The program is hosted by the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

DEC. 10 HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Jordan Valley Community

Band, a volunteer group of musicians from Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties will present a holiday concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the East Jordan High School Community Auditorium. Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

DEC. 14 SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The Charlevoix High School Bands will surround the auditorium with sound showcasing beautiful melodies, fanfares, jazz tunes and some surprise guests. Back by popular demand is their rendition of "The Little Drummer Boy/Bolero" that builds up to an exciting finish.

The high school hands concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 in the high school auditorium.

DEC. 15 AND 16 LIVE NATIVITY

The members of the Atwood Christian Reformed Church will host their 4th Annual Live Nativity.

It will be on display at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15 and at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, located at See BRIEFS, page 31

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DEC. 16 CHRISTMAS EVENT AT FIRE STATION

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The festive afternoon will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Dec. 16 at the fire station located off State Street within city hall in

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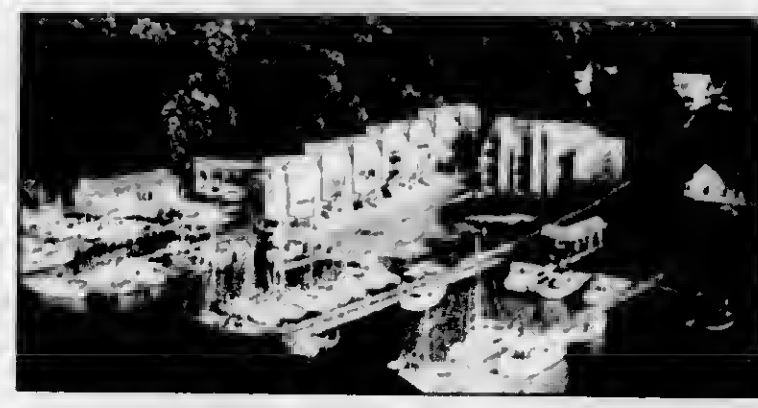
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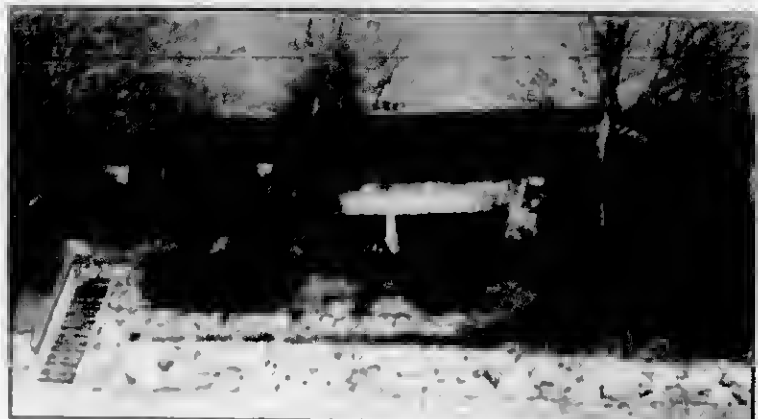
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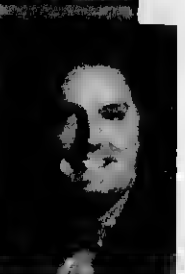
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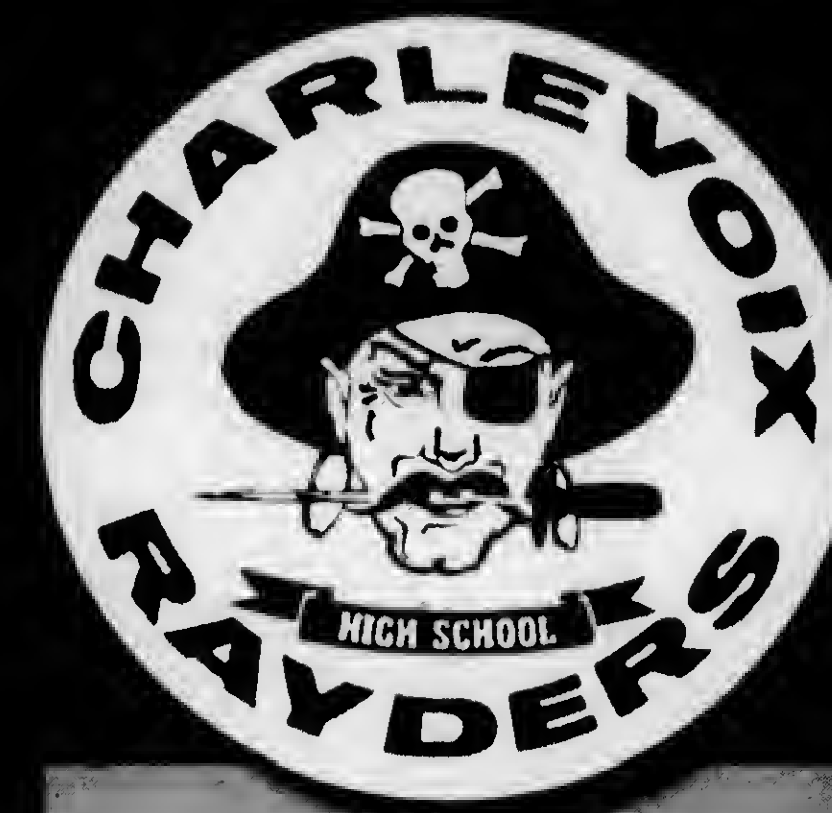
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BOYS' BASKETBALL



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The Charlevoix varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Nate LaBlance, Brad Cyr, Cliff Jones, Dan Swenor, Tyler Haske, Darron Munson, (back, from left) Mitchell Crandall, Austin Wilhelm, Trevor Mays, Corey Gotshall, Chase Beatty, Jacob Hunt, Kyle Jones and head coach, Keith Haske.

Depth, speed keys to Rayder basketball success

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The Charlevoix varsity boys' basketball team has its sights set on a state championship.

According to head coach, Keith Haske, his 15-member team has a balanced mix of experienced seniors and accomplished juniors.

When asked if he feels this mix is a recipe for success, Haske said, "Absolutely, we've set high goals and I've been really impressed with the work ethic in practice. I'm excited to get the season going."



Keith Haske

he expects to see even greater success this year. Key teams standing in the Rayders' path

The Rayder boys' basketball team finished the 2005-2006 season 16-9 losing to Traverse City St. Francis in the regional finals.

"No one is going to run away with it (the Lake Michigan Conference crown). It will be a tough game every night."

Keith Haske
CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH

are Traverse City St. Francis and Grayling. While these were pinpointed as their top two competitors, Haske said the Lake Michigan Conference is tough across the board.

"No one is going to run away with it. It will be a tough game every night," he said.

The Rayder team opens the season this Friday night, Dec. 8 at Suttons Bay.

Leading the Rayder charge are six seniors that Haske credits with providing team leadership. They are his son, the team's point guard, Tyler Haske, 6 foot 4 inch center, Derek Friske, shooting

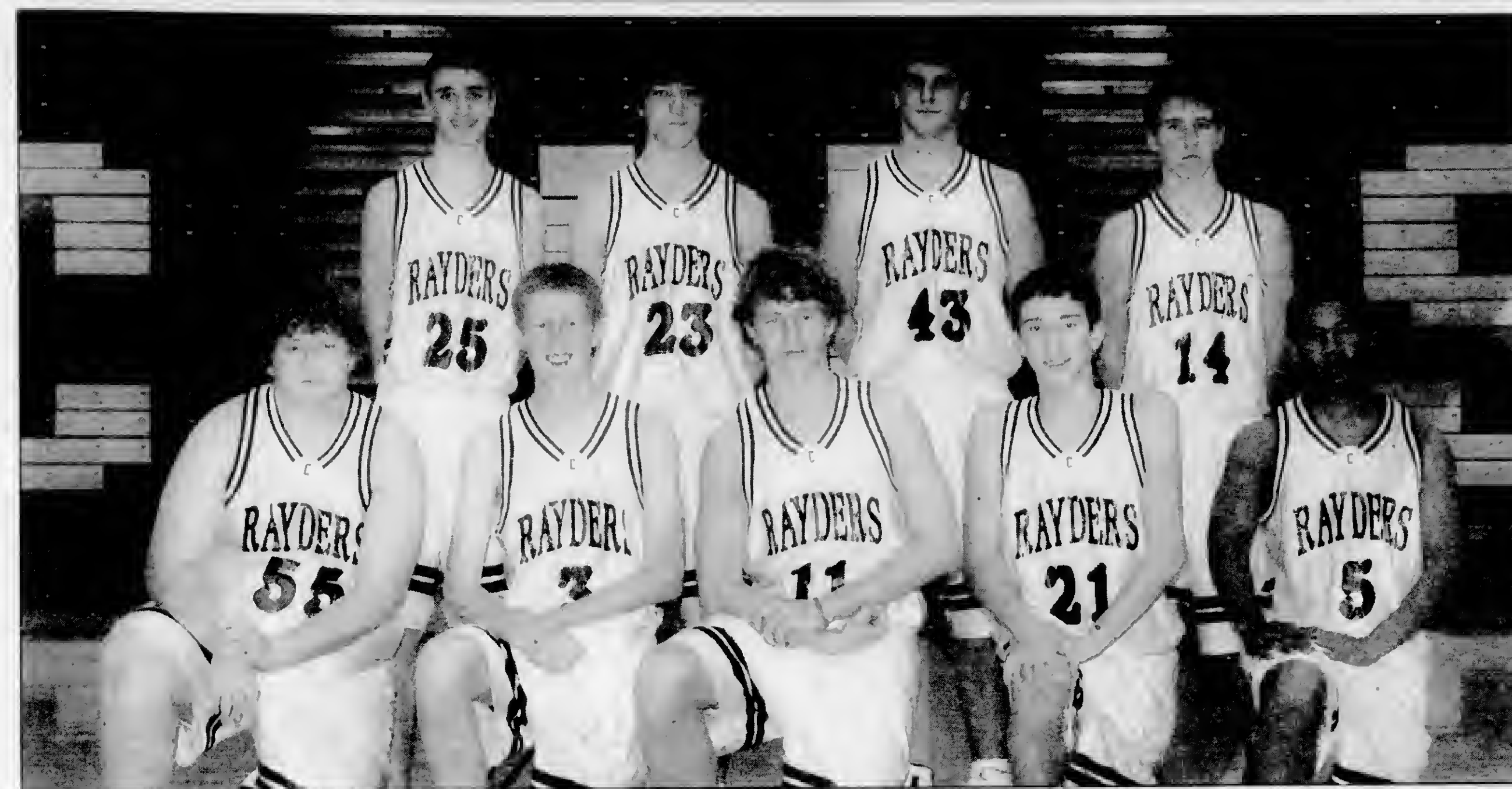
guard, Mitchell Crandall, post player, Trevor Mays, Dan Swenor and Darron Munson.

While these six make up the team's core, Haske said from player one to player 15, the team has depth.

"Our strengths are our depth, quickness and speed. We're not blessed with anyone really big on the inside so we'll come on quick. I think our speed will carry us this year," he said.

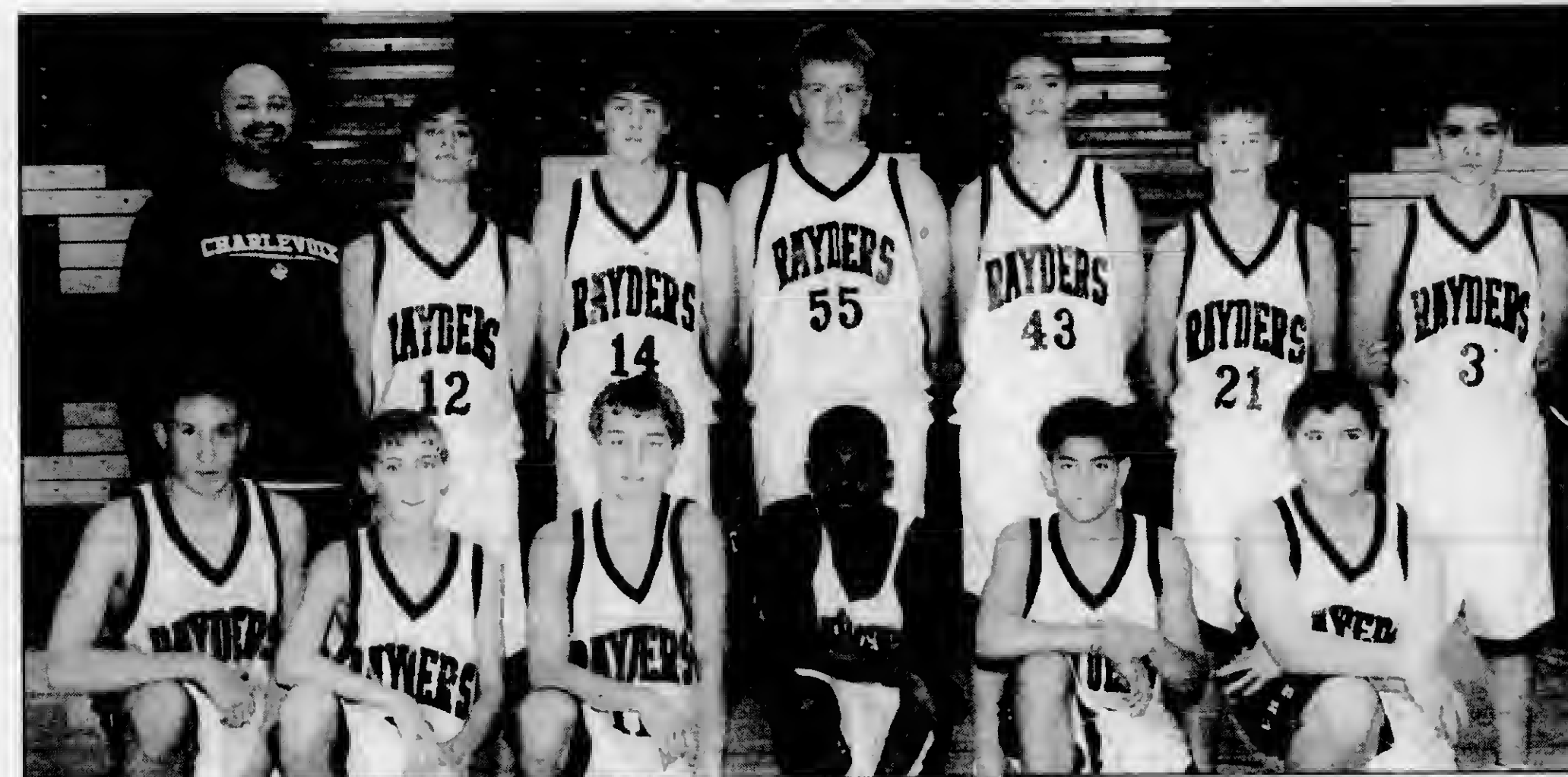
Haske is joined on the sidelines by assistant coaches, Dr. Jim Gels and Bret Erskine.

BOYS' BASKETBALL



Photos by Julie Witthoef

(Above) The Charlevoix junior varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Rex VanPowers, Collin McDonough, Weston Bryan, Jon Putman, Tony Cepeda-Mulholland, (back, from left) Thomas Parrish, Brock Yenglin, Bill Ivan and Scott Silberhorn. Coach Bret Erskine is not pictured. (Right) The Charlevoix freshmen boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Doug Reynolds, Beau Boss, Clayton Mitchell, Jimmie Kilgore, Isaac Hosper, Jason Price, (back, from left) coach, Bryan Hawkins, J.T. Lawrence, Ty Jones, Matt Carey, Adam Travers, Alex Foster and C.J. Kunkle. Shaun Anthony is not pictured.



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VOLLEYBALL



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(Above) The Charlevoix varsity volleyball team is (front, from left) Emily Heffling, Sasha Spencley, (middle, from left) Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Gena Gaudio, (back, from left) Zita Anderson, Desi Faust, Aubrey Way, Michelle Burke and coach, Elizabeth Grunch. Murphy Gillespie is not pictured.

Volleyball team sets sights on conference crown

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix volleyball coach, Liz Grunch, said her team has the potential to take first place in the Lake Michigan Conference this season.

The team, which ended last season in second place in the conference, includes 11 experienced

players, five of which are seniors and the other six are juniors.

"We are returning six starters. We are pretty experienced. I think we'll be very competitive in the conference," said Grunch, who is in her sixth year coaching. "We have the potential to do it but on any given night, anything can happen."

Their greatest rivalry will come

from Boyne City and Kalkaska.

When asked who will lead them to victory, Grunch said she can't pinpoint just one player.

"The girls work well together. Each of the seniors and returning players bring certain aspects of leadership. We have a good mix of players with leadership," she said.

The six seniors are setter, Zita Anderson, left side player, Ashlie

Bradley, middle hitters, Sasha Spencley and Bethany Pearson and defensive specialist, Emily Heffling.

Grunch believes her team will be able to lean on this experience to carry them this season.

"We've had a lot of time that we've played together. Hitting will also be one of our strengths," she said.

However, their maturity doesn't guarantee them success. To meet their goals, Grunch said they will need to establish a higher level of competition, improve their quickness on offense and continue to develop their defensive skills.

"We need to raise our level of competition to be competitive with ranked teams in the state," she added.



Photos by Julie Witthoef

(Above) The Charlevoix junior varsity volleyball team is (front, from left) Bridget Peters, Taylor Storm, Tanya Wynkoop, Shauna Spencley, Jessie Bills, Katie Withrow, (back, from left) manager, Alyssa Belfy, Tammy Potter, Sarah Potter, Lauren Mielke, Alyssa McCormack, Madison Way, Kimber Wager and coach, Audra Randall. (Below) The Charlevoix freshmen volleyball team is (front, from left) Bailey Chamberlain, Chelsey Haske, (middle, from left) Mikaela Witthoef, Hillary Lutz, Kelsey DeCoster, Nikki Speigl, Alexis Anthony, Isis Hang, (back, from left) Celina Wanek, Bobbie Molter, Sarah Green, Megan Menosky, Sara Wilkinson and coach, Keith Grunch. Madeline Jeakle is not pictured.



CHEERLEADING

Cheer team won't be on the sidelines

Cheerleaders pursue strict competitive status

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

There will be one thing missing from the sidelines at Charlevoix High School boys' basketball games this winter — cheerleaders.

For the first time in the program's history, the winter cheerleading team will change traditional cheerleading as we know it. The team is entering its second season as a competitive team and plans to focus its efforts entirely on competing.

This is the first school year the Michigan High School Athletic Association has required all cheerleading teams that wish to compete to become competition cheerleading teams.

Head coach, Erin Nickel said, "Competitive cheerleading will be the new tradition. Doing both (sideline and competitive) is really asking the girls to do two separate sports. It's just too much to ask of them. If we want to be good, we really have to focus on one."

The 14-member varsity team is coming off its first competitive season which Nickel described as "a struggled season." In the three competitions they participated in, the Rayder squad finished on the "lower end of average."

However, Nickel said last year's forgettable season will be



Photo by Julie Witthoef

The Charlevoix cheerleading team is (front, from left) Sarah Klooster, Kim Way, (second row, from left) Kara Ciesielczyk, Janay Drost, Dannielle Bergmann, Rachael Nuttall, (third row, from left) Molly Branicki, Charisse Rogers, Stephanie Milazzo, Ashley Price, Amelia Meier, Kayla Schneider and Bailey Yenglin.

a mere memory once the girls hit the mats this year.

"We'll have a strong season. This year, the team is so focused, they want to succeed — and they will because they have the desire," Nickel said.

They are scheduled to com-

pete in about six competitions, the first of which will take place on Dec. 20 at Boyne City High School. The Rayder team will also host a competition on Jan. 17.

"I believe we have a great chance of winning the league

championship this year. I'm really excited," Nickel said. "They need tight motions, beautiful jumps and strong stunts and they have all three."

Lake Michigan Conference competitive cheer teams include Charlevoix, East Jordan,

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Erin Nickel
CHARLEVOIX HIGH
SCHOOL CHEERLEADING
COACH

Grayling, Elk Rapids, Boyne City and Kalkaska.

The competition includes three rounds of music-free cheerleading. The first is leadership where the girls perform a floor cheer void of stunts. In the second round, precision, their gymnastic skills are tested. The final round, creative, is a 2-and-a-half-minute round with stunts and tumbling included.

This year's team leadership is provided by cheer veterans, Kim Way and Bailey Yenglin.

"The girls look to her (Yenglin) for a lot of guidance. She's a fabulous cheerleader and a great kid," Nickel said.

The only thing that could hold the team back from a Lake Michigan Conference win is its lack of high tumbling skills like back handsprings and back tucks. Nickel described them as a more intermediate tumbling team. However, she suspects her squad of quick learners will pick up the skills needed as the season goes on to take first in the conference.

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SKIING

Ski team will shine in giant slalom event

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Forecasting the future of the Charlevoix-East Jordan ski team this season is a challenge when the northern Michigan slopes are just developing a base.

But coach Sue Miller said if pre-season conditioning and the students' performance in dry land training are any indication of future success, her team should perform well.

"They are a well-rounded group. They come to the team with experience from either being on the team last year or competing at the middle school level," Miller said.

She expects this team to outperform last year's group.

"They seem a little more motivated. They have a good sense of focus," she said.

Overall, last year the girls' team placed sixth in the region and the boys placed fifth.

Leading the Lady Rayder-Red Devil charge will be East Jordan junior, Katherine Rowley. She was the state champion last year in giant slalom and took second in the state in slalom.

The big man on the slopes is East Jordan junior, Mac Brennan who finished in the top 20 at the regional meet in 2006.

"But they both have skiers to back them up. This team has depth," Miller said. "Our greatest strength is the talent each individual brings to the team."

Miller said their ultimate goal is to qualify for the state finals as a team, but her more



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix-East Jordan ski team is (front, from left) Neil Salisbury, Justin Williams, (second row, from left) Mary Gocha, Steffy Poindexter, Emily Bajko, Liz Hasseld, Hailey Crick, Sarah Lorne, Jennifer Rich, (third row, from left) Jenna Kirby, Amanda Fritsch, Caroline Dupuis, Rachel Boss, Joe Hidakatsu, Geoff Baier, Nic Williams, coach, Sue Miller, (fourth row, from left) Michael Cardwell, Zach Smith, Tanner Fisher, Jacob Crawford, Mac Brennan, Hunter Boss and Jeff Miller, Katherine Rowley and coach, Steve Pirie.

immediate aim is for the students to have fun and improve over the course of the year.

Their first Lake Michigan Conference meet will take place on Jan. 4. The conference includes Charlevoix-East Jordan, Boyne City, Harbor Springs, Traverse City St. Francis, Grayling and Elk Rapids.

"We have a very strong conference," Miller said.

The ski teams compete in two events at each meet — slalom and giant slalom. Miller said her pre-season prediction is that both teams will excel in the giant slalom event.

"They don't do much slalom in middle school so we'll have to get them some experience. So, right now, I'd say our forte will be giant slalom," she said.

Their edge will likely be their speed.

"We have a good group of athletes," Miller said of her team.

The one thing that threatens their season is the warm weather. Miller said their dry land training which is focused on agility, speed and balance is a useful tool in preparing for the slopes, but the team needs consistent snow to

train. In the past, they have hit the slopes by now. They practice at Boyne Mountain.

The team includes 24 students, 12 are on the girls' team and 12 are on the boys' team. Of the 12 girls, seven are from East Jordan High School and five are from Charlevoix High School. Of the 12 boys, eight are from Charlevoix High School and four are from East Jordan.

WRESTLING



Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix wrestling team is (front, from left) Zeke Daman, Nic Mailloux, Woody Nitchman, Jacob Waterman, Mat Golovich, Zach Smith, (back row, from left) J.D. Speigl, Nate Golovich, Corey Gotshall, R.J. Moore, Patrick Russell, Nate Tripplehorn, Chris Levens and coach, Craig Golovich.

Wrestling objectives: Stay healthy, win conference

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Craig Golovich said if his wrestling team stays healthy this year they should be able to take first place in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"If they're not healthy, they just can't compete," said Golovich who is in his fifth year coaching the Rayder varsity wrestling team.

Last year, he lost one of his key

wrestlers to injury. His nephew, Nathan Golovich, a junior wrestling in the 145-pound weight class, returns this season after a shoulder injury that ended his season early last year.

The team includes 19 wrestlers at this time. Golovich is hoping to pick up at least two more — one to fill the 215-pound wrestling slot and another for the 189-pound division.

Providing the team's top competitive edge will be senior, Nick

Gotshall, junior, Nathan Golovich and sophomore, Mat Golovich. Mat Golovich, who is also coach Golovich's nephew, broke the school record last year for the 112-pound weight class for the most varsity wins. This year he's wrestling at 119 pounds.

Coach Golovich expects his team's edge will be their training.

"I don't think there's a sport in this town that works harder than us. We practice six minutes full

tilt — they'll be in condition," he said.

While his team's edge is their conditioning, their weakness will be the inexperienced wrestlers.

"The inexperienced guys will have to step up and wrestle at the varsity level. We'll have freshmen facing seniors and that's tough," coach Golovich said.

They ended the 2005-2006 season in second place in the Lake Michigan Conference. As a team they lost in the first round of dis-

tricts to a tough Rogers City team that went on to compete for the state title. Two individual players went on to the state championship, class of 2006 wrestlers, Jed Daman and Jeff Golovich.

"They were two big leaders, but you have to move on," coach Golovich said.

The Rayder grapplers got their first taste of competition on Nov. 30 in Onaway when they faced both Onaway and Mancelona high schools.



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November 30	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Onaway w/ Mancelona
December 2	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Mancelona
December 7	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
December 9	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Manton
December 14	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
December 15	Friday	2:30 p.m.	AT Rudyard
January 4	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 6	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Frankfort
January 11	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling w/ Boyne
January 13	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Roger City
January 18	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City w/ Mio
January 20	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	HERE Charlevoix Takedown
January 27	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Gaylord
February 3	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT TC St. Francis
February 10	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Petoskey

Varsity Coach: Craig Golovich

SKI TEAM

January 4	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Nubs Nob
January 9	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Petoskey Invit.
January 11	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Boyne Mt.
January 25	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Nubs Nob
February 1	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Boyne Mt.
February 5	Monday	10:00 a.m.	Manistee Invit. @ Crystal Mt.
February 6	Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	TC St. Francis @ Mt. Holiday
February 8	Thursday		Make-up
February 10	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	CHX, EJ, BC Invit. @ Boyne Mt.
February 15	Thursday	All Day	REGIONALS @ Nubs Nob

Varsity Coach: Sue Miller

FRESHMAN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

January 4	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
January 8	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
January 11	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
January 18	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 20	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Gaylord Intermed. Cym
January 27	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Ellsworth Invit.
January 29	Monday	4:30 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
February 1	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
February 5	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
February 12	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
February 15	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
February 22	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis

Varsity Coach: Keith Crunch

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

January 4	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
January 8	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
January 11	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
January 13	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Inland Lakes Invit.
January 15	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 18	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 20	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Gaylord Invit.
January 29	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
February 1	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
February 5	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
February 8	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
February 10	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Harbor Springs Invit.
February 12	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
February 15	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
February 22	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis

Varsity Coach: Audra Randall

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

December 9	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Pellston
December 28	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Leland Invit.
January 4	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
January 6	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Petoskey
January 8	Monday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
January 11	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
January 13	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Mason Co.
January 15	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 18	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 27	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	HERE Charlevoix Invit.
January 29	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT TC St. Francis
February 1	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
February 5	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
February 8	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
February 10	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Suttons Bay Invit.
February 12	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
February 15	Thursday	5:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
February 22	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis

Varsity Coach: Audra Randall

CHEER TEAM

December 20	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
January 17	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE
January 31	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
February 14	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska

Varsity Coach: Enn Nickel

FRESHMAN BOY'S BASKETBALL

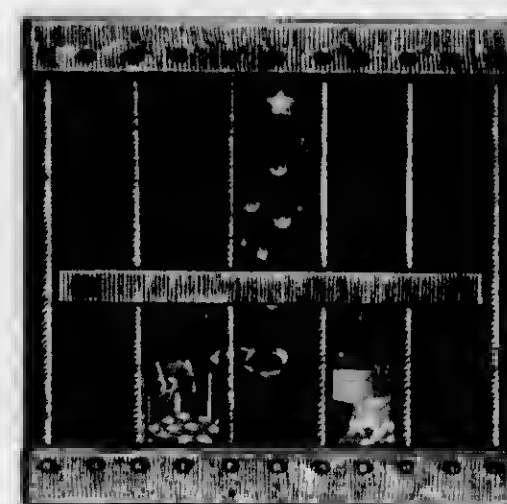
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December 15	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
December 19	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Grayling
January 2	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Cheboygan
January 5	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
January 9	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Boyne City
January 12	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 16	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 19	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 26	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
January 30	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Benzie Central
February 2	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
February 6	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Petoskey
February 9	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
February 16	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
February 20	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
February 23	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
February 27	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE East Jordan

Freshman Coach: Bryan Hawkins

VARSITY & J.V. BASKETBALL

December 8	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT Suttons Bay
December 12	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Glen Lake
December 15	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
December 19	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
January 2	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Cheboygan
January 5	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
January 9	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
January 12	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 16	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 19	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 26	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
January 30	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Benzie Central
February 2	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
February 6	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Petoskey
February 9	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
February 16	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
February 20	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
February 23	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
February 27	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
March 2	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT Bellaire
March	Mon-Sat		DISTRICTS
March	Tues-Sat		REGIONALS
March	Tuesday		QUARTER FINALS
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State buy of Big Rock not dead

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A Department of Natural Resources request to acquire more than 400 acres of Big Rock Point was withdrawn from a pile of more than 162 requests for funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board totaling \$63 million.

However, said Tom Bailey, executive director of the Little Traverse Conservancy, critics of the plan had nothing to do with the request withdrawal and the DNR will likely reapply for the \$3 million next year.

"The DNR and (CMS Energy Corp.) have been discussing this issue...but they didn't really have a definitive agreement...because of that uncertainty, the (DNR) decided to withdraw their request for funding," Bailey said. "The (DNR) is still actively applying for federal funding. There are two applications going through that process and the (DNR) has indicated their intention to go back before the trust fund board in the coming year for that funding."

During their Dec. 6 meeting, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board recommended 61 projects to the governor at a cost of \$36,076,075.

Some of the larger acquisition grant approvals included \$2.6 million for Big Rock, page 3



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Community members and state and local officials gathered to officially celebrate the state of the Charlevoix marina and East Park renovation projects at a ground-breaking ceremony on Dec. 8 in East Park. Attendees strained to visualize boats and a park packed with tourists when temperatures were in the 30s. (Above) Gary Stutzman, representing the Charlevoix Community Band, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, mayor Norman Carlson Jr., city manager Mike Wiesner and Downtown Development Authority chairman Hugh Mason did the honors of digging in, each collecting a gold shovel full of snow.

Public gathers to celebrate projects

BY JULIE WITTHOEF
EDITOR

A crowd gathered one last time in downtown Charlevoix's East Park before both the park and marina are transformed.

With freezing temperatures and snow-covered terrain, it was difficult to envision the summer hustle and bustle that will soon populate the renovated East Park and marina at

the projects' Dec. 8 ground-breaking ceremony.

"We have one of the best ports on the Great Lakes, and now we'll finally have the best facilities to go along with it," event emcee, mayor Norman Carlson Jr., said.

Hugh Mason, chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, spoke to state and local officials as well as community residents in atten-

dance. "We've (the Downtown Development Authority) always felt East Park is our jewel — we didn't touch it. Finally we've decided East Park is getting tired. It needs help, it needs renovation. It took five years to plan — things move slowly in northern Michigan — but when we get done, hopefully we'll have renewed our jewel in Charlevoix."

said Mason, who has been a member of the Downtown Development Authority since its inception in 1982.

The Downtown Development Authority will fund 25 percent of the marina project as well as most of the \$4.7 million East Park project. The state agency Waterways Commission, has agreed to fund \$8.2 million of

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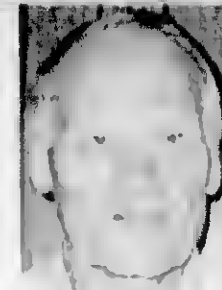
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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Zachary Dane Whitley, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession-alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; \$300 in fines and costs.

Clinton Winifred Covles, 27, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve 86 days in jail.

Michael Edward Left, 49, Charlevoix. Telecommunications SVSC malicious use. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for five days, 175 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; no contact with the victim; \$200 in fines and costs.

Kenneth Laverne Small Jr., 35, Flint. Checking account-insufficient funds-greater than \$100. Serve 30 days in jail; \$1,490.29 in fines and costs.

Lawrence Michael Kelsey, 49, Cadillac. Checking account-insufficient funds-greater than \$100. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve six days in jail, 87 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; \$20,000 in fines and costs.

Joseph Michael Knox, 24, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days; serve six months probation.

submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Sue Adams, 29, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; \$830 in fines and costs.

David John Keil, 43, Levering. Reckless boating. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 16 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 63 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year on probation; attend substance abuse classes; boater safety license revoked for nine months; \$650 in fines and costs.

Carrie Lynn Bellant, 36, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$830 in fines and costs.

April Lynn Hutchison, 18, South Haven. Disturbing the peace. Serve 10 days in jail; \$400 in fines and costs.

Barbara Cherie Hernandez, 28,

Boyer City. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; \$780 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Randall Scott Hamilton, 55, Charlevoix. Criminal sexual conduct-first degree with a person under 13; habitual offender-second notice. Sentenced to 281 months in prison to a maximum of 50 years in prison with credit for 72 days in jail; \$120 in fines and costs.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 20, Boyne Falls. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana. Sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 150 days in jail; \$120 in fines and costs.

Anthony James Weber, 27, Rapid City. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 85 days,

to serve 365 days in jail; \$4,274.28 in fines and costs.

Marshall Ira Bell Jr., 24, Charlevoix. Police officer-fleeing third degree, vehicle code; malicious destruction of fire or police property; operating while intoxicated; operating a motor vehicle without security. Count one and three: Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve 180 days in jail. Counts four and five: To serve 90 days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve 90 days in jail; serve two years probation; \$4,527.60 in fines and costs.

John Albert Rokus, 69, Boyne City. Two counts of criminal sexual

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Locals continue to push for public Big Rock buy

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lion for a 640-acre conservation easement in Cheboygan County and \$2.09 million for 172 acres in Antrim County.

The Little Traverse Conservancy acts as a facilitator between CMS and the DNR. "To bring about what the public has almost unanimously called for, which is the public acquisition of the Big Rock Point property."

No official price tag has been attached to the property, Bailey said. "But \$20 million is (a) ballpark figure. It's not a figure anyone is saying is absolute."

CMS and the DNR negotiate, but Bailey said, "I have been told the company does have offers from developers."

People like Kevin Kamps, a nuclear waste specialist, aren't

concerned with funding the project.

In his report, "Say Yes to Michigan, Say No to the Plutonium State Park," Kamps claims risks abound on the Big Rock property as, "Emphasized by the presence of 441 bundles (nearly 64 tons) of highly radioactive nuclear fuel rods stored in eight concrete and steel silos on a concrete pad surrounded by fencing, heavily armed security personnel, and guard dogs. Each of the eight casks at Big Rock contains about 240 times the long-lasting radioactivity released by the Hiroshima atomic bomb. Release of even a fraction of the contents of a single cask would be disastrous."

In the nearly 12,000 word report, Kamps stated, "The development of a state park is incongruous with a potentially catastrophic terrorist target. Inviting large numbers of families and children into close proximity to high-level radioactive waste for public recreation makes no sense."

Bailey said the only organized opposition to the proposal comes from anti-nuke groups in Lansing, Washington D.C. and St. Louis. "They raised a hunch of questions that are not really arguments on the safety of the site," Bailey said. "We believe all of those questions will be addressed adequately when the (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) releases their final report of the site expected in the first quarter of 2007."

Local environmentalist, Joanne Beemon, may disdain nuclear energy, but fears using the terror card will ensure Big Rock never becomes a public property.

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conduct-second degree, with a person under 13. Sentenced to a minimum of 71 months in prison to a maximum of 15 years with credit for 106 days; \$180 in fines and costs.

Brian Robert Lemond, 50, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; \$1,180 in fines and costs.

Edward Thomas Brook, 40,

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EDITORIAL

There is something about twinkling lights that make the holidays even more magical.

While Charlevoix isn't known as a holiday shopper's destination, it should be. Merchants and workers with the City of Charlevoix have taken the time to deck their windows, building facades and downtown trees for the season.

Christmas decorations can transform even the most quiet downtown into a warm and life-filled place to be during the holidays and that is why we want to thank all the merchants that have decorated windows, hung lights or trimmed in other ways.

While a thank-you in writing is a nice expression, the thank-you these merchants deserve is our business. So, as you continue to attack your shopping list, check off items you can look for downtown and shop Charlevoix.

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to spend more money and time in small, independently owned businesses instead of the Targets and Wal-Marts of the world. We know the big stores tend to have lower prices, more choices and flexible hours but beware of the cost of convenience. We commonly hear readers complain about empty storefronts, but if the community isn't helping meet the business sector's needs, how can the businesses meet ours?

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While your shopping experience is bound to be more rewarding when you shop hometown stores, the best part is these businesses keep money in Charlevoix not stored in the vaults at corporate headquarters.

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Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree



A LOOK
AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

This story begins many years ago when two families blended into one and celebrated their first Christmas together. The banner surrounding the purchase of a Christmas tree brought about movement heard from the rooftops. After agreeing on the size and type of tree, the family wrestled with placing it into its stand. The joy continued with numerous discussions regarding the type of lighting that should encase this flora and where the holiday décor should find its resting place.

The following year, an artificial tree entered this home and remained there for the next 25 years. It brought with it fewer discussions and the absence of pine needles that usually found their way into someone's hair foot months after the holiday had passed. The years moved quickly

and the pretend tree began to bend as if it needed its own walker to remain steady. Time had erased the memory of that first Christmas — similar to how we forget about the pain of childbirth. Out with the old and in with the new. The adventure of bringing home the aroma of real pine versus that which comes from an aerosol can, would soon be taking place.

There she stood, a stately beautiful site, boughs beckoning to come home with us.

Carefully bound with twine she looked sleek and performed well as a spoiler while trussed to the roof of the car. She found her new home in the living room where we would soon begin the delicate dance of placing it into the over 20-year-old tree stand. The weight of the tree began to bend the metal. Maybe it was the age of the stand but I think it had more to do with the size of the tree going into it. "Houston we have a problem." Still forging ahead with the optimism of school kids we delicately balanced the tree between fine furnishings and collected art work.

Next came the cutting of the twine. The scene was reminiscent of an "I Love Lucy" rerun. Branches flew grasping their newfound freedom. Vases plummeted from their place of safety, lamps overturned,

and somewhere in the confusion I heard my husband yell, "My eye, my eye."

Yes, the tree that looked so tall and slender actually rounded out to an additional 5 feet with the wing span of a condor. The living room took on the appearance of something that would be granted disaster funds. I ventured that soon afterwards a small gray creature resembling a mouse joined the mayhem from his entrance hidden deep in balsam fir. Things grew tense as I happily reported, "Martha Stewart trims the bottom of her tree with a sharp knife so it can get a fresh drink daily." I turned in time to see my husband happily grasp a knife.

Fast forward a couple of hours and our beautiful tree is significantly trimmed. The extra boughs created a smaller tree which carefully graces the entryway. As for the original tree — it's bungee corded to the front porch. She's all decked out in LED lights and a few bows. When asked why our tree is not in the house we respond, "Allergies."

From our home to yours, merry Christmas to all and to all happy tree trimming.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

LETTERS to the editor

SEND NORWOOD QUARRY COMMENTS TO THE DEQ

Editor:

On Dec. 7, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality held a public hearing in Charlevoix on an application to put a class A road through wetlands that would allow truck traffic to serve the proposed limestone quarry that Norwood Limestone Quarry LLC is attempting to establish adjacent

to Fisherman's Island State Park.

In near blizzard conditions over 25 citizens came to testify as to the adverse effects on wetlands and other potential damage to the ecology of the area including Lake Michigan.

If anyone has concerns and would like to express them to the Department of Environmental Quality, the public hearing is open and comment can be received

until Dec. 17 by sending your comments to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Land and Water management Division 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 or e-mail comments to Roxanne.Ramirez@michigan.gov.

Please be sure to include the file number which is 06-15-0042P.

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Editor:

The family of Major Douglas E. Sloan wishes to express our gratitude, appreciation, and thanks to everyone who sent their prayers, support, condolences, and grieved with us over the loss of a son, brother husband, father, and friend.

The many friends and family who attended the Charlevoix and Arlington services, American Legion Post 226, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153, veterans of Charlevoix for their memorial wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schuiling for two memorial wreaths, community and school bands, Charlevoix Coast Guard Station, Traverse City Coast Guard Air Station, Ladies of Greensky Hill UMW, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliaries for the luncheons, City of Charlevoix for the flag-lined street in Doug's memory and the plaque proclaiming Nov. 11, 2006, Major Douglas E. Sloan Day, Ron Winchester for his support and services, organizers of and contributors to the Sloan Children's Education Fund, Charlevoix Public Schools for use of the middle school. And all who supported us with generous gifts, food, flowers, cards, e-mails, and testimonials in Doug's memory.

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Dylan Sloan and family

SUPPORT TERM LIMITS
Editor:

As we travel down the road of life, most of us will be an employee and an employer. As an employee we are expected to do the job and we expect to be paid a fair wage when the job is completed. As an employer, we expect the job to be completed

in a timely manner and to pay a fair wage for the time actually worked.

Should your employee leave the job before it's completed, in order to look for the next job, and after returning and completing the job, bills you for the total hours including the hours spent looking for the next job, you probably would question the billing, pay for the hours actually worked and never hire that person again.

We the people of the United States are all employers and those who work in our governments, local, state and federal, are our employees. Our representatives in the House and Senate are paying themselves around \$160,000 a year, plus all the extra perks and pensions, while working about 135 days per year, making about \$1,200 a day. It is estimated that incumbents use half of their working days on the campaign trail to ensure re-election to protect their political careers.

As employers we have the power to demand our legislators give us all the hours we are paying for or we go to the ballot box and fire them. Term limits would eliminate the campaigning by incumbents, special interest money and control by lobbyists, big pensions and fact finding trips all over the world at taxpayer expense. Of course, no politician would vote for term limits and kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, so we the people can practice term limits at the ballot box.

Most politicians are like diapers that should be changed often and usually for the same reason. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. We must be vigilant when placing our trust. It takes persistence and a demonstration of moral and intestinal fortitude on our part. The choice is ours.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

CHARLEVOIX POINTE FITS WITH SURROUNDING USES

Editor:

Many letters have been published about the property at 115 Pine River Lane in Charlevoix. I feel that Pine River Lane, formerly River Street, is no longer quiet and residential. It has been both residential and commercial since before I was born. The Fountain City House, Beach Hotel, Argo Mill

and Fochtman's, all have been replaced by newer business establishments.

People will still be able to walk down the street and enjoy the gorgeous sunsets, and see boats coming and going, fish from the pier.

It has been very difficult to decide to sell the property that has been in the Campbell family for over 100 years. It is my wish that what is built there will enhance the beauty and

charm of our town and attract visitors who will be happy there. They can walk downtown and shop and enjoy the view.

Every attempt was made to comply with the codes and laws of the city.

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oh BOIX! A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

GREAT LAKES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Michigan State University Great Lakes Leadership Academy has selected Daniel Hopkins of Charlevoix to participate in the academy's Leadership Advancement Program. Following an extensive application and interview process, he was among 24 people chosen from across Michigan to participate in the two-year leadership development program. The program is designed to prepare individuals to provide leadership to communities and the agriculture, natural resources, manufacturing and environmental sectors of the state economy.

HOLIDAY MINI-TOUR

Jerusha Londgren, the daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, recently participated in a holiday mini-tour across the Midwest and the annual Christmas concerts with instrumentalists and choirs from Bethany Lutheran College.

HOPE COLLEGE OFF-CAMPUS STUDIES

Katherine Madison, a Hope College senior from Charlevoix, is studying off-campus at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland during the 2006 fall semester. Madison is the daughter of Herman and Carol Madison of Charlevoix. She is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School. While attending Hope, Madison has also participated in track and Habitat for Humanity.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Candace Boss and Nathan Turner, students from Charlevoix, were named to the spring 2006 dean's list at Anderson University, located in Anderson, Ind. To achieve this honor a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

HOPE COLLEGE GRADUATE

Taryn Yager, a student from Charlevoix attending Hope College in Holland recently graduated magna cum laude and was awarded graduation honors for outstanding academic accomplishment during her four years of study. Magna cum laude honors are giving to a student who achieves a minimum 3.6 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Bryan Watkins, son of Scott and Barbara Watkins of Charlevoix, recently received a four-year bachelor of business administration and two-year associate of arts degree from Northwood University in Midland.

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The public is invited to come and visit and enjoy a movie, hot dogs, popcorn and candy at the station.

For more information, contact Brian MacDonald at (231) 547-3392.

ENGAGEMENT Armstrong — Yaroeh

John and Linda Yaroeh of Charlevoix are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Thomas Yaroeh, to Blair Armstrong, daughter of Steven and Patricia Armstrong of Haslett.

Tommy graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1999, and Blair from Haslett High School, also in 1999. Both are 2003 alumni of Western Michigan University, from where Tommy earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunications management. He is currently working as a sales engineer for Monroe Engineering in Auburn Hills.

Blair is currently working as a public relations coordinator at an architectural firm while attending graduate school at Oakland University.

The wedding will be held on Dec. 31 in Negril, Jamaica, witnessed by both friends and



family.

The couple, along with their two friendly dogs, Mia and Roma, will reside in Rochester, where they have purchased a home.

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WEDDING

Dickinson — Brooks

Stephanie Dickinson and Allen Brooks were married at 6 p.m. on Aug. 18 at Castle Farms. Pastor Casey Smith, of Parr Memorial Baptist Church of Petoskey officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Karen Dickinson of Charlevoix and the groom is the son of Fredrick and Cindy Brooks of Charlevoix.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The maid of honor was a friend of the bride, Anastasia Soullier.

The best man was a friend of the groom, Jonathan Otten.

The reception was given by the parents of the bride and groom at Castle Farms.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents on Aug. 17 at the Argonne Supper Club.

Stephanie is attending Wayne State University School of



Pharmacy working toward a doctor of pharmacy degree. Allen is attending the University of Michigan pursuing a Ph.D. in medical chemistry.

The couple resides in Ann Arbor.

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Library collects over 164,000 pennies

Charlevoix library patrons really came through with flying colors, filling the coffers with pennies from heaven over the past year.

The library put out a penny box to collect pennies for the capital campaign for the new library building. A total of 164,047 pennies were collected. If the pennies were laid out in a flat line, the line of pennies would stretch over half a mile, or wrap around the library property twice.

"We could have carpeted the Youth Activity Center with all our pennies," said Val Meyerson, library director.

The pennies weighed in at approximately 1,025 pounds and had a value of \$1,640.47.

For fun penny facts visit the Mega Penny Project at: www.kokogiak.com/megapenny/1.asp.

The penny contributions gave all community members a chance to contribute to the library's capital campaign. The funds were used to help enhance the finishes throughout the library. The new



Public Library opened its doors at 220 West Clinton St. on Sept. 25 with over 600 patrons coming through the doors to take a look at the newly renovated "old middle school." They were awed by the spectacular look and feel of the new interior, which has been compared to a "real big city library." New programs are also a part of the new library with many additions to youth, adult and family events.

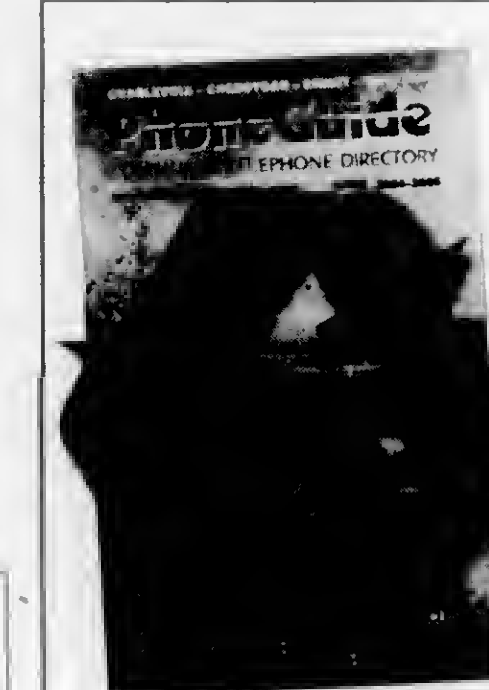
According to Meyerson, so far the response has been tremendous. Circulation has more than doubled since the opening and many new patrons are now visiting the library to take ad-

vantage of the many opportunities for learning and information gathering. The community rooms and quiet reading seem to be just what was needed in Charlevoix.

"Thanks to everyone who dropped pennies (and other coins and bills) in the box.

You have helped create a library that we can all be proud of and enjoy for many years to come," Meyerson said.

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Trevor Mays named finalist in Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition



Trevor Mays

Trevor Mays, a senior at Charlevoix High School, has qualified as a finalist in the 50th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize

Competition. Part one was a multiple-choice exam with 40 problems given at 250 high schools throughout Michigan on Oct. 11.

The finalists competed in part two on Dec. 6. This exam consisted of five challenging problems to which the students must provide written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs of their results. Oakland University in Rochester will host a grading session in January to score the students' work on part two. Mathematicians from about 70 colleges and universities that comprise the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America will volunteer their

time and expertise toward this annual project of the Michigan section.

The students with the top 100 scores on the two parts will be invited to an awards day program next February at Oakland University. The top 50 will be presented with scholarships ranging from the bronze awards of \$250 to \$2,600 for the first place gold medalist who will be designated the Ford Scholar in recognition of the donation of this award by Ford Motor Company.

For further information, visit <http://www.math.oakland.edu/MMPC/mmpe.html>.

OBITUARIES

Bill Cochran: Oct. 3, 1956 - Dec. 3, 2006

Bill Cochran, 50, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Dec. 3 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born Oct. 3, 1956 in Detroit, the son of Robert and Peggy (Bell) Cochran. Life Story Services took place on Monday, Dec. 11 at the Life Story Funeral Home, Betzler and Thompson in

Paw Paw.

Bill was a warehouse manager in Phoenix for the past 13 years. He was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Cicerello. Surviving members of Bill's family include three siblings, Evelyn Quigley of Morrice, Dianna (Mitchell) Butler of Richmond, Ky., and Clifford (Lori) Cochran

of Paw Paw; his father, Robert Cochran of Ellsworth; and eight nieces and nephews.

Please visit Bill's memory page at www.lifestorynet.com where you can read his Life Story, archive a favorite memory, order flowers, upload pictures or make memorial contributions to MADD or donor's choice.

Donna Mansen: Nov. 23, 1914 - Dec. 4, 2006

Donna N. Mansen, 92, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Forest Grove, died Monday, Dec. 4 at her home in Charlevoix.

A funeral took place on Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Chip Sauer officiated. Burial will take place in the spring in Barnard Cemetery.

Donna was born Nov. 23, 1914, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of John and Alma (Sahr) Hendrickson. She graduated from South High in Grand Rapids. On July 12, 1939, she

married Albert F. Mansen in Grand Rapids. Donna served churches with her husband, Rev. Albert Mansen, in Michigan and Wisconsin, retiring from the ministry in 1976, from the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. After retiring, they moved to Forest Grove, where Rev. Mansen worked as assistant pastor and together they served the Forest Grove Reformed Church. They returned to Charlevoix in June of 2006. Donna was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Albert F. Mansen; children, A. James (Cindy) Mansen and Julaine (Sam) VanderHeide, all of Charlevoix; Dr. Thom J. (Cheryl) Mansen of Salt Lake City, Utah; grandchildren, Jana Mueller, Steven Mansen, Heidi Wilkonson, Brett VanderHeide and Cameron Mansen; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lois Sterk of Jennison.

Donna's sister, Anne Koen preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

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BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klooster Road Church School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m. Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161		FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221	
BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH 8033 Church Road, Ellsworth Worship 10:00 a.m. Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff		FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH M-66 (across from Post Office) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday's Teen Ministry 10:15 a.m. Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121	
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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH State Street at Clinton Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School & Child Care Provided Church Office 547-6322 Rev. John S. David		GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH 07444 Old U.S. 31 North Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899	
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Bob Timms is in the HR hot seat

City council to consider hiring a human resources manager

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A controversial proposal Charlevoix City Council has grappled with for almost a year is back on the table.

First ward councilman Boh Timms was the man behind council's decision in February to overturn its authorization to hire a human resources manager who would double as an airport manager.

He said he needed more information before adding another management position to the city's staff. The proposed wage was \$42,214 with fringe benefits costing \$29,972.

Then, in June, city council authorized an audit by the Michigan Municipal League focused on the role a human resources director would play for the city.

The findings of the study, which cost about \$6,900, support the claim of city manager's assistant Linda Weller, that the city needs a human resources director.

"Given the size and complexity of the City of Charlevoix's organization, staffing a human resources position at a minimum of half-time is appropriate," Heather Van Poucker, the study's author, states.

Weller, who has worked for the city since 1978, is currently in charge of day-to-day personnel issues but has told city council that her other duties make it impossible for her to appropriately address the human resources role.

"She's done a commendable job handling HR thus far but has wisely concluded that the 'catch as catch can' approach is insufficient and she is not the appropriate person for the work. It is not

advisable to ignore an employee's plea for help and acknowledgment that he/she is performing duties for which he/she is not equipped," Van Poucker states.

While the Michigan Municipal League study is saying "yes" to a new human resources manager, three members of city council will need some convincing.

Newly elected first ward councilman, Lyle Gennett, said, "Right now I personally don't think it would be wise to spend the money. I feel that the city manager makes decisions and will continue making decisions. It's his job and right now we need to watch our backs and he can do it."

"I don't think it will bring morale up at city hall or benefit the workers at this point in time. We need to pat the workers on the back and not bring someone in to make matters worse. Right now I can't see where it would be a good thing."

His apprehension is shared with second ward councilman, Gene Beer, and third ward council member, Shirley Gihson.

"I look at surrounding areas and the people that are currently employing HR people and there's not many, including Charlevoix County," Beer said.

He said he would support hiring a part-time human resources director and a part-time airport manager but doesn't want to create another full-time management position.

Third ward councilman, Sherm Chamberlain, and second ward councilman, Greg Stevens, both approve of filling the joint, full-time position.

With these five votes fairly locked, the power vote once again lies with Timms.

He said part of him sides with the Beer camp, but if someone puts a motion on the table to hire a joint human resources and airport manager, he doesn't know which way he'll vote.

"I still think if we could get someone from the outside to come in part-time we would be



Bob Timms

better off as far as paying money out. That's what I would like to avoid — someone with all the fringes hanging on. Part-time gets down to a manageable amount. But it would be helpful to have someone. So, I really can't say (how I will vote)," Timms said.

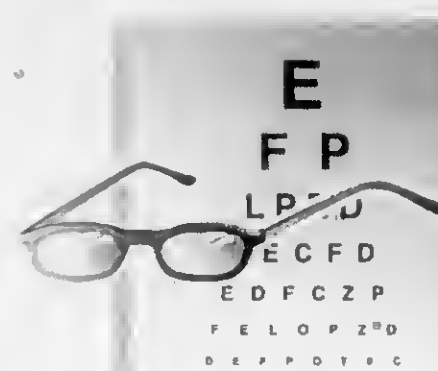
Carlson said if a motion to hire a joint human resources and airport manager is put on the table at council's Dec. 18 meeting and Timms joins Chamberlain and

Stevens in supporting the motion, he'll be the deciding vote.

"I don't know where we are going to go, it's up to council but if it comes down to a tie I will break it and vote for it," Carlson said. "I've talked to all the department heads and they all said they want it to help keep up on safety

issues, help with personnel files (etc.). It's not a perfect system but I think it's a better system."

The city currently employs 50 full-time staff members, 34 of which are affiliated with one of two unions as well as employing 75 seasonal workers. In 2005 the city issued 191 W-2s.



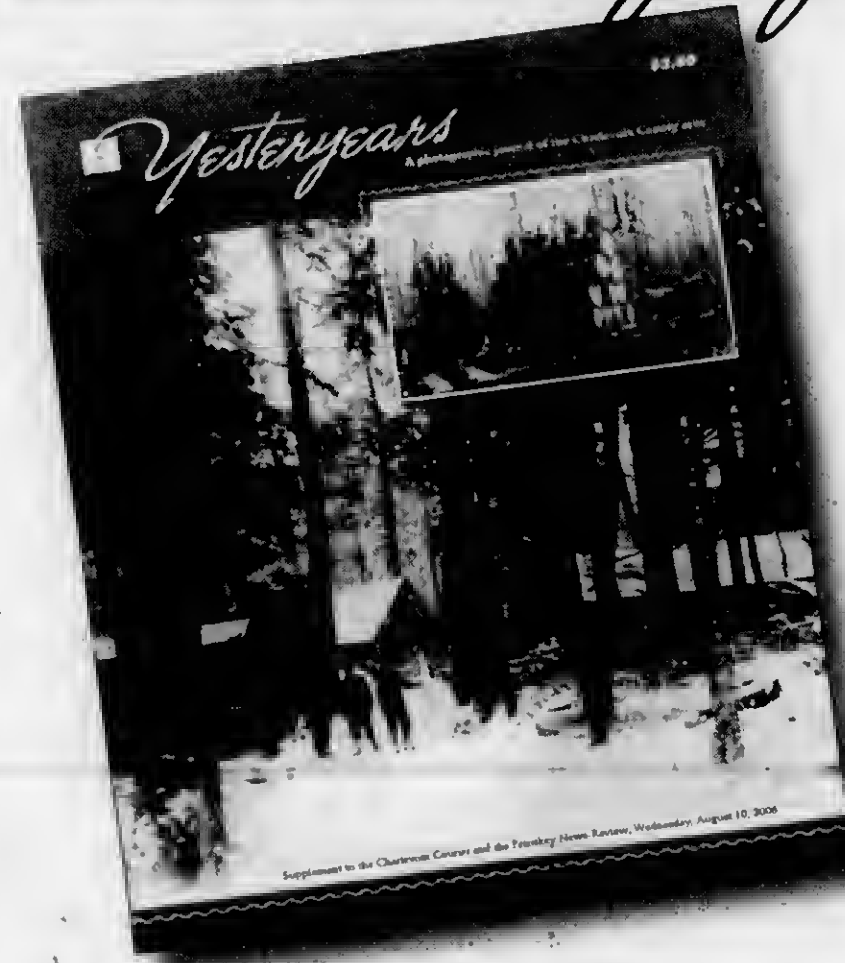
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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

2006 Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest which was judged on Monday, December 4th. All of the decorations and lights have helped to create a warm and festive atmosphere that really makes Charlevoix a special place to shop and dine during the holiday season. We would like to thank the Coast Guard Wives for volunteering their time and performing the difficult task of judging the windows of participating businesses.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Grand Prize: My Sister's Closet and Charlevoix Antiques

1st Place: Shop of the Gulls

2nd Place: Revolution Bike

3rd Place: Elements

Honorable Mention: Beaver Island Boat Company, Charlevoix Wear, Charlevoix State Bank, Clothing Company, and Marvin's Gardens.



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The Charlevoix Chamber extends a big "Thank You" to the following people, businesses, and organizations for making the Community Tree Lighting and Merchant Open House events on November 24th and December 2nd successful: Dale Boss and the Petunia Truck, Charlevoix Camera, Charlevoix Children's House, Charlevoix Cinema, Charlevoix State Bank, City of Charlevoix, City Fire Department, Color Wear, Friske Orchards, Key Controls, Northwestern Bank, Pine River Inc, and Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. A special "Thanks" to all the merchants who participated in the Christmas Open House, and to Alexis Dawdy, the Charlevoix High School Band, Northwest Academy and the Assembly of God Church for providing musical entertainment during the Open House. You're combined efforts made the festivities possible!

Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities results

The 2nd Annual Shop Charlevoix for Charlevoix Charities shopping event took place on Saturday, November 4th. We are pleased to announce that \$750 was raised during the day when participating merchants donated 10% of designated sales to a participating charity or non-profit organization of the shopper's choice. We would like to thank all the merchants that contributed to the success of this year's event and look forward to improving next year's results.

Revolution Bike

Revolution Bike welcomes the snow with newly arriving Toboggans, Sleds and Snowshoes. Made in Vermont, these beautiful handmade, hardwood toboggans and sleds are destined to become family heirlooms. Atlas Snowshoes are available for rental and purchase. Revolution Bike is open throughout the winter season. Store hours are Monday and Friday 10:00am - 6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm through Christmas, and Sunday, 12 noon - 5:00pm.

Men's Night - December 21st

Is there something special you would like to find under the tree on Christmas morning? Visit participating stores and make your wish known by adding your name and selection to their Wish List before December 21st. Your special someone will be contacted and invited to Men's Night to fulfill your Christmas wishes. Men will enjoy personalized service, refreshments and FREE GIFT WRAPPING in participating stores throughout the evening. So stop into your favor stores and register today!

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- Dec 13 Festive Settings Home Tour, Charlevoix Historical Society 547-0373
- Dec 21 4th Annual Men's Night Shopping Event 547-2101
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party at Mahogany's, Charlevoix Country Club 547-9796
- Jan 09 Meet the artist of the Charlevoix Public Library Mural 547-2651

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on February 15 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet is January 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Cocktail hour at 5:30pm, dinner served at 6:30pm.

The next First Friday Biz Breakfast is February 2, 2007 at Grey Gables at 7:30am.

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Dear Santa,
I like Chris mis. It is my fafrite holo day to santa. Thir is samthee thet I owas wtid. It is a tooy kasool tht gose with my pirite ship.
Love,
Colin Davis

Dear Santa,
I Love Cris Mis and you Santa. Doo you have ol the Prezins in the wRLD or doo Mac the Prezins? I thac I can not Mac Prezins.
Love,
Kadin McCallum

Dear Santa,
I wot a laptop. I will giv u cuces and mik. How are you duwinn? I hop that you are the best.
Love,
Carson Whitley

Dear Santa,
I hope Mrs. Clas is doing good. Are you doing good Santa? And are the rayndear doing all rite too? Well you are so nise.
Love,
Kyle Balch

Dear Santa,
I like you! Santa.
Love,
Kenzie McGarey

Dear Santa,
I Love you bcuas your great wen you are her. You alwas say HO HO HO HO HO. Why do you com. Thic is impotint in job. You alwas sey kids was up!
XOXOXOXOXO
Lauren Viol

Dear Santa,
How are the randere going. I hope that thay are going good. I hope that the toys are going good to. How is Mis Clos going? I hope that she is going good to.
Love,
Shelby Wurst

Dear Santa,
I wot a toy cop cor and a sno bond I like cors to and I luv you Santa and the rander.
Love,
Tre Hart

Dear Santa,
Are you feling good? My name is Emily. Are yor efs feling good? I hop so and yor raendeer. I love you XOXOXOXO.
Love,
Emily Shriff



Dear Santa,
I hop your randr are filen good. Say hloow to mss cloos for me. You are vaare nis and I men Vaare nis.
Love,
Anna Zahner

Dear Santa,
Its me Rayne. I no that your raders are sa kaoot. Ha? is your sla?
Love,
Rayne Speer

Dear Santa,
I was good wan Mis M was here. You are so nis wan you gif us prasis. Are yore els filng good? You are the best. I love you Santa.
Love,
MiKayla Lowell

Dear Santa,
are your ran deer alwas ok? Are your efs wrking rite hard? This note is from your frend Mikey Webb.

Dear Santa,
how is your rayndeyr. Santa how a you do ing? Can I ride in your sled? I love you Santa. Wut do you have plend? your frend,
Samantha Chowen

Dear Santa,
I was wondering if the efs ever ate? I was wondering how you are? Do you ever ete? santa I love you.
Love your frind,
Kelsey Crandell-Marfuta

Dear Santa,
I have bin good! I have bin plite! How bin your randear. I hop that you ceep worm. My cusins are nise.
Love,
Naomi Batdorff

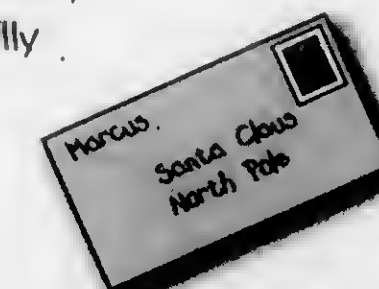
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a play statin 3 for crismis. And how ar you doing today?
Love,
David Bond

Dear Santa
I wont to no how your elvs are. thay wrcen hrd? how are you. how is mises clos how are the rannder I have ben vare god
Ray Cunningham

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I cant wate intle cismis. and I cant wate intle I hear you cuming down the chimnee. sumday I wot to com to the north pol.
love,
Eli Levy

Dear Santa,
I like you. The big box of makeup and I wot a Big bar.
Love,
Freyah Sizemore

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me the moove primses diyres two. How dus yor rander flie? Do your efs like to make toys? Will you get me a game boy. Will you get me a sel fone.
Love,
Lilly



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fly? Will you ples bering
me Amasing Alyson.
And will you ples bering
me 100s pese pasls.
And the moove happy
feet. How do you make
toys? Do you like kids?
Love,
Kenzi

Dear Santa,
Mary Chrismos. For
Chrismos I wod like a
rele randeree bell. Do
your elfs like to make
toys. Do you like kids. Will
you ples get toys and
ploeys.
Love,
Abigail

Dear Santa,
I hope you give me
a MP3 player! And I
hop you aso give me a
Metty drink maker!
And I now wat it das!
And I aso want the
game toneey hok
udrgon 2!
Love,
Jake

Dear Santa,
I luv your Purezi cuz I lik
to slepe cuz i katrat in
tu chrsmis cuz i want a
pole pokit and i want a
feestu golu.
Love,
Tori

Dear Santa,
Will you pleas get me a
easy bake oven. And
pleas get me a puppy
and how do you make
toys? did your rain deer
take you hi in the air?
and pleas get me a
gameboy.
Your friend,
Sarah

Dear Santa,
I want a real sling shot
for crismis. I also want
a nother game boy. I
want a noow stocing to
pleas. I want a nother
fottball to pleas. How
do yore randeer fly
santa?
Love,
Spencer

Dear Santa,
I want ninja gadin. I
want a basketball. I
want more game cube
games. I want stom
launcher. I want a ring.
Love,
Logan Pitcher

Dear Santa,
I would like a little
dignat. I want easy
bake. I want monst
doodle.
Love,
Abigail Pratt

Dear Santa,
I will lev you a
Christmas presnt undr
the tree. I hop that
you hav a god trip.
My bruthrs and I love
you Santa and Mrs.
Clos. How ar your ran
der. My Mom won ts
a unicorn. My Mom
loves unicorns.
Love,
Tabetha Penfold

Dear Santa,
Are We gona haf
Christmas? I want a
talking dol hous. Do you
want for Christmas. My
mom is at the Dr. She
want a wring and my
dad want a Boy?
Love,
Kyla Gross

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa
doing? My mom was
a diamond ring. I ben
fare fare good. I wat
Savho Doodlbear.
Love,
Savhanna McCullough

Dear Santa,
Wut I wat for Christmas
is a game cube and a
dol. Wut doo you want
for Christmas? My Mom
wot's a dimin ring. My
dad wot's mur tools.
Love,
Avery Behan

Dear Santa,
I wat a talking doog.
I wat a new biik. It wil
be orange. How are
you dooing? Wut doos
your rander et? Wut
doow you et. Can you
bring me pesis? How is
Mrs. Christmas? I wat a
Noow sokrball.
Love,
Grace Way

Dear Santa,
I wat a drt Bic that
hooks up to XBox r. I
wat a ninja gam. I wat
a durt bic. Howw are
you dooing. I wat
Heelies. I wat new
racecars. I wat a golf
club.
Love,
Austin Jensen

Dear Santa,
I wat a gaboy. How
are you doing? Are you
Gud. How do you like
cookies? Hello Santa.
Love,
Brendan Hyatt

Dear Santa,
What do you wat for
Christmas? Can I have
a new X box game 2.
I want new Spungbob
soup. Can I have a
stom lonchr. I want a
new doodle monster.
My mom and dad want
sum new clos.
Love,
Mark White

Dear Santa,
I wat slep bom. I wat
spige gear. I wat a rel
gun for my dood. Wut
do ran der et. I wat
heelres.
Love,
Brandon Fels

Dear Santa,
I wat a gamboy. And
a gam Kou. And a
taking dol.
Love,
Hanna Julier



Santa Letters

from Charlevoix Elementary 1st Graders



Der Sata,
I wot a playshape dol.
I wot a pau hos. I wot
a little zebu. I wot a
kamu. I wot a pishure
fram. I wot a bik. I wot
a reder. I wot a map.
Love,
Madison Rouch

Dear Santa,
Wat is the wethrup
theera? Wat cind of
tiupe cucys do you like?
Do you like hot? Do you
have elfs? Are you stil
chraning the ran dirs?
Have a sopr Christmas.
Love,
Lauren McCree.

Dear Santa,
I wote a laptop and a
gam boy. I wote a now
gocart. How hapy are
you?
Love,
Riley Jensen

Dear Santa,
Can you buy me five
carebears and 21
tomaatochis.
Love,
Shandelynn Pines

Dear Santa,
I wot a laptop. and I
wot a sled. And I wot a
#d tmucole. And I wot
a I Pod.
Love,
Sarah Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbe
compueutr and I want
a tomugoche and I
want a stuff cat and a
stuff bar.
Love,
Renee Johnson

Dear Santa,
Why do you go down
chimdey's in the mitol
of the nite? And can
I have a camputer
plees? And can I have a
tamagotchey plees? And
a baby brother plees?
And a ranedear plees?
Love,
Hanna Joy Ochs

Dear Santa,
Santa I would lik the
Budsksosh. Why do you
go down cimny. I want
to giv you a prezint.
And a sled ples. I love
you. Your the best. And
I would a rel gtrl ples!
And Hoobon!
Love,
Taya Wilks

Dear Santa,
I want a barby for
topeeyae toy. Does
rood off reely have a
glowing nose? And I
want a tomugoch. I am
in 1st grade. I hop you
get me wot I want.
Love,
Raigan Novotny

Dear Santa,
I wundr how you get
throo Chiness and I
wot for Christmas is
too game boys and
I would like too haf a
laptop.
Love,
Abigail Glazier

Dear Santa,
How do you go down
the chimdy? And I
would like a model Jesus
for Christmas.
Love,
Gracie Lindsay Ochs

Dear Santa,
How das your prezdis
fit in the chimyng. and i
want a Toma coching.
Love,
Beth Peterson

Dear Santa,
How much food das
the randir et. I wote
a lab top and a book
and a cat and a pensol
sharpner and a tol
boks.
Love,
Emily Scott

Dear Santa,
I wat R2-D2. I wat
Boa Fet. I wat a reel
segsspeet. A toy
seesspect too. A toy
looke stiwoityy.
Love,
Jacob Petrosky

Dear Santa,
Cood I have some
more gam boy ckartids.
And a rmote kintrole
can that you can huk
your ipode in the car.
And blendy pens and
culing pads that came
with it. And sant how do
you go down chimnys.
Love,
Hunter Jensen

Dear Santa,
I w a lop top for
Crismus. and i wot 100
books. I wat a poc it nif.
I wat a rel lit pupe.
Love,
J.T. VanMeter

Dear Santa,
I would like B3's and
a laptop that you can
only send e males to
you and you can lern
math and sienec.
I would also like is
atomoyochey.
Love,
Katherine Edwards

Dear Santa,
I want to B3's plesie
because I want to give
some to my friends and
I ples want a lap top
and a lot of star wars
staf and a lot of shirs
even the maliein velcen
Love,
Joshua Carlson

Dear Santa,
I would lik one lap top
please and a big borwn
and whit dog to please.
Mabee a big brown
and white cat to pleas.
Mabee a dvd player
please. Mabee a cat toy
for my kittin and mabee
three dog toys for my
dog. And a rocking
horse a little one.
Love,
Jade Parker

Dear Santa,
I would like a Purbe ku
mqudere! And amasing
a mend do J And a
drum set.
Love,
Annalee

Dear Santa,
I want to B3's plesie
because I want to give
some to my friends and
I ples want a lap top
and a lot of star wars
staf and a lot of shirs
even the maliein velcen
Love,
Joshua Carlson

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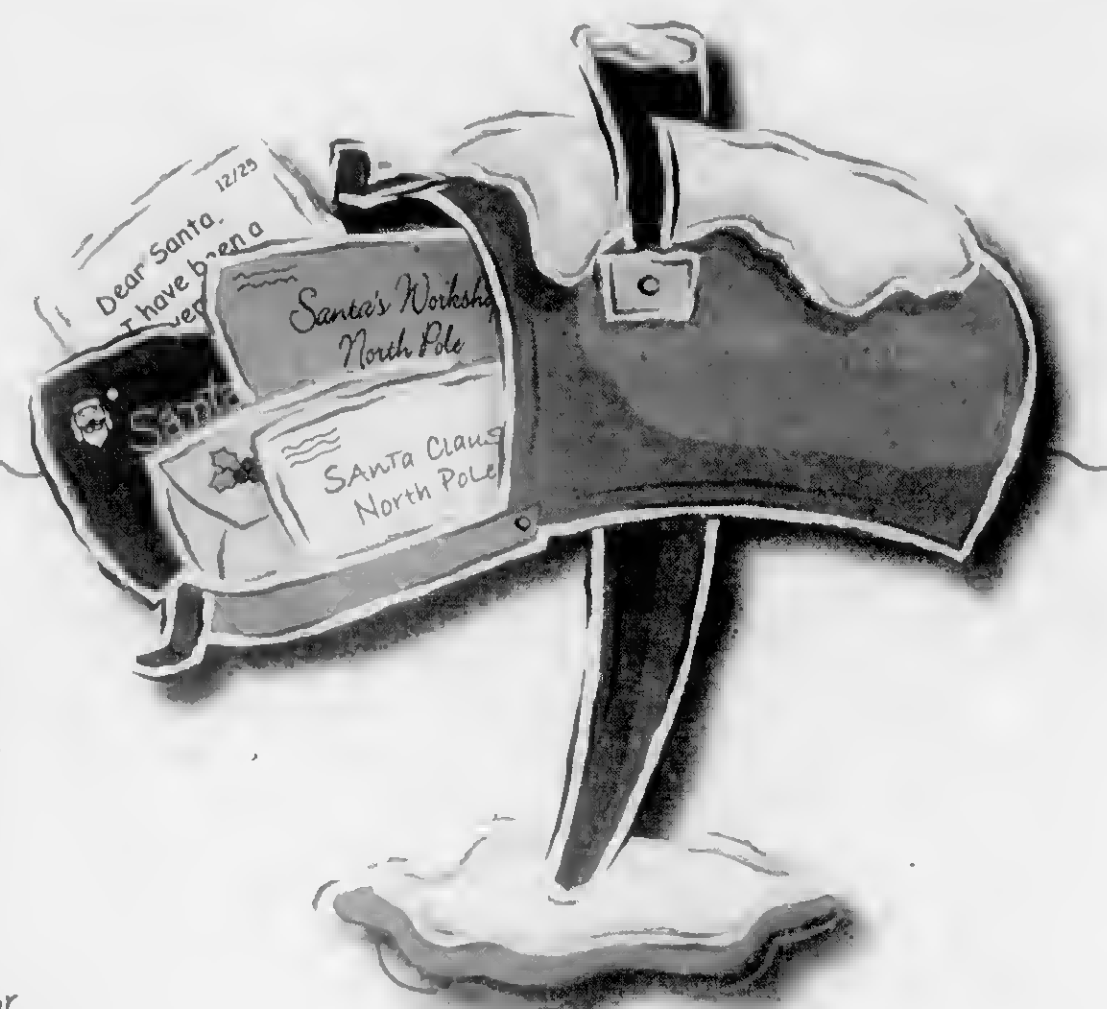
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Dear Santa,
Can I ples hav a real
R2-D2. And a real
strmriz ship.
Love,
Keon Taylor

Dear Santa,
I know what I want
and I want a lightning
mader and I want a
mader cause he is
funny.

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a
amarckin gdlle ples.
are you a pserit. I
belevin you can do
eneytheing can you
come to my7 howes. I
am going to mak some
cokes and some mick
and some kandy for
you. can you get me
some dols. I cant wate
intil Crismas eve. will
you get me some ereings.
Are you a sperite. That
wedle be cool if you
are. I have a Chrtre for
you Santa. Howe do you
got in owr hoews. Marey
Crismas to all.
Love,
Alyson Kiteley

Dear Santa,
How dow you make toys
I want for Christmas.
How do your rander fly?
Love,
Dylan

Dear Santa,
Mare Crismus Ples will
you get me a maruken
doll and ples will you get
me a ESE Bak uvin and
Santa how do you mdr
your randr and ples
will you get me a boat
gene majik soshu and
ples will you get a pole
pokit set for Crismas.
Love,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,
Do you want to
now wht I want for
Cristmas? I want an
esex bake ovin! And I
want a plastashonsz
game. And I want a
rennocintrol car. How
do you carey all thos
toxs? Do you live behind
the moon
Love,
Tabin

Dear Santa,
I whant for crismas
is a butats and a new
hunting game for my x
box and a sinstset and
a intendo and a new
game for my game box
and sinst game for my
lepster and ipod and
en phons for my ipod
and a michigan football
and a michigan stat
gdersey.
Love,
Caleb

Dear Santa,
Happy Chresmis. I
hop you gev a lot of
kids presints. you Are
hus be cus you gev
presints that is why
you are so hus can
your alvs mak a in
torndonds. I loke your
rander they are cool
be cose they can fly.
and I like your alvs be
cose they mack stuf
that is why I like your
alvs and I like your slay
be cos you get to poot
all of the presints on.
Love,
Colin Smith

Dear Santa,
Can you ples get
me a selu fone! And
teney hock psz gamel
A entendo dsl A sno
borde! Hoe do you
make the randerè fly.
Love,
Matt

Dear Santa,
I want a Robto. I want
a RAs CR. I want a spas
cship. Kep up gud wrk.
Gavin.

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a
yu-gl-ka box full acar.
Wat u have to et?
Love
Jacob Simmons

Dear Santa,
Plees ma I hav a ese
dak uvin. Plees ma I hav
a eam doy. I wadr if
you can maks tooy elfs?
I am vare iksuait for
Crismis!
Love,
Your frend Madison

Dear Santa,
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And too you have a
Krisum s te?
Love,
Jacob

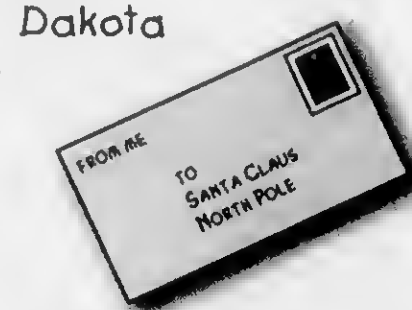
Dear Santa,
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want gab'd and a fan.
I want a sit for I want a
gamcr and A liogamb.

Dear Santa,
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I can go to Skool for
my unkl can in the pick
up truck for gramu can
seb hav a car sine, car
pfit e can. and for the
ran ben have it to be
and can I have a kitin

Dear Santa Clos,
plese bring me a
Amak-gril doll. Do your
elfse flie with you in the
skie? Do you have kids.
How do you're randear
flie. Do you like makeing
toys? Can you giv me
Emuly
Love,
Julia

Dear Santa,
I like you big courtney
I watch is a makglubell
are yuo fans what is
or favorite crayola my
favorite crayola is purp.
Courtney

Dear Santa,
I want a remocin hool
car. Pkrs want for get
the nesck. And I want a
loo boolers.
Love,
Dakota



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Inmates face the holidays behind bars

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Concrete, cold steel, armed guards and mistletoe — it must be Christmas at the Charlevoix County Jail.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, approximately 60 inmates will celebrate the holidays behind bars in Charlevoix.

"This year we're going to have a local band who's volunteered to come in and put on an hour program of Christmas and folk music. It's going to be a topnotch presentation for the prisoners," Lasater said.

Several churches also come every year to sing Christmas songs, bring treats and sermonize.

"The Horton Bay United Methodist Church (and Salvation Army of Petoskey) get a list from me every year of prisoners who have children and they (church members) buy a gift for the children and the prisoner signs it as if they secured it," Lasater said. "Some of them (children) are very shy about (coming to the jail), but the majority are just happy to see dad or mom, and knowing there's gifts that they're going to get."

He added, "I think it's just a reflection of the community that the community cares. As you can see, all of these people that are doing something are just people in the community. A jail is to me, a mirror of the community."

Lasater said his most reliable trustees also get a special treat during the holidays.

"If they are an exceptional trustee, I go to the judge and request that they get an eight-hour leave from jail to go home with their family, but that's only those that are very trustworthy," he said.

Lasater said violent prisoners aren't allowed to be trustees, but he still tries to work for rehabilitation as opposed to punishment.

"I have the philosophy — just because you got into trouble once doesn't mean you're a criminal or a bad person," he said. "I try to keep that in mind and I instruct my staff that, when inmates leave, we may not have helped them, but we don't want them to be any worse off than when they came."

He added, "Some people are just not accepting to being helped."

So what is life like on the other side of the bars? Inmate, Nicole Rock, a trustee scheduled for release on Monday, Dec. 11, said during a Dec. 6 interview that she couldn't wait to get home.

"I spent Thanksgiving, Halloween and one of my daughters' birthdays in jail and I missed their first day of school," she said. "It sucked a lot."

The mother of three said she became hooked on painkillers while suffering with sciatic nerve pain. She served nearly five months in jail after writing bad checks to support her prescription drug habit.

"I've never been in trouble in my whole entire life, but once I got hooked on those pills it wasn't going anywhere," Rock said. "Now, I've had five clean months under my belt. This is probably the only thing that would have helped me at the time."

Doing things like making the holidays as pleasant as they can be in a jail house have yielded what Lasater referred to as, "Many, many" success stories.

"There is a thread through all of them. That thread is, 'Sheriff, this is probably the best thing that happened to me. It got my attention. It brought me down to reality,'" he said.

Minutes later Rock confided, "Now that it's almost over, I can say this is probably the best thing that's ever happened to me. I got sentenced, and at first I was really upset, but I've seen the people who are in here who can't turn their lives around."

She added, "I've seen people come back four or five times in the five months I've been here."

As one of nine family members since the early 1800s to be sheriff, Lasater said his 29 years as sheriff have taught him a lot.

"Even though they are incarcerated, I treat people like I would want to be treated," he said. "I usually come in on Christmas just to make sure everything's OK and the other thing we do is we try to give (inmates) a very decent meal at Christmas time. (The) cooks go out of their way."

He added, "Then, on Christmas day, those that have families we let have a contact visit with their family and let them give the gifts to their children."

While there are no state regulations mandating special treatment of prisoners during the holidays, Lasater said it is just the right thing to do.

"I see that (inmates) look upon us as being human and doing our best to treat them and take care of them, not just their physical needs, but their emotional needs and that of their families," he said. "It's still a jail. It's not a social club. We have to have rules and regulations, maintain security."

So what's your favorite Christmas memory?

Rock said it was when she was 7 years old and her grandparents picked her up and took her to Lansing.

"I remember my mom didn't have much money and we lived in a trailer park and she got me a Cahbage Patch," she said. "That was when they first came out and they were like \$40. It was the highest deal because I just didn't get stuff like that."

Lasater said his fond holiday thoughts are from when he lived in Arkansas.

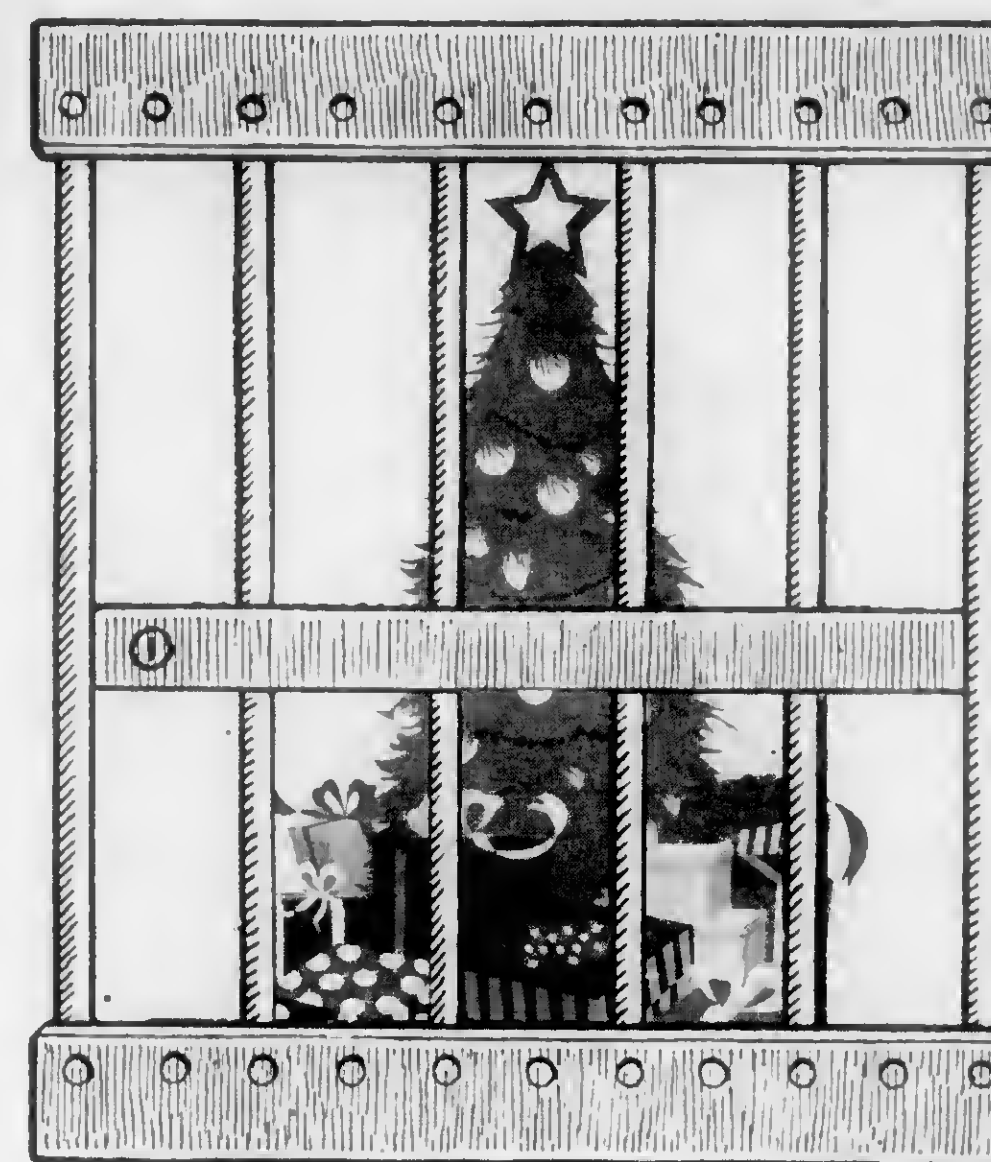
"My father was killed in World War II, so I lived with my mother and grandmother and things were very tough financially," he said. "But, I had an uncle who lived not too far from my hometown and he always came through with a big gift from a bicycle to a BB gun. I won't forget uncle Robert. He was always kind of that Santa Claus that came in on Christmas day."

He added, "And, because my Christmases were kind of tight at times, when I had my three children I think I overdid it to make sure they had great holiday memories."

Lasater said, one Christmas, he put sleigh tracks and footprints in the snow to dispel the doubts of his youngsters.

Rock said the events of this year will leave her with little to give her daughters, "But I don't really think they'll be too concerned with that this year. I love them (children) very much and they're going to help me not get into trouble again."

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Council Chambers, City Hall,
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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Authorized the Shade Tree Commission to apply for DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant.
- Agreed to set aside funds for the Memorial/ Adopt-A-Tree Program.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with MDOT to Update the Airport Layout Plan (Phase 1 User Survey).
- Discussed the Human Resource Systems Audit and Staffing Levels Study completed by the Michigan Municipal League.
- Held closed session to discuss union negotiations.

Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

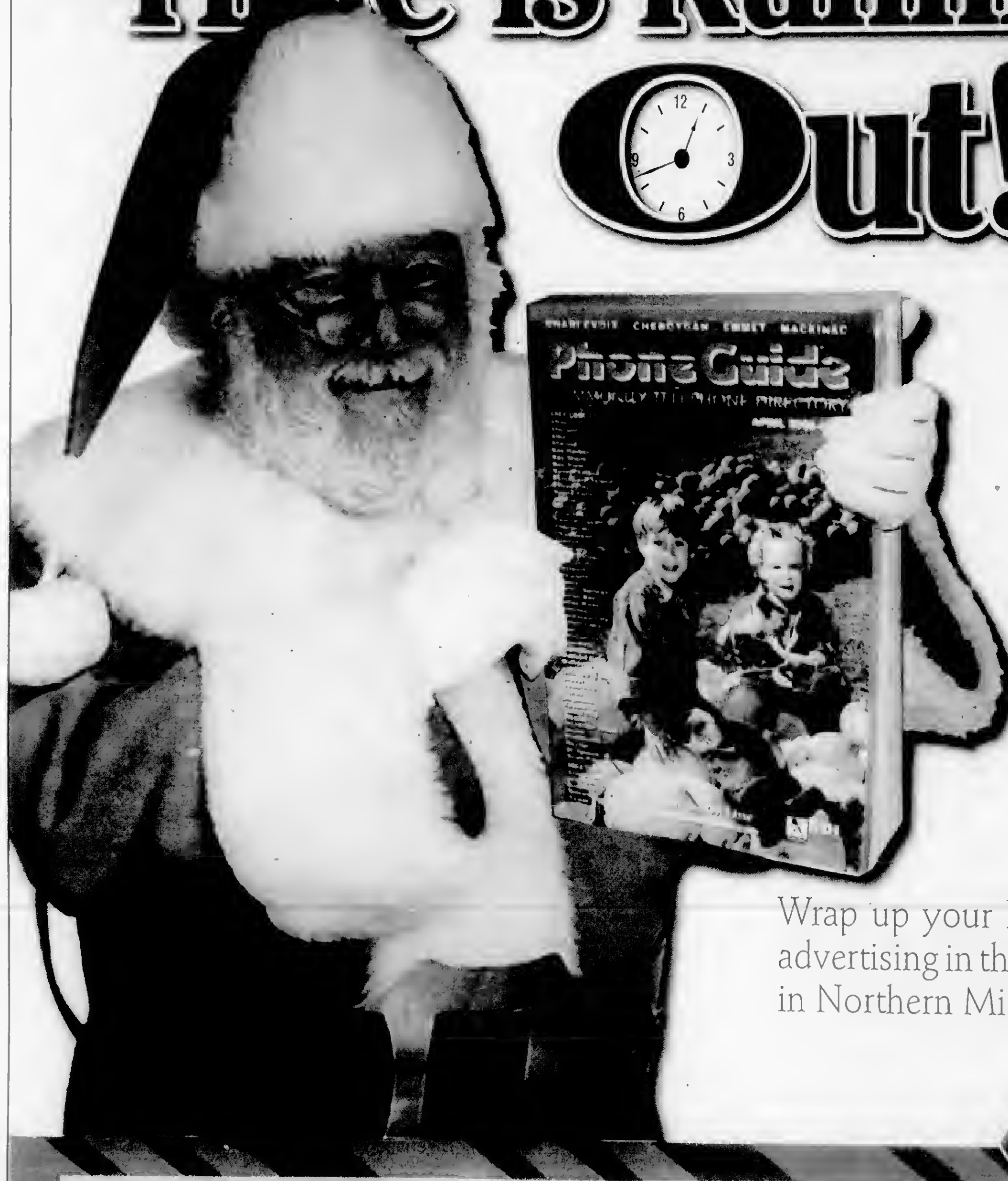
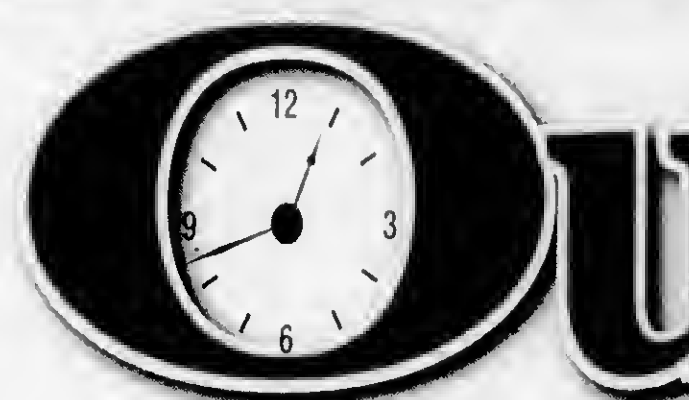
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Snowmobilers enjoy link to Cheboygan

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The beginning of the winter sports season was marked with large amounts of snow and the re-opening of 11 miles of snowmobile trail.

While 35 mph speed limits and strict hours of operation (8 a.m. to midnight) have been enacted, snowmobile riders can now traverse from Charlevoix to Cheboygan without putting their sled on a trailer.

"Snowmobilers had given up access to the trail and the state promised to find an alternate route," said president of the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club, Kevin Wright.

Following 10 years of deliberation, the state was unable to find an alternative route and decided earlier this fall to reopen the trail. The 11-mile section runs between M-27 and Grandview Beach Road.

"For myself, a couple hundred miles a day is not a big deal at all, so going from Charlevoix to Cheboygan is feasible," Wright said. "To get to that area from Charlevoix you go down to East Jordan then towards Elmira and on towards Grayling, then north out of Grayling to Indian River and then on to Cheboygan."

He added, "It's good for a day trip or an overnighter."

Maps of snowmobile trails are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Over \$1 billion in revenue is generated annually from the owners of nearly 400,000 snowmobiles registered and ridden on more than 6,200 miles of trails in Michigan according to the DNR.

"A promise was made 10 years

ago to the people of northern Michigan, and it's about time the state kept its word," stated Representative, Kevin Elsenheimer in a DNR press release.

"Michigan has needed efforts to boost the economy for years, and this trail project has been there the whole time," Senator Jason Allen further stated in the release. "With tourism as one of the state's top industries, this

opportunity for area communities and the people who enjoy snowmobiling is an excellent fit."

A study on the impact of allowing snowmobiles on the formerly non-motorized trail will be conducted by the DNR in 2008.

"The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club section of the trail runs from Charlevoix to East Jordan — as members of the Jordan Valley Trail Council, we're responsible for approximately 160 miles of trail," Wright said. "Our club is responsible for 18-20 miles of that trail."

Wright said maintaining navigational aids on the trail system is a year-round job.

"We do all the maintenance — the brushing, grooming and all the things possible to make the trail passable by the groomer. And, we make sure the landowners around the trail are satisfied. We probably have 80 to 100 hours in

easy," Wright said. "We put up trail signs at the beginning of the season and at the end of the season we

attitude toward snowmobilers. Years ago, people were really against it in town," Wright said. "We're a self-policing agency and when we spot trouble, we try to eliminate snowmobiles running in areas where they're not supposed to be."



take them down. Posting signs so everyone knows where they're going and keeping them where they should be (off private property) involves a lot of work."

He added, "There's a lot of signs in that 18 to 20-mile stretch."

While the image of the sport is often marred by the misbehavior of some, Wright said his organization works hard to ensure responsible riding.

"Charlevoix is changing its at-

Here are a few safety tips from the DNR:

- Maintain your snowmobile
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions
- Never ride alone.
- Avoid riding on frozen lakes and rivers
- Do not ride single file over frozen lakes and rivers
- Watch for fences and other obstacles
- Do not ride on roads
- Always ride with your lights on

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Winter parking restrictions in effect

Winter parking restrictions are in effect in the City of Charlevoix.

Parking is prohibited on city streets between 2 and 6 a.m. from now until April 1. Violators can be ticketed.

For more information, contact the City of Charlevoix Police Department at (231) 547-3258.

Atwood Reformed Church to host 4th Annual Live Nativity

The members of the Atwood Christian Reformed Church will host their 4th Annual Live Nativity.

It will be on display at 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15 and at 6:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, located at 10090 North U.S. 31 in Atwood. Refreshments will be provided after each performance. For more information, contact Pastor Dave or Gayle Kroon (231) 599-3290 for more information.



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Commission on Aging saves for boomers

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Some locals want to know what the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is doing with a fund balance of more than \$2 million.

According to Commission on Aging director, Sue Bergmann, the commission's sizable rainy day fund is the result of responsible use of tax dollars and will be used for the ever-increasing demand for services to local seniors.

"Our plans (for the fund balance) are for the baby boomers up-and-coming and the increase in services," Bergmann said.

Commission on Aging board member, Joan Blanchard, added, "And one of the things we were concerned with was, what if the millage didn't go through one year? This (fund balance) would ensure that we'd have enough to operate on for a year-and-a-half until the next vote."

She added that, contrary to reports in the Nov. 22 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, while the Commission on Aging board may eventually consider rolling the millage back a few percentage points depending on need, eliminating the senior millage was never a consideration.

"Our plans (for the over \$2 million fund balance) are for the baby boomers up-and-coming and the increase in services."

Sue Bergmann
DIRECTOR, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Some of the services provided by the Commission on Aging include: Alzheimer support groups, congregate and delivered meals, Sunday dinners, activities such as tai chi, line dancing and exercise classes, homemaker services, in-home respite, prescription insurance assistance, medication management, in-home foot care clinics, tax preparation assistance, adult day services, lawn care and snow removal.

Decades ago, Bergmann said, when families tended to be larger, with multiple generations closer to one another, the elderly didn't have as much trouble getting help.

"Now they kind of survive on their own," she said. "Plus, there were cuts to Medicare in 1999 and 2000 which dropped what services are covered."

Charlevoix resident and retired nurse, Suzanne Miller, has been using the Commission on Aging's respite care service for nearly a year.

"I'm very satisfied with the care. It means a great deal to me because

I don't like to leave my husband home alone for any great length of time," she said.

A nurse's aide stays with Miller's husband, who is bedridden, because Miller has no family in the immediate area.

"I don't have anybody up here who I can ask to do that," she said. "I didn't have any problems when I went down there (Commission on Aging) to get somebody to stay with him. I would definitely recommend this (service) to other people."

She added, "Home health care in Charlevoix is tremendous. We have wonderful nurses and people who take care of people. They are truly remarkable people."

The Commission on Aging provided nearly 15,000 congregate meals and over 16,000 home delivered meals this year.

"And that number is increasing," Bergmann said. "We're trying to provide services and prepare for the baby boomers. We get five or six referrals a day."

Bergmann said the baby boomers are more demanding of services because, "They are more aware of what services are available because they're taking care of their parents. That's one reason why we reserved some monies, because we knew that demand was going to be there and it's happening now."

She added, "We have an increase in services requested for in-home care as well as activities. They want more exercise classes. They want more things that the young seniors like."

While the demand for services in Charlevoix is great, Bergmann said Beaver Island is not neglected.

"There is a staff of four on Beaver Island," she said. "It's a whole different scope of programs there, but it's designed to meet (seniors') needs."

Commission board member, Margo Johnson, said all the programs available on the mainland are offered to islanders.

A large increase in Commission on Aging spending will come from the implementation of three full kitchens at senior centers around the county.

"We've never had a year of three full kitchens operating," Bergmann said. "They'll cost an extra \$150,000 or \$100,000 at least."

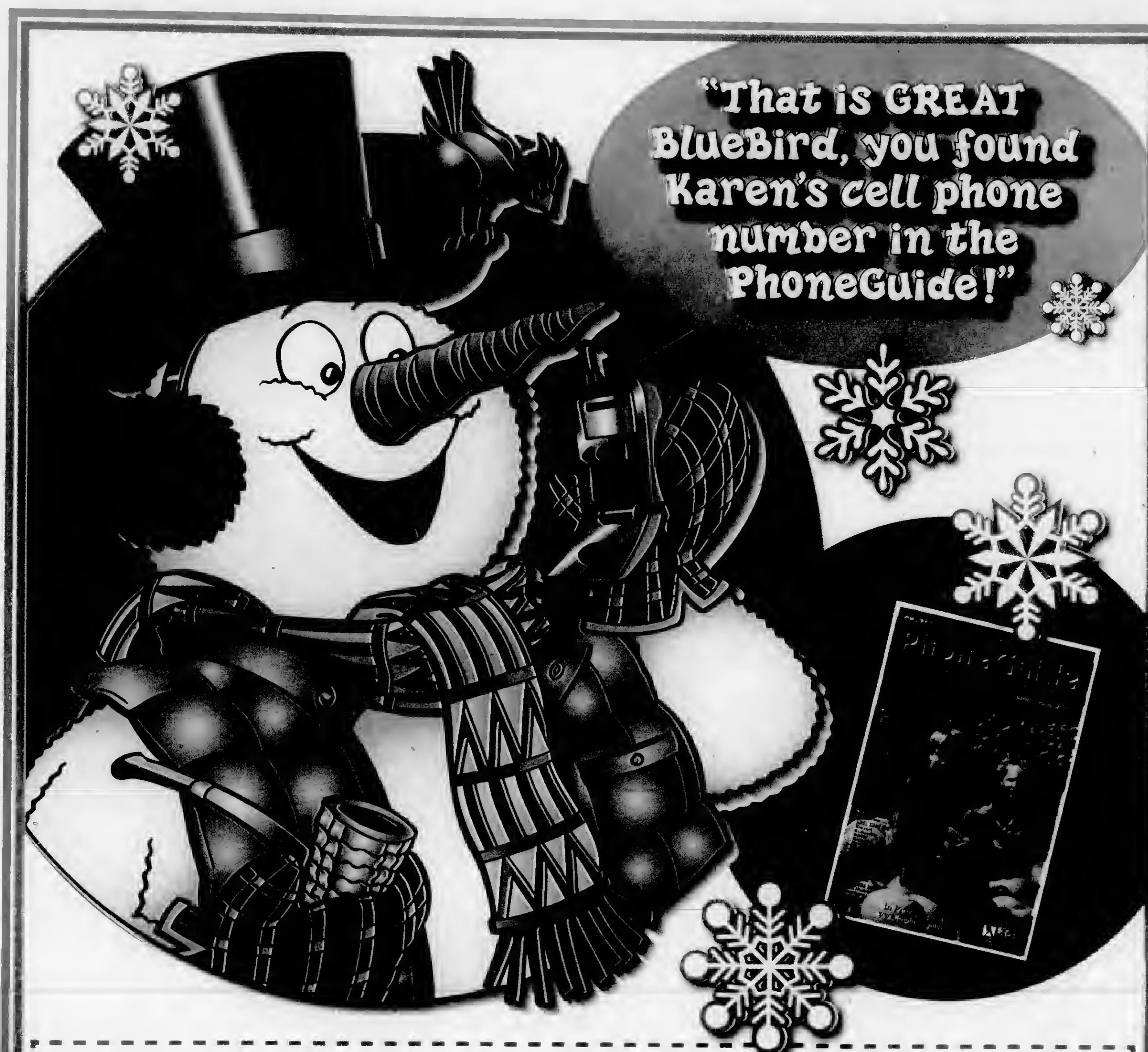
For those who claim the Commission on Aging's fund balance is larger than it should be, Johnson said, "Our budgets are due in August. We may be able to extrapolate next year based on our budget and spending whether the millage amount is still appropriate. Some of it gets rolled back automatically by Headlee (Amendment), but on top of that, the board could decide to roll it back a little more."

She added, "We're sensitive to the fact that everybody pays these taxes and they're big, they're steep and some of the younger people struggle to pay the taxes. Just because we're the COA and dedicated to seniors doesn't mean we're not tax sensitive."

The adult day center in East Jordan now has a capacity of 16 people with a cost of approximately \$25 a day.

"Adult day services is a big program that people might use if you're taking care of your parents (suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's) and trying to work and it's just not safe anymore for them to stay home alone. We're open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they can take a transit bus for a dollar each way," Bergmann said. "For six to eight hours of care, it's

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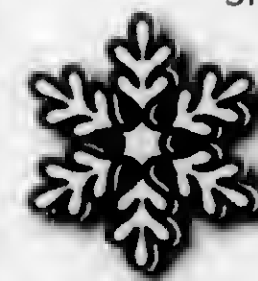
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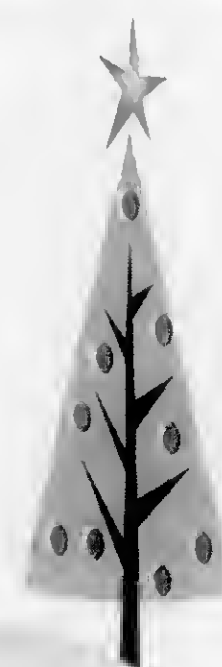
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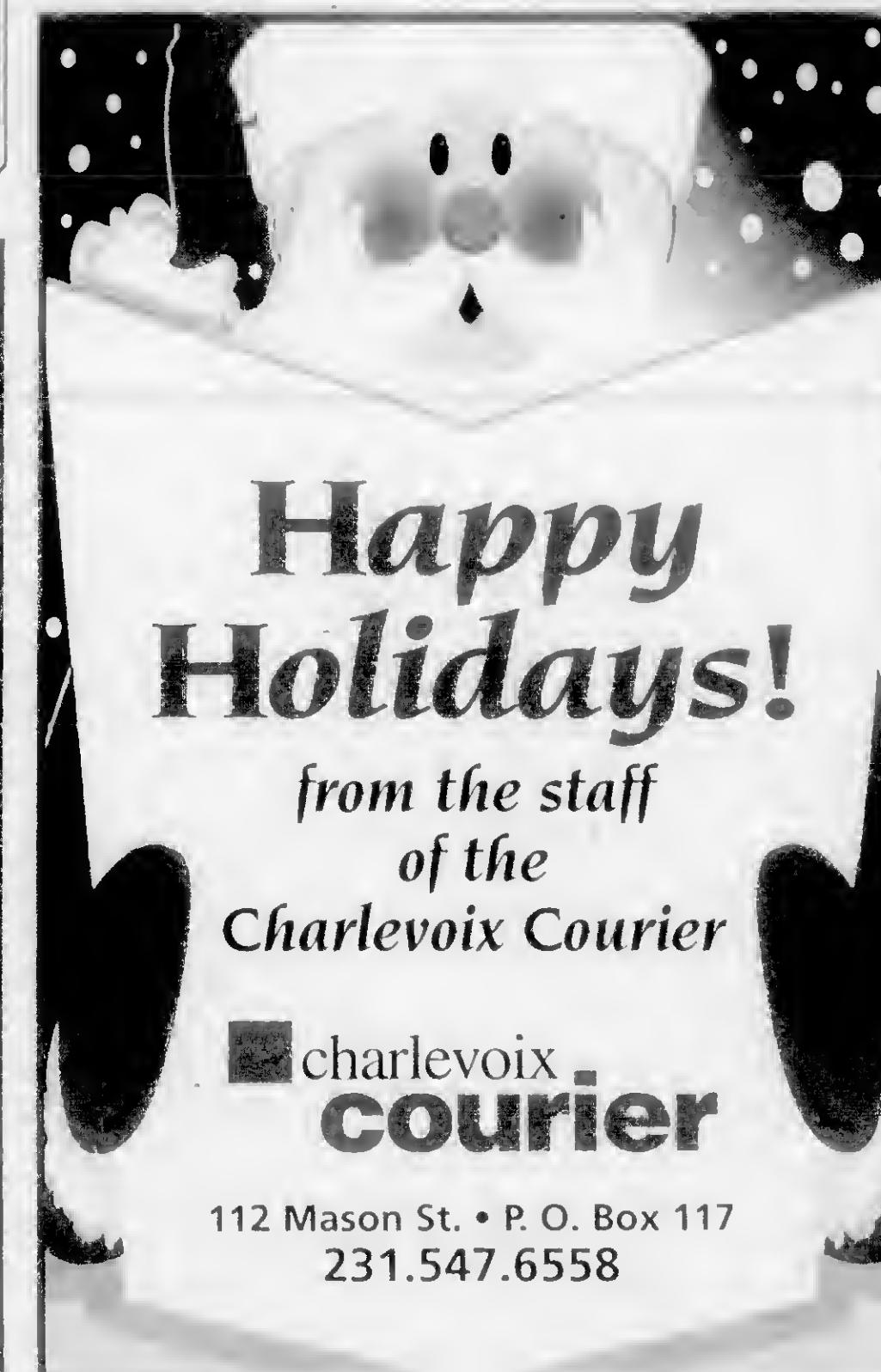
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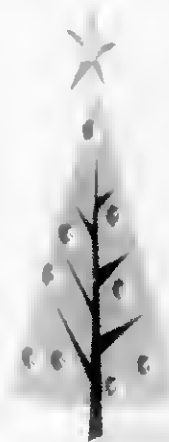
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Elderly explore services provided by the COA through senior millage

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very inexpensive."

The adult day center is subsidized using millage money.

The Commission on Aging also has support groups and Medicare part D counseling to help seniors decide which plan is best for them — seniors have until Dec. 31 to enroll in Medicare part D.

"There are over 42 plans to choose from," Bergmann said. "People were overwhelmed with this information and didn't know how to decipher it."

Despite the stigma sometimes attached to asking for help, Johnson said seniors should take advantage of the services.

"Make the decision and get the

help while you can make the decision, instead of having it made for you because you've lost the mental or physical capacity," Johnson said.

"The objective of these services is to keep them in their home and their surroundings as long as possible for their own emotional and mental health and to maintain their independence and self-esteem."

Under-utilized programs include the lawn care and snow removal program wherein seniors hire a company of their choice and are

reimbursed partial cost of the service based on a sliding scale.

Commission members intend to create a committee of seniors to ensure the Commission on Aging is fulfilling their obligation. In addition, a survey will be circulated after the first of the year so local elderly can opine on the services they receive.

While the county's official senior center is located in East Jordan, there are centers in Charlevoix and Boyne City. Since 1976, the commission has provided services to seniors all over Charlevoix County and Beaver Island. If you are 60 or older, and could benefit from Commission on Aging services, call (231) 237-0103 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or visit <http://charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp>



Margo Johnson

Two injured in Dec. 7 crash near LexaLite

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a two-vehicle crash that took place at around 3 p.m. on Dec. 7 on U.S. 31 in Hayes Township.

Ronald E. Dinger, 60, of Traverse City pulled out of the LexaLite International driveway onto U.S. 31 in a tractor/trailer owned by Grand Traverse Container.

Dinger said he failed to see a Honda-driven by Jason Simpson, 27, of Charlevoix who was approaching from the south, due to blowing snow. The Simpson vehicle struck the Volvo tractor in the cab area. Another tractor/trailer containing furniture was approaching from the south and that driver

drove off the roadway to avoid the vehicles crashed in the road in front of him.

Simpson was removed from his vehicle by the Charlevoix City Fire Department Rescue Jaws unit.

Dinger and Simpson were both transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix City Ambulance for injuries.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Charlevoix Township Fire Department, the Charlevoix County Road Commission, the Michigan State Police Petoskey Post and Conway Towing.

Traffic on U.S. 31 was re-routed for almost two hours.

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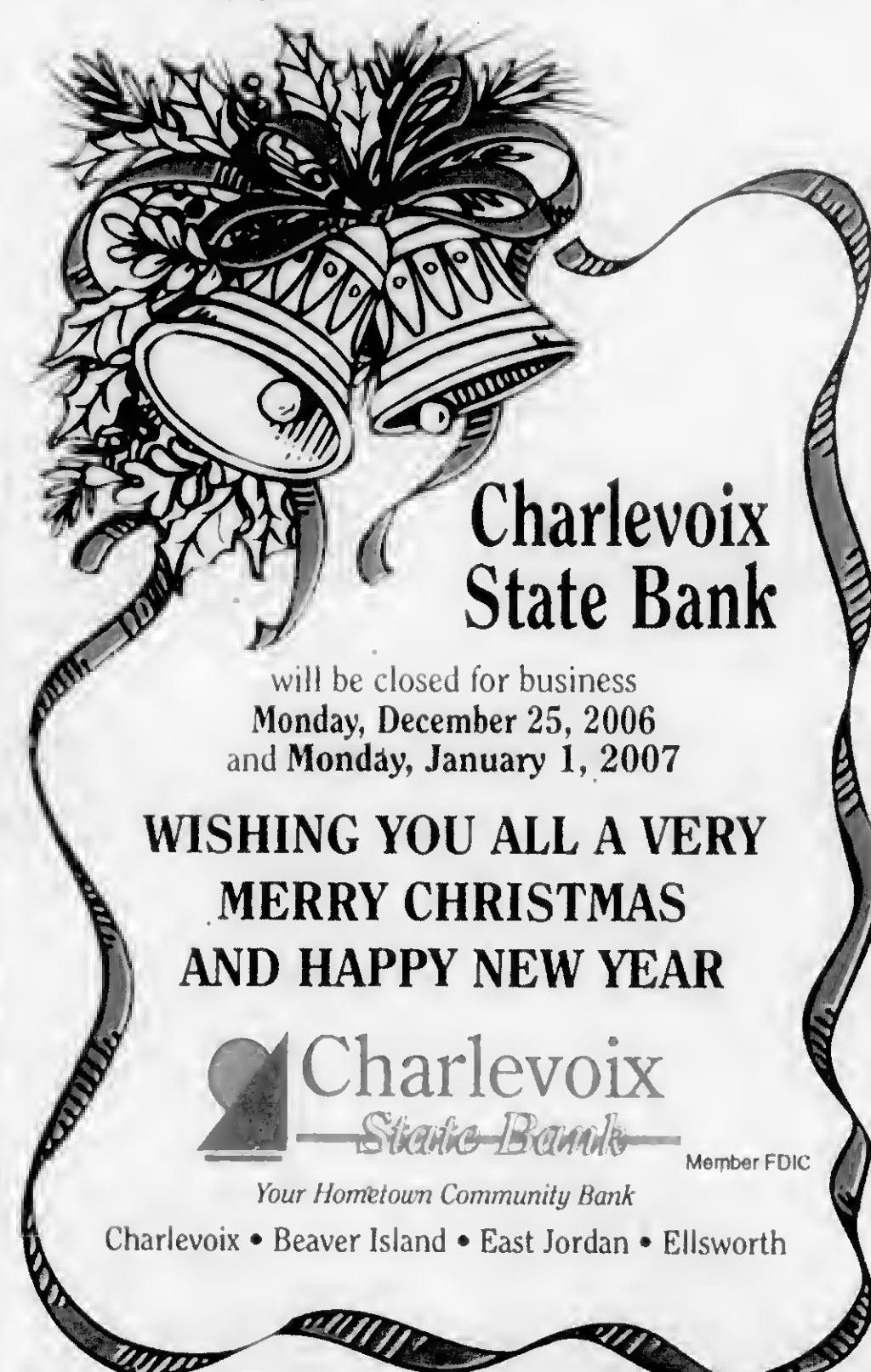
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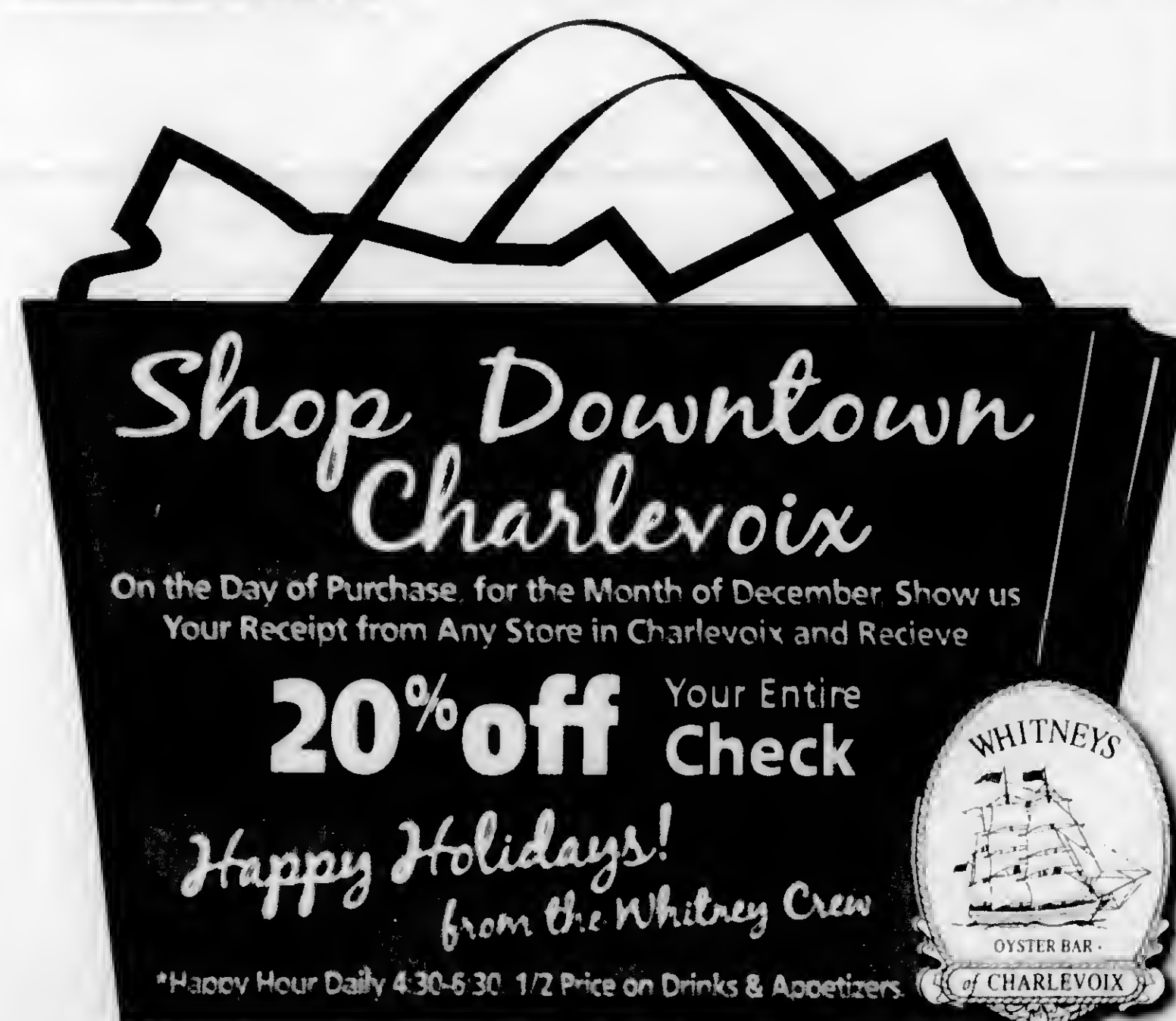


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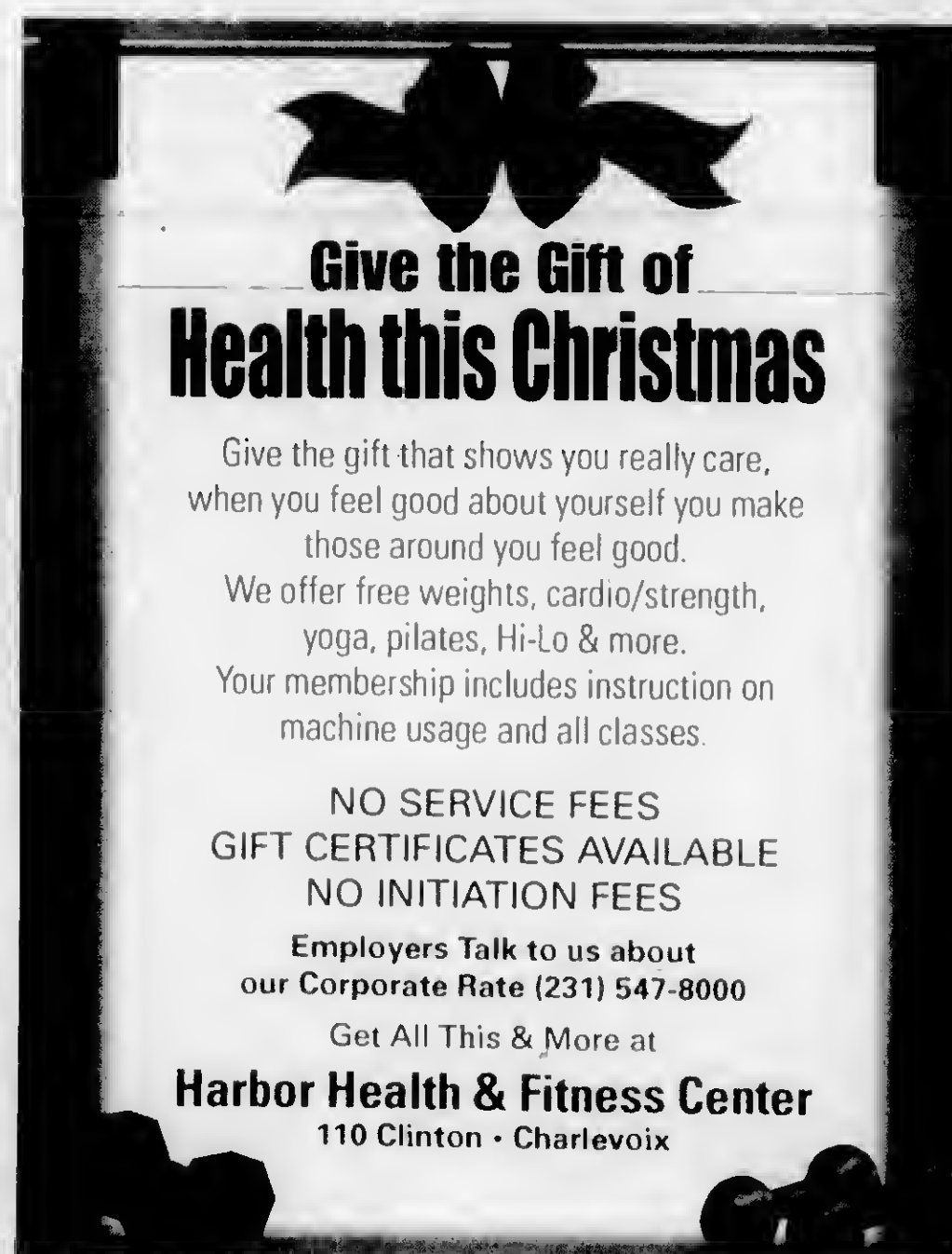
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Windows of participating businesses were judged by wives of local U.S. Coast Guard officers on Monday, Dec. 4.

Grand prize honors went to My Sister's Closet and

Charlevoix Antiques. First place was awarded to Shop of the Gulls, second place to Revolution Bike, third place to Elements. Honorable mention was shared by the Beaver Island Boat Company, Charlevoix Wear, Charlevoix State Bank, Clothing Company and Marvin's Gardens.

Businesses extend weekend hours for last-minute holiday shoppers

Charlevoix merchants invite you to take advantage of their extended holiday hours on Dec. 16 and 23 when they will keep their shops open until 8 p.m. for your shopping convenience.

Participating stores include American Spoon Foods, Bridge Street Book Shop, C2 Gallery, Charlevoix Harbor Wear, Clothing

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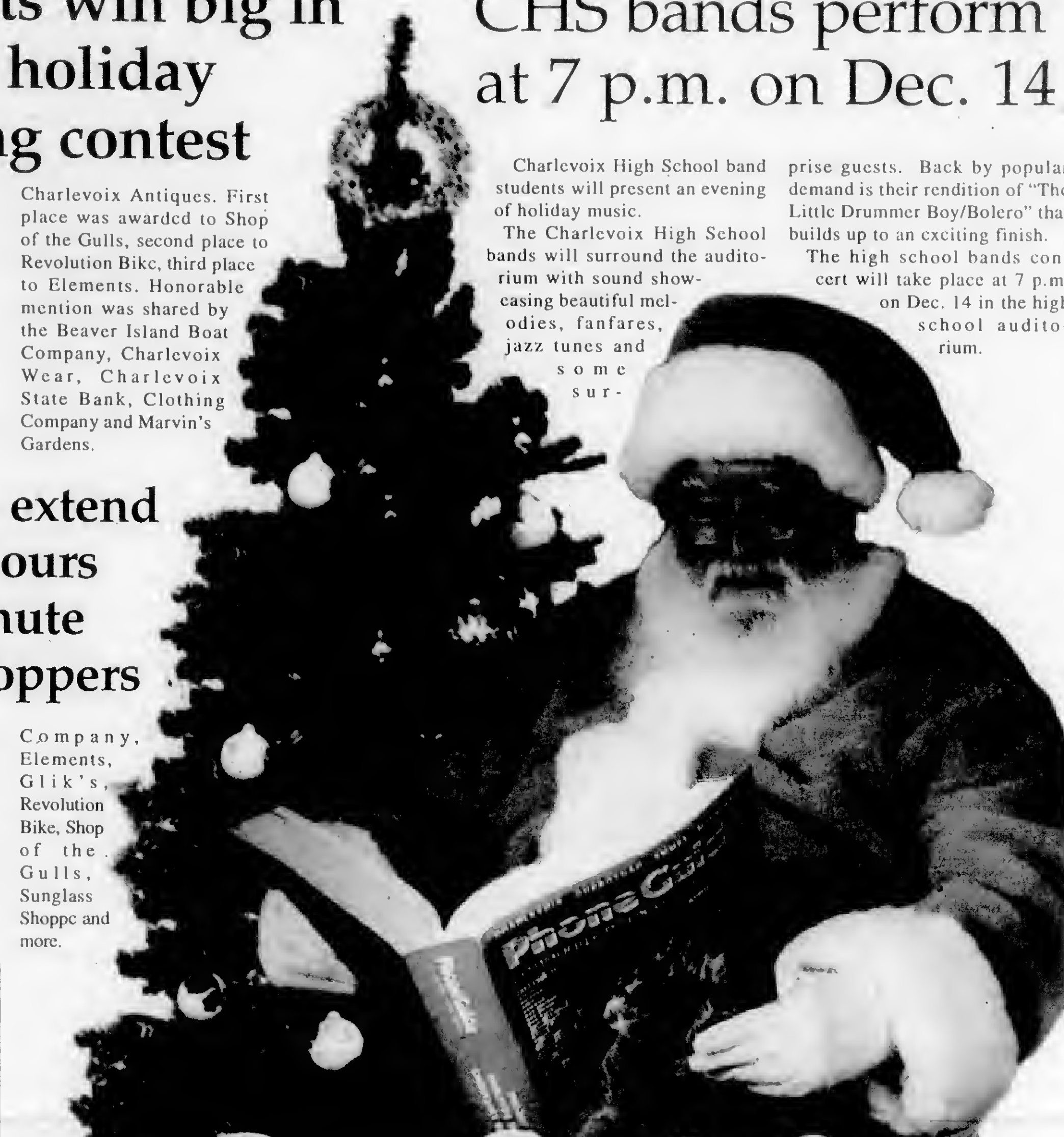
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The Charlevoix High School bands will surround the auditorium with sound showcasing beautiful melodies, fanfares, jazz tunes and some sur-

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The high school bands concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 in the high school auditorium.



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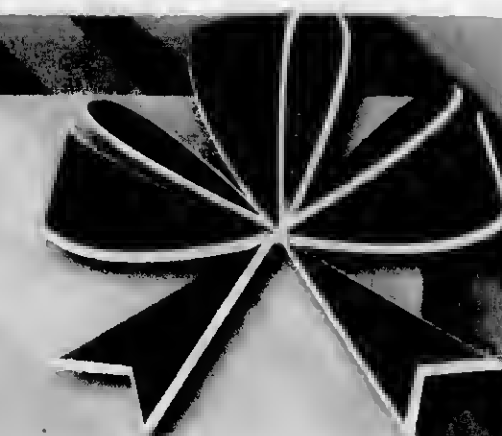
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Representatives of Citizens Bank, (from left) Michelle Friday, Karen Golovich and Chris Cuffaro, in Charlevoix stand by the mitten tree that customers and employees have filled with cold weather gear. Citizens is one of three local banks participating in the Mitten Tree project.

The Mitten Project, which is a part of the Charlevoix Area Christmas Project, was kicked off this year with Christmas trees being put up in three local banking institutions.

Contributors can help local children keep warm this winter by donating hats, mittens, gloves,

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The Giving Season

Members of the Charlevoix Marine Corps League heading up the local Toys for Tots drive met for a mid-project planning session on Nov. 30. They are (front) Russ Bolt, (center, from left) Ray Rozyski, George Wahl, Arlene Staley, VFW commander, Charlie Butcher, (back, from left) Keith Bills and Garrett Miller. Toys for Tots collection sites will accept gift donations from now through Dec. 20. Charlevoix drop off sites are located at Kmart, Rite Aid, Oleson's Food Store, Glen's Market, ACE Hardware, Pat McKeown Ford, Harbor Industries, Clothing Company, Charlevoix Elementary School, Dollar Tree, Bolt's Gallery and Copy Plus.

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Ministerial Association steers chaplain program

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A new outreach program looks to address the pain and stress of tragedy for community members and emergency workers.

Local religious leaders in the Charlevoix Ministerial Association have united to establish a Charlevoix County Chaplain Program.

"Community healing—that's the main goal," Pastor Michael Arp from Family of Faith Church, said of the proposed program.

Pastors in the association meet regularly to pray for issues impacting local residents. At an Aug. 14 organizational meeting they brainstormed ways they could improve the community.

Arp mentioned a successful chaplain program he learned of in Saginaw and recommended it be locally instituted through the Ministerial Association.

"I heard about the impact it has—all the different testimonies from firefighters and police officers. I thought, we don't have anything for our officers," Arp said. "The timing is right. I'm really excited about the prospect of ministering to the community through emergencies."

In the case of a car accident resulting in death, under the chaplain model, a volunteer would accompany a police officer to the victim's home to assist in death notification.

"We frequently deal with very tragic situations. That's really stressful for myself and the officers. Sometimes we need someone to share with. To help us regain our composure," Charlevoix County Sheriff, George Lasater, said of the program's benefit.

The Saginaw program was started by Richard Popard 15 years ago.

In November, Popard came to Charlevoix and delivered a presentation. Over 25 people, including Sheriff Lasater, attended. Other members of the local law enforcement community and ministerial association were also present.

Arp said the local chaplain

program can operate on various levels including hospice, fire, emergency personnel, jail ministry and hospital outreach.

"Who do they unload on, who ministers to them? We can do that. And that's a wonderful ministry," Arp said.

He explained that to become a commissioned chaplain interested persons must take a 40-hour training course through a Chaplain Commission in Cleveland, Tenn. The Chaplain Commission is an interdenominational group organized through the Church of God. They will provide five, one-week courses this winter in Charlevoix to volunteers at a cost of \$100 per course.

The course covers relevant subjects like recognizing post traumatic stress disorder, helping people through the five steps of grief and working in a death notification situation.

Arp is hoping to have about 15 commissioned chaplains work the program. Chaplains involved will be on-call for week-long stints and will provide the service free of charge.

The program will be steered by Arp, Pastor Dan Gilmore with the Church of the Nazarene and Pastor Pete Aronson with Safe Harbor Baptist Church. However, the focus will not be religious.

"This isn't about building churches, this is about helping people. We will be there for the therapy of the people. We are there to be a comfort. This is not a denominational thing at all," Arp said.

The goal is to have an operational Charlevoix County Chaplain Program in place by summer 2007.

At some point, Arp said, they would like to extend into Antrim and Emmet counties as well.

"The possibilities are really endless because the need is. It's an ongoing need," Arp said.

For more information or to become a commissioned chaplain, call Pastor Michael Arp at (231) 547-4221.

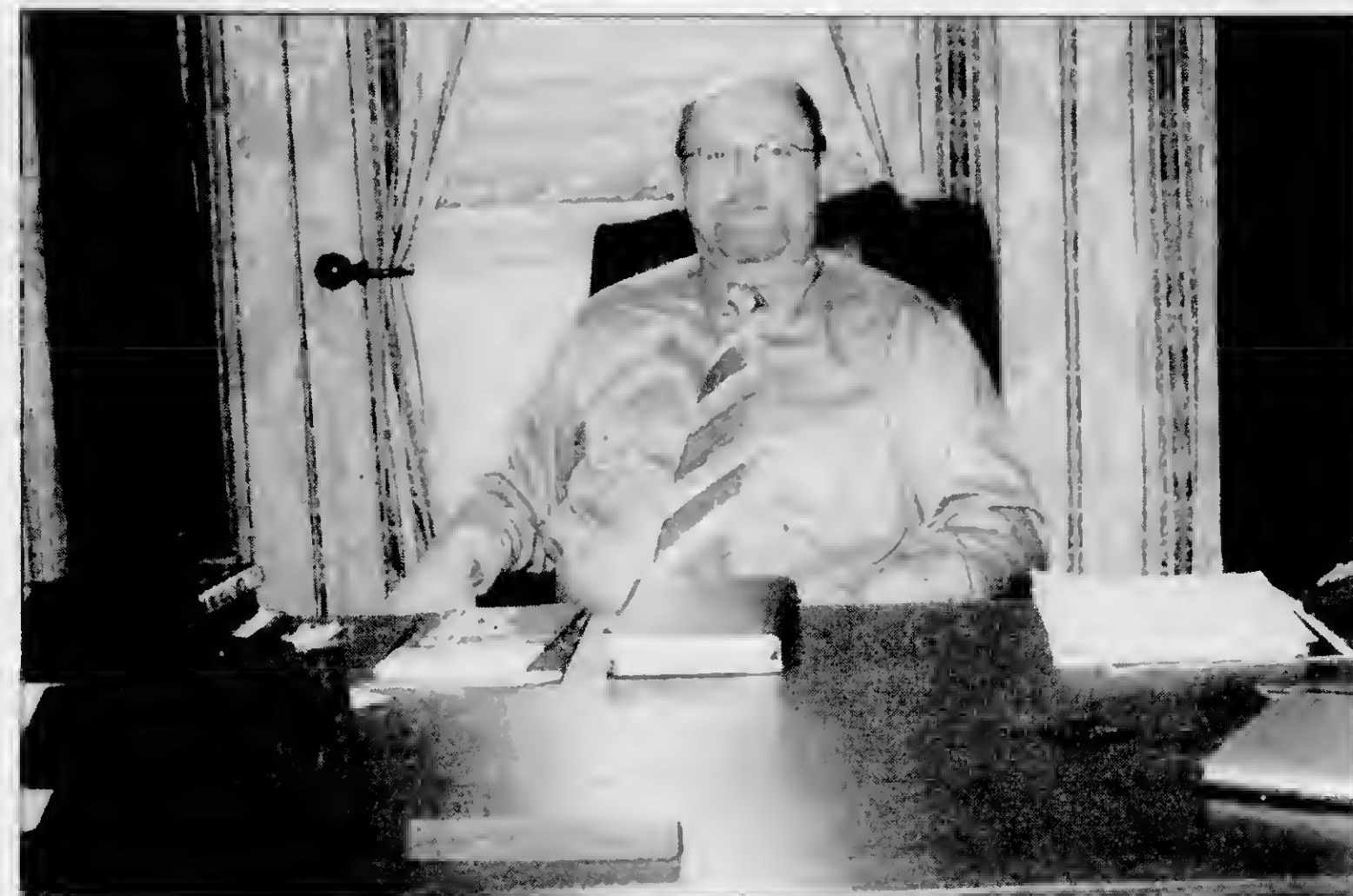


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Local religious leaders in the Charlevoix Ministerial Association have united to establish a Charlevoix County Chaplain Program. (Above) Pastor Michael Arp from Family of Faith Church, has taken the lead in bringing the program to Charlevoix.

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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Exchange student spends holidays far from home

BY KIMBERLY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Christmas season usually means time spent with family, but what happens if your family is halfway around the world?

Charlevoix High School junior class foreign exchange student, Abduljalil Marafi, is thousands of miles away from his family in Kuwait and handling it quite well.

"I talk to my family every day," said Marafi. "It's not as hard as I had imagined it would be."

Back home, Marafi celebrates the Islamic Eid with his family. During the three-day festivity, the first day is spent giving and receiving cash gifts from family members. The second, feasting at his aunt's house. And the third, hanging out with his friends at the local mall.

"(Eid) isn't very different than Christmas," said Marafi. "We decorate trees, spend time with family, and eat all day just like (Americans)."

Typical presents aren't given during this holiday, however. Instead of toys wrapped in bright paper, children receive money from their older family members. In place of turkey and

mashed potatoes, the main course at Marafi's family dinner is orange rice and chicken, also known as machahoos.

"(My family) gathers at my aunt's house," Marafi commented, "and my grandma makes machahoos every Eid."

When asked if he would be celebrating Christmas with his host family, Marafi said that he would certainly be doing so. He added that it isn't that big of a change, and it's not offensive to his religion in any way.

Abduljalil Marafi

"I'll be sending my friends back home a present, but I'm not sure how big of a cash gift I'll be able to send to my family members," Marafi added laughingly.

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Powerful performance

(Above) Walter Mitty keeps a patient alive after repairing a lifesaving machine. "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," was one of several presentations during Charlevoix High School's "Evening of Entertainment," on Saturday, Dec. 9. It is the story of a bored husband fantasizing about his heroic feats to escape his life and shrew of a wife. (Left) This news girl, played by Caity Bryant, in "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," shouts, "Extra, extra" about the murder trial of Mitty.

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Photo by Kimberly Way

All sophomore Weston Bryan wants for Christmas is an iPod like the one he's holding.



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The hot Christmas gifts on the teen scene this holiday season are electronics. (Above) Charlevoix High School junior, Courtney Chamberlain, holds her gift wish, a Motorola L6 Blade cell phone.

BUSINESS What's new?

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Businesses team up in Change for Charity

Blarney Castle Oil and Propane and MacDonald Garber Broadcasting Inc. have teamed up to assist charities this holiday season.

Through "Change for Charity," the two organizations hope to raise funds for local charitable causes.

From Dec. 1 through Dec. 31, Change for Charity collection containers will be placed

at check-out counters at 46 EZ Mart locations in northern Michigan including Charlevoix EZ Mart and Charlevoix North EZ Mart.

Customers can deposit their spare change in the containers, and the monies collected will be used to help needy families and charitable organizations in Northern Michigan. After Dec. 31, a board of directors will meet

to review the amount collected and to determine how the funds will be distributed.

Blarney Castle Oil and Propane and MacDonald Garber Broadcasting, Inc., share an interest in and a commitment to

their communities. Both organizations are family-owned and operated. Blarney Castle is a third generation family business since 1936, with headquarters in Bear Lake with EZ Mart locations throughout northern Michigan.

MacDonald Garber Broadcasting and its radio stations — WKHQ, WLXT, WMBN, WMKT, WLXX, WATT, WKAD — are similarly family-owned and have been in northern Michigan for over 20 years.



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Radio Shack of Charlevoix was recently honored as the top dealer in northwest Michigan by Cellular One from Dobson Cellular Systems. Shown above with the award are (from left) associates Sean Shooks, Monica Fuson and owner Steve Lenhart. The local store has been in business for 21 years.

Cellular One honors local Radio Shack

Radio Shack of Charlevoix was recently named the Top Dealer of the Quarter by Cellular One from Dobson Cellular Systems. The store is part of Cellular One's network of authorized dealers, which include more than 120 agents throughout Michigan.

Radio Shack is located at 6520 M-66 in the Kmart Plaza. The business opened in 1985 and is owned and operated by Steve Lenhart of Charlevoix. The local store is part of a family-owned business — B & L Sound, which includes Radio Shack retail centers in Petoskey — which opened in 1975 and is owned by Steve's sister, Mary Edger, and Boyne City — established in 1990 and owned by Steve's brother, Larry Lenhart. "We are very happy to earn this recognition," Steve said. "It is and has always been the goal of

my staff and myself to provide the very best products and services to the community that we serve. Our business was built on customer service and we are proud to represent Cellular One."

That commitment to service is what helped Charlevoix's Radio Shack earn top honors out of more than 20 Cellular One authorized dealers in northwestern Michigan.

"Steve and his staff in Charlevoix have done an outstanding job," said Lori Pascoe, Cellular One's indirect sales manager in northwest Michigan. "Along with the Radio Shack stores in Petoskey and Boyne City, they are testament to our belief that success is a direct result of your commitment to meeting the needs of your community."

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Happy campers enjoy local man's new board game

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Most parents cringe when they hear these three words in the winter, "Let's go camping."

Thanks to a Charlevoix man who invented a way to bring the camp experience into the living room, meeting a kid's craving for an outdoor excursion is now just a board game away.

Tim Paczesny, founder of Education Outdoors Inc., recently released Camp, a board game that will bring families together to learn about the wild.

"This is about core values and spending time with family," he said. "I hope families get together and play together."

The game's catchy graphics created by Jesse Denherder, cute critters like Sassy the Squirrel and Dawn the Doe and multi-level trivia approach allow players ages 3 and up to not only have a good time, but expand their knowledge base.

"I'm hoping this educates them (players) about the outdoors and spurs their interest," he said. "You



Courtesy photo

Tim Paczesny (pictured above, second from left), founder of Education Outdoors Inc., recently released Camp, a board game that will bring families together to learn about the wild.

learn something from Camp and that to me is what really feels good."

The central Camp concept is for up to eight players to leave the main campfire and go on a hike around the board.

"The first one back to camp

wins," Paczesny said.

Along the way, if a player lands on a green footprint they have to correctly answer a camp question to move on. Fifteen Camp questions have a compass pictured on the card and if answered correctly a player earns the compass and is allowed to

access the shortcut.

Question cards have four levels of complexity allowing the game to be played by a group with players of different skill levels. The answers are revealed using a magic decoder.

"It's the game that grows with you," Paczesny said. "I can play this and have fun doing it."

If you land on the Camp Clubhouse you read a fun fact and move along.

Paczesny said the rules are easy to follow and the game itself is both fun and educational.

His future plans for Camp include expanding the product line to incorporate coloring books and gear. He also plans to release new card sets annually so savvy campers can be challenged.

"I hope it continues to grow," he said. "A lot of people get ideas and never take them to the final product. What's exciting for me is this is really taking off."

In this first round of production, 5,000 games were created. They retail for \$19.99 each.

Locally, it is sold at the Rocking

Horse Toy Company in Charlevoix, Sonny's Iron Market and Work and Play and Friske's Farm Market, both in Atwood. It is also sold at other major sporting goods outlets including Shields Sporting Goods, Frank's Outdoors and Jay's Sporting Goods. Cabella's has expressed interest in carrying the game.

If in-store sales are impossible, Camp can be purchased on-line at www.camp.bz for \$24.99, including shipping.

Paczesny is a 34-year-old Central Lake native who moved to Charlevoix with his wife, Susan, and two daughters, about three years ago. He's an avid hunter and fisherman whose professional ventures have taken him into the automotive realm. He owns and operates Training Service and Repair (TSR) based in Eastport where wire harness equipment for the automotive industry is sold. He also owns Up North Rental, an equipment rental business. He graduated with a two-year technical degree from DeVry Institute in Lombard, Ill.

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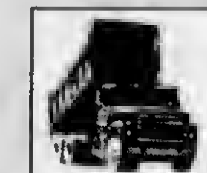
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Investors buy Citizens Bank building on State Street in downtown Charlevoix

The Citizens Bank Building, located at 201 State St., was recently sold to a group of investors consisting of attorney Michael J. Corcoran and his law partners in the north-west Michigan law firm of Running, Wise & Ford, as well as Charlevoix realtor, Mitts Lee and Lansing attorney, Gordon Van Wieren Jr.

The sale of the building was completed earlier this fall. As part of the sale, Citizens Bank agreed to lease the first floor of

the building back from the new owners for at least the next 10 years.

"We are pleased with the sale and are committed to continuing to serve the needs of our Charlevoix area customers," says Chris Cuffaro, president of Citizens' local branch.

Running, Wise & Ford will occupy the second floor of the building. Corcoran, who manages the Charlevoix branch of Running, Wise & Ford, is joined by associates Katrina D. Martin

and Robert Grzech, along with paralegal, Vicki Voisin, and support staff, Sandra Dunson and Donna Theriault.

"I am extremely pleased with our decision to purchase the Citizens Bank building," Corcoran said. "Running, Wise & Ford has made a long-term commitment to providing the highest level of legal services to clients in the Charlevoix area. This move will allow the firm to expand our Charlevoix office and to better serve our clients."



Photo by Julie Witthoef

Partners in the local branch of the law firm Running, Wise and Ford are pictured outside the Citizens Bank building in downtown Charlevoix which they recently purchased. They are (from left) Kent Gerberding, Will Davison, Mike Corcoran and John Blakeslee. Mike Conlon, who is also a partner, is missing from the picture.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder grapplers start season strong at 4-0

Mat Golovich, Zeke Daman, and R.J. Moore all took medals for Charlevoix at the Manton Invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Golovich took first place in the 119-pound division with two pins and was winning 13-0 before his opponent withdrew due to injury. Daman won a match by pin and a 9-3 decision to take second place in the 112-pound weight class. Also taking second place in the 160-pound weight class pinning two of his opponents was Moore.

The day's fastest pin of 27

seconds belonged to Nathan Triplehorn, who went 2-2 with two pins. Zach Smith went 1-2 with a pin and Woody Nitchman was 1-2 for the day winning by tech fall, 23-8.

There were 10 schools competing at the tournament including Manton, Coopersville, Holton, Kingsley, Elk Rapids, Hart, Cadillac, Frankfort and Boyne City.

The Rayders are 4-0 after hosting a dual meet on Thursday, Dec. 7 against Traverse City St. Francis and Rudyard. Charlevoix beat the Gladiators 36-34 and

Rudyard 46-36 in a late night battle.

Daman, Mat Golovich, Woody Nitchman, Nate Golovich, Nick Gotshall, Corey Gotshall, Kevin Gillespie, Chris Levens and Triplehorn all had wins for Charlevoix.

Charlevoix began their season with wins at a dual meet with host Onaway 42-32 and Mancelona 60-12.

The Rayders will compete next in Elk Rapids on Thursday, Dec. 14 and follow up on Friday with the annual Bridge Brawl at 2:30 p.m. in Rudyard.

Petoskey Area Hockey BB Midget team posts three more wins

Petoskey Area Hockey's BB Midget team notched up three more wins this weekend.

They played PAHA's B team twice on Saturday.

The first game they forfeited at a 3-3 tie, due to a short bench and loss of enough players to continue after penalties. John Miller scored all three goals, and Gear Robinson tallied an assist.

The second game stood 4-2 at the end. Miller scored twice, Travis Gunderson and Ryan Ruggles once each. Gunderson

gave two assists and Ruggles and Britt King had one each.

Nick Ferree was between the pipes.

Sunday the team traveled to Alpena and played their B team. Miller and Russell Williams each put two in the net, Alex Molter hit one more.

Gear Robinson gave two assists and Ruggles, Ferree, Justin Stolt, Chris Loyselle, Miller and Gunderson gave one each. Ferree made 11 saves in the 5-1 win. Petoskey put 39 shots on net.

They won the second game 4-2. Miller, Gunderson and Molter each ripped the twine, with assists from Justin Stolt, Gunderson and Dwayne Augler. Petoskey put 29 shots on net. Goaltender Russell Williams made 13 saves.



Photo by Scott Richards

Catchin' air

Pictured above are some of the many sledding fans that took advantage of the good winter weather on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the sledding hill at Mt. McSaubia. They are Mandy Lamanski (front), Ericka McCormick (center), and Bailey Stevens (back).

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both projects as they relate to use of the lakes.

Those who attended the ceremony stood in the Odmark Pavilion, a building that won't be there much longer. The handshell as the pavilion is commonly known, along with the existing harbor master's building and Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce facility are scheduled to be demolished this winter. They will be replaced by a state-of-the-art boater's support facility and an outdoor performance venue.

Former Waterways Commission chairman, John Winn, who is a Charlevoix resident, attended the event and shared his excitement in finally seeing the project come to fruition.

"This will be a quality project that will last for decades. It's so user friendly that even if you're not a boater you will love coming down here," Winn said.

He added that users aren't the only ones who stand to benefit from the revamped resource, businesses will as well.

"Elk Rapids gives full credit to their new marina for resurrecting their downtown. It gave the impetus to improve the downtown — they have no vacancies. That will happen here. It's a matter of merchants feeling confident that the city's behind them," Winn said. "This is the epicenter of the community. I think it (the project) will change everyone's attitude."

Executive director of the Charlevoix Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Vera McKown, is hopeful Winn's prediction of a revitalized downtown will come true.

"We are very hopeful. With the economy the way it is, any new project will be a plus for our marketing effort for the city," McKown said.

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer said the benefits will trickle down to all of northern Michigan.

"This is a great investment in the long-term health of this community and in northern Michigan," he said.

Phase one of the project will include removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the farthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of park, 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work.

Installation of the new docks is referred to as phase two. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the farthest point. The docks will be fabricated this winter and will be installed once ice conditions allow in the spring. Utilities are expected to be hooked up and operational near the end of June 2007.

Construction of phases one and two, which will cost a total of \$3.8 million, is expected to take about four-and-a-half months. The ultimate goal is to have the water side of the project complete by Memorial Day 2007.

Phase three, which includes the rest of the project, from demolition of the existing buildings to construction of the new amphitheater and harbor master's facility as well as site work, is expected to get underway in early February.

The grand opening for the entire East Park and marina project is expected to take place on Sept. 23, 2007.

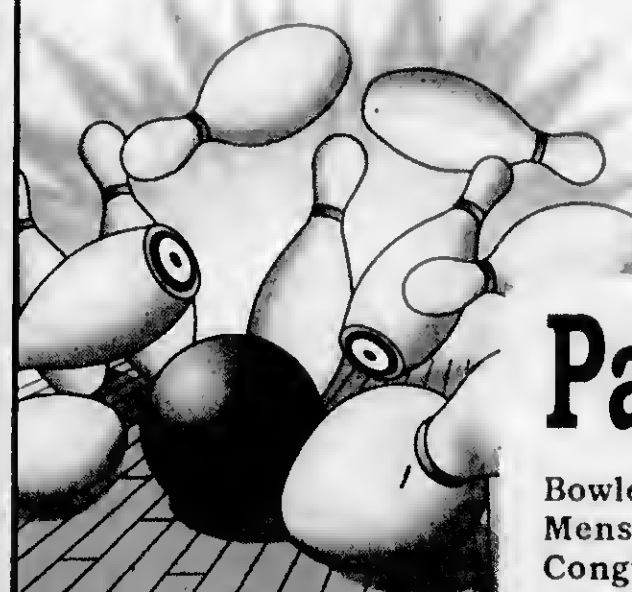


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State and local officials gathered with community members at a Dec. 8 groundbreaking ceremony that officially kicked off construction activities on the \$11 million project that will overhaul the City of Charlevoix's marina and park property pictured above.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE DEC. 4, 2006				CHURCH LEAGUE - DEC. 6, 2006				TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES DEC. 5, 2006				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES DEC. 7, 2006			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
J. Arnold Painting "A"	31	21		Ferguson & Chamberlain	429	221		Charlevoix Foot Clinic	33	23		Mary O'Brien	526	215	
Selph Trucking	31	21		State Farm Insurance	383	267		Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	32	24		Diana Speigl	527	194	
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	30	22		Paul Bunyan Lanes	356	294		St. Mary's Cement	31	25		Jane Holm	528	180	
B. VanLoon & Sons	28	24		R. & C. Roofing	332	318		Paul Bunyan Lanes	25.5	26.5		YOUNG AT HEARTS DEC. 7, 2006			
J. Arnold Painting "Z"	27	25		Lakeshore Tire	273	317		DM Construction	28	27		W	L		
Paul Bunyan Lanes	26	26		Lutherans	295	355		Mary Ann's Takeout	28	28		Spartanite	40	12	
Bud's Budds	25	27		St. Mary's	257	393		Oleson's Food Store	23	33		Twilighters	28	24	
The Flight Deck	10	42		Mark White Paint & Stain	249	401		Central Drug Store	19.5	37.5		Alley Cats	27	25	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES			
Ron Chapman	556	241		John Fedorek	631	243		Cindy Pallagi	529	208		Has Beets	24	28	
Chris Putman	606			Randy DeYoung	568	222		Mary O'Brien	531	199		Paul Timmers	23	29	
John Fedorek	641	229		Roger Crain	582			Diana Speigl	535			Madfis	22	30	
Mo Dixon		230		Tom Scott				Tressa Thomas	198			Irish Rollers	19	33	
				Jim Potter											
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Burger King of Charlevoix	159	121		Argonne Supper Club	142	138		Mo Dixon	473	191		Ralph Kilson	502	187	
Argonne Supper Club	142	138		Laural & Company	130	150		Bob Stullitt	467	173		Art Ruis	416	162	
Laural & Company	130	150		Paul Bunyan Lanes	129	151		Audrey Trimble	416			Shirley Flower	390		
Paul Bunyan Lanes	129	151						Irene Celler	421	152					



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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate
 File No. 06-011048-DE

Estate of Mary E. Yenglin, Deceased
 Date of Birth: September 16, 1925

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary E. Yenglin, who lived at 13875 North Forest Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan died December 13, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel J. Yenglin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: December 4, 2006

Michael J. Corcoran (P41254)
 201 State Street, PO Box 490
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 (231)547-8990

Daniel J. Yenglin
 PO Box 503
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 (231)547-6090
 (L 12/13)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by JOHN ANDREWS, JR., a single man, Mortgagee, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2003, and recorded December 18, 2003, at Liber 590, Page 290, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of \$54,296.89, including interest at 7% per annum.

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Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a 5/8 inch rod at the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, thence along the North line of said Section (as monumented) North 88°27'57" West 1308.17 feet to a 1/2 inch pipe on the East 1/8 line of said Section (as monumented); thence along said East 1/8 line South 1°36'4" West 1079.64 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence parallel with the North 1/8 line of said Section, South 88°32'26" East 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of Sloop Road; thence continuing South 88°32'26" East 201.34 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'55" West 33.00 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said North 1/8 line North 88°32'26" West 234.40 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said East 1/8 line North 1°36'44" East 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25.

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Date: December 1, 2006

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK
 BY: Michael J. Corcoran (P41254)
 Running Wise & Ford, P.L.C.
 201 State Street, PO Box 490
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate
 File No. 06-011049-DE

Estate of Robert J. McDonough, Deceased
 Date of Birth: April 2, 1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert B. McDonough, who lived at 5336 Oakdale Drive, Oak Lawn, Illinois died June 16, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marie B. McDonough, named personal representative or

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proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: December 4, 2006

Katrina D. Martin (P62506)
 201 State Street, PO Box 490
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 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

PROFESSIONAL: Pollack Design Associates, 220 South Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, 734-663-9522.

DUE DATE: Until 11:00 AM Local Time on 11 January, 2007, the City of Charlevoix will receive proposals for work as herein set forth in the offices of:

BID LOCATION: City of Charlevoix City Council Chambers at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING: "City of Charlevoix East Park and Marina - Proposed Phase 3 - Landside Improvements, Charlevoix County, Michigan." All bids shall be sealed in an opaque envelope, clearly labeled with the Bidder's name and address, and title of proposal enclosed. The Work consists of the following:

1. East Park: The complete preparation of East Park including but not limited to demolition of 2 buildings and existing site facilities and the complete construction of East Park including soil erosion and sedimentation controls, tree protection, site utilities (stormwater, domestic water, power, sanitary sewer), concrete curb, concrete paving, concrete unit pavers, bituminous paving, concrete amphitheater seating, Onaway stone walls, fish pond, decorative railings, irrigation, planting, seeding, and sodding.
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3. Performance Pavilion: The complete construction of a single story bandshell including but not limited to 2 public bathrooms, 2 performer's bathrooms, a covered bandshell stage, a backstage room, audio/video rooms and equipment, multiple storage and janitor's rooms, a mechanical room, and a park maintenance room. The construction also includes a terraced roof plaza with planters.

BIDDER QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL: A Bidder Qualification Submittal and Sworn Statement is required for this project and shall be submitted to the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on or before: 14 December, 2006 at 11:00 AM local time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING FOLLOWED BY A MANDATORY WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION: A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a mandatory walk-through inspection will be held at the PROJECT SITE AT THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, EAST PARK with all contractors bidding the project and all other concerned parties on 14 December, 2006, at 11:00 AM Local Time prior to the due date for bids. The purpose of this mandatory meeting and on-site inspection is to answer questions and provide a one time only inspection tour of the project. A prospective bidding company authorized representative must be present at this mandatory pre-bid meeting and register on the Meeting Attendance Record in order to be authorized to bid on this project.

BID GUARANTEE - The Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by either a certified check or cashier's check on an open, solvent bank or a bid bond with an authorized surety company, executed by the bidder and the surety company (the surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570) in the amount of 5 percent of the base bid payable to the City of Charlevoix and Michigan Department of Natural Resources co-owners as a guarantee of good faith.

CONTRACT SECURITY - The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory performance bond, and labor and material payment bond in an amount each of one hundred percent (100%) of the accepted bid in accordance with P.A. 213 of 1963 as amended by P.A. 351 of 1972.

BIDDER AGREES TO - Each Bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the City of Charlevoix, the Professional, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

BID REJECTION - City of Charlevoix reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, and also reserves the right to award a Contract to a Bidder who the City of Charlevoix believes will perform in their best interests, and is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other Bid.

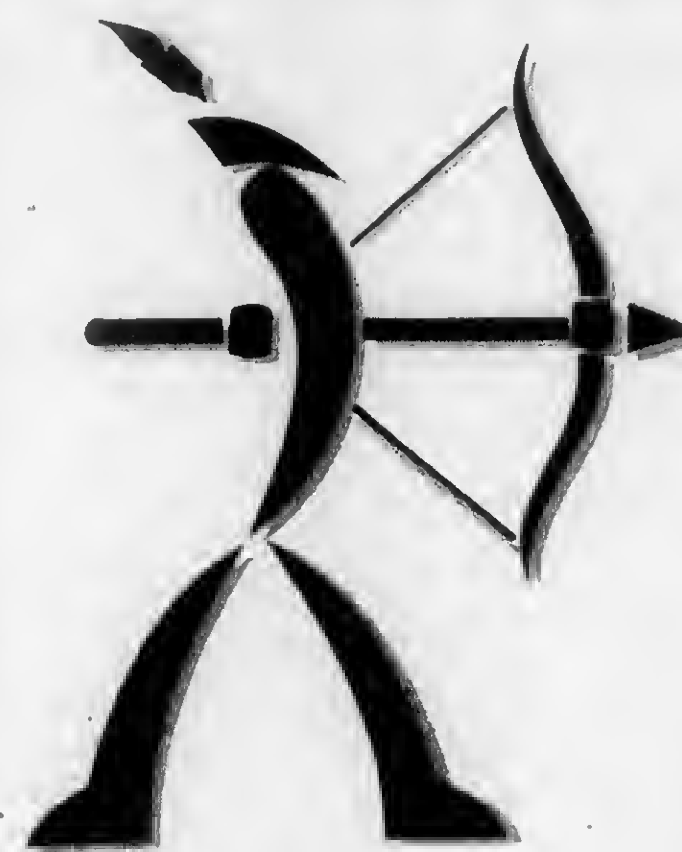
BIDDING DOCUMENTS may be viewed at no cost online at www.planwell.com, or if printed copies are desired, obtained from Dunn Blue, 2813 Boardwalk Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, 734-663-2471. Persons desiring printed copies shall pay costs for desired method of printing and shipping.

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Mr. Michael Wiesner
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DEC. 13 CHILDREN'S HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

The Charlevoix Children's House will host an open house and January enrollment event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the school, located off Mercer Boulevard.

The program is open to children ages between the ages of 2 and 6.

Students are exposed to reading, science and math exercises as well as attending educational field trips, and are introduced to French and Spanish.

For more information, call the school at (231) 547-5599.

DEC. 14 SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

The Charlevoix High School Bands will surround the auditorium with sound showcasing beautiful melodies, fanfares, jazz tunes and some surprise guests. Back by popular demand is their rendition of "The Little Drummer Boy/Bolero" that builds up to an exciting finish. The high school bands concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 in the high school auditorium.

DEC. 15 AND 16 LIVE NATIVITY

The members of the Atwood Christian Reformed Church will host their 4th Annual Live Nativity.

It will be on display at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15 and at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Atwood Christian Reformed Church, located at 10090 North U.S. 31 in Atwood. Refreshments will be provided after each performance. For more information, contact Pastor Dave or Gayle Kroon (231) 599-3290 for more information.

DEC. 16 SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles, 40 and over, from area churches to its annual Christmas Potluck at 7 p.m. on Dec. 16 in the clubhouse at Charlevoix Estates, located at 6685 M-66 N., across from the Charlevoix Post Office.

Attendees are asked to call in a reservation with an idea of the dish to be shared. There will also be a \$10 gift exchange.

Call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905 with reservations.

DEC. 16 CHRISTMAS EVENT AT FIRE STATION

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department will host a free Christmas event featuring Santa, movies and treats.

The festive afternoon will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Dec. 16 at the fire station located off State Street within city hall in downtown Charlevoix.

The public is invited to come and visit and enjoy a movie, hot dogs, popcorn and candy at the station.

For more information, contact Brian MacDonald at (231) 547-3392.

FOOD DRIVE

The Charlevoix Middle School student council and Builder's Club are sponsoring a Spirit of Christmas Food Drive now through Dec. 14. The students' goal is with the help of the community to fill a school bus with non-perishable food items for the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Items can be dropped off at the school, located at 108 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix or at Oleson's and Glen's food stores in Charlevoix. For more information, call Sue Goss at (231) 547-3214.

TREE SALE

The Charlevoix Lions are selling Christmas trees in East Park at the foot of Clinton Street.

Trees are available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

and from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The tree sale is the club's annual winter fund-raiser to benefit the over 30 local and world-wide charities the Lions support.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Computer Basics, 2 p.m., Dec. 13 and 15.

- Computer Tidbit: Making Address Labels, 1 p.m., Dec. 13.

- Computer Tidbit: NovelList database demo, 7 p.m., Dec. 19.

- Computer Tidbit: Prices 4 Antiques database demo, 1 p.m., Dec. 20.

- Youth Department Preschool Play Club, 10:30 to noon, Dec. 13.

- Lapsit Story Time (birth-3), 10:05 a.m., Dec. 14.

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Small hands, big effort

The Charlevoix Middle School student council and Builder's Club sponsored a Spirit of Christmas Food Drive that ended on Dec. 14. The students filled a school bus with 7,500 non-perishable food items for the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. Seventh-grade students collected the most items, gathering over 3,000. Above, seventh grader, River Gauthier and fifth-grader Luke Klinger share a load.

School district to buy former library property

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix Public Schools intend to buy the former Charlevoix Public Library property located at 109 Clinton St.

School officials said once minor language issues are resolved, the nearly 6,500 square-foot building appraised at \$720,000 will be sold for \$300,000 to the Charlevoix School system. An unnamed law firm withdrew an offer of \$550,000.

"The facility (current administration building) is basically inadequate. I know the district has been looking for a replacement building for a number of years," said interim superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, James Cooper. "We felt that it would be an excellent opportunity—a win-win for everyone if we are able to move in there and we are able to purchase the building at a price

below what we would probably be able to purchase (with) any other building or to build a facility."

The decision came after years of squabbling between the school and library boards over who is the rightful owner of the 109 Clinton St. property.

Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education president, Bill Truhilowicz, knows just how long the property has been an issue for discussion.

"This has been a long road we've been traveling down," he said. "Essentially it started when we worked to win the millage to build the new high school back in 1999. That started us down the path with the library moving into the middle school."

Connie Saltonstall, whose parents donated the property at 109 Clinton St., would like to see the property sold to a private entity.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema (right), questions Jeffrey Ruhl of Environmental Testing and Consulting Inc. on the findings from his company's study of the air quality at the Charlevoix County Jail.

Inmates, employees claim illness from air at county jail

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Despite claims of ill health by Charlevoix County jail employees and administrators, environmental and engineering experts maintain the jail's air poses no hazard.

However, after contractors, consultants, lawyers and jail workers packed the

Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Wednesday, Dec. 13 Committee of the Whole meeting, the commission voted unanimously, during their regular meeting, to accept bids on duct cleaning and repairs to the jail's HVAC system.

"Our report indicated that the dust...primarily consists of

cellulose. There were no hazardous constituents identified within it," said Jeffrey Ruhl, manager of Environmental Testing and Consulting Inc. "We weren't able to determine in our investigation where it exactly was originating from."

Outgoing District One Commissioner, Connie

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Alvina Sarah Napont, 66, Saint James. Disturbing the peace. Daily PBT tests until Jan. 2, 2007; \$300 in fines and costs.

Jesse James Green, 22, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 15 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; \$1,435 in fines and costs.

Michael Owen Bradford, 19, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve 85 days in jail.

Daniel Curtis Parker, 45, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunken. Serve three days in jail with credit for three days; \$200 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Scoville's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Avenue, Charlevoix by Joan and Vi Forreider

The Chatscha Queen, 1658 Wildwood Heights, Boyne City, J. Michael Scher

No. 1, 125 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Yong Sheng Dong

Will Hammer Custom Carpentry, 4658 North M-66, East Jordan by Steve Wilson

E & S Publishing, 26625 Chipmunk Trail, Beaver Island, by Stephen A. Hageman

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Northern Michigan Site Clean U.P., 15772, Heise Road, by Steven R. Smith

Engrave-n-stain.com, 00088 South Shore Drive, Boyne City, by Kevin J. Burnell

The Nail Studio, 712 Maple St. Suite One, Boyne City, by Brenda K. Lamb

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mark Graham Johnson, 47 and Alla Holyk, 36; both of Charlevoix

Charles Anthony Misiak, 37 and Marcy Rae Rigot, 22, both of Boyne City

Jonathan Wayne DuBay, 42, Petoskey and Cheri Lynn Ford, 38, East Jordan

Dale Walter Burneister, 33 and Kristine Maria Knoke, 28, both of Charlevoix

David Eric LaPointe, 30 and Heather Anne Holbauer, 28, both of Boyne City

Daniel Craig Clark, 54 and Dolores Holyfield, 63, both of East Jordan

Kakus Jean D'Arc Campbell, 36 and Pongia Flavy Pamela, 22, both of Portland Oregon

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Alice Evelyn Wright vs. Harry Bishop Wright

Julie T. Riley vs. Harry T. Riley

Delphine Mae Rokus vs. John Albert Rokus

Jamison R. Loviska vs. Carrie E. Loviska

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BIRTHS

Emily Lynn Flores-LaBrecque weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Nov. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Blas Flores Aguilar and Jami LaBrecque of Mancelona. Her siblings are Kayla Welsh and Anna Flores. Her grandparents are James and Mary LaBrecque of Mancelona.

Lucas Jarrod Grose weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Nov. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Greg and Holly Grose of East Jordan. His sibling is Evan Grose. His grandparents are Roger and

Carol Wolls, Fred Grose and Yvonne Pentecost all of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Ralph and Zottie Kison, Barb Grose of East Jordan and Clyde and Lorraine Dunivan of Belleville.

Braedon William Grutsch weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Nov. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Cortni Cutler and Michael Grutsch of East Jordan. His siblings are Carleigh, Sam and Morgan Grutsch. His grandparents are Gordon and Billie Grody, Claude and Roselyn Cutler and David and Kathy Grutsch all of East Jordan.

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Old library, new central office for schools

LIBRARY

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According to deputy clerk for the City of Charlevoix, Stephanie Brown, the 109 Clinton St. property would contribute \$18,200 in taxes in 2006 if under private ownership.

"A law firm gave the library an offer...my sister and I approved accepting that offer, but because of a prior agreement, the school board also had to approve the offer and they did not," Saltonstall said. "They countered with an offer of \$625,000 and there was no offer from the law firm after that. Now, they (school board) are going to say they (law firm) wouldn't have bought it anyway, and that's probably true, although if they had acted quickly they might have."

Cooper said Saltonstall's theory is, "Totally in error."

"We countered to be responsible to the public and based on the value of the building feeling that the counteroffer was appropriate and was again beneficial for both parties," Cooper said.

Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, said the law firm lost an anticipated partner in the business deal and therefore could not afford to purchase the property.

According to Trubilowicz, the 109 Clinton St. property will be much more efficient, spacious and professional in appearance than the current two-story house just a block west of the library property wherein the administrative offices are housed.

"Our administration building is in pretty rough shape and this has been a project of ours on the sinking fund job list that goes back quite some time," he said. "We knew we needed an administration building for the image of the school. We felt all along the potential was there for the old library building to serve that purpose. It doesn't look good for prospective students when they come into town and they see our little house there and say, 'What kind of school is this?'"

While board members on both sides rejoice over this apparent resolution, there is still the matter of the piece of paper which initialized the conflict — the reverter clause, a legally binding document which would return possession of the 109 Clinton St. property to Saltonstall and her sister if the building and land are ever used for purposes other than

What: Former Charlevoix Public Library property at 109 Clinton St.

Who: Charlevoix Public Schools and Charlevoix Public Library.

What happened: On Friday, Dec. 15, attorneys for the two worked on a sale agreement which will transfer ownership of the property to Charlevoix Public Schools.

How much: The school district will pay the library \$300,000

How much is it worth: Last appraised at \$720,000

How will it be funded: Charlevoix Public Schools Sinking Fund.

Sinking fund millage: In 2006, .8712 mills levied on taxpayers, generating about \$610,000

Other sinking fund projects: Charlevoix Elementary School — heating (two) rooms with separate controls, carpeting halls, soffits and roof, gymnasium acoustical panels, property fencing; Charlevoix Middle School — new gym floor, replaced front sidewalks, sewer repair, bathroom partitions, carpeting in two rooms, partial roof replacement, band room carpet and lighting; Charlevoix High School — athletic fields, bleachers, scoreboard, dugouts, band room wall panels and curtain, auditorium acoustical drapes, weight room, work stations in science lab

education such as a library.

"In 2002 (Oct. 14) my sister and I gave the school board members a pledge that, if they would exchange the old middle school for the old library property, we would sign off on the deed restriction," said Connie Saltonstall. "At that point, the school board told the library, 'We do now want that building,' so the taxpayers gave the school \$635,000, the library ended up paying \$480,000, so that came out of the library millage. Now the school is telling the taxpayers to come up with another \$300,000 for the school to buy the library."

She added, "I'm sure they will spend money on renovations. So, the school has cost the taxpayers over a million dollars for this project when they had an opportunity to do the same thing and it wouldn't have cost the taxpayers anything."

Trubilowicz seemingly appreciates Saltonstall's frustration.

"If you had 20/20 hindsight all the way through, maybe it could have worked out differently, but with the people involved, it kind of drug on," Trubilowicz said. "I'm extremely happy the two boards are working together to come up with a solution to make

everybody happy."

He added, "Connie Saltonstall has been very vocal through this whole process and listening to her speak, I think we even meet her needs — I hope we've met them by putting some property back on the tax rolls when we sell the (current) administration building."

Money for the purchase of the building will come from the Charlevoix Public Schools Sinking Fund.

"Schools have the option of asking voters to approve a sinking fund millage, which provides funds to be used for purchasing, building, remodeling or repairing facilities or parts of or additions to facilities, including structures, athletic fields, playgrounds, etc.; and acquiring or installing technology in school buildings," stated Charlevoix Public Schools

business manager, Shawn Biddle, in an e-mailed response to questions. "The funds are not allowed to be used for routine or preventative maintenance activities or any other general operating activities. Residents in the school district approved a five-year sinking fund millage in 1997, and renewed the millage for another five years in 2003."

She further stated, "The original 2003 millage was for .9 mills, but that has been permanently reduced by Headlee and this tax year the millage that was levied was .8712 mills. This year we anticipate receiving around \$610,000 in tax revenue in the sinking fund and will bring in around \$630,000 (to) \$640,000 next year."

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Gohs meets the ghosts of Christmas past and future

Today makes 28 days I've been celebrating Christmas.

Thanksgiving day the wife decided we should get the holidays rolling — two weeks before our normal decorating date. The upside to her decision was that I was too busy making 11 pizzas (a story for another time) to help

with the Yuletide frenzy.

For the first year I can remember, she had to solve the Sphinx's second riddle. You know the one — How did eight, 30-foot strands of lights become a 12-pound sheepskin? It was sweet, sweet justice to watch her fight with the malfunctioning staple gun as she

hung strand after strand of lights.

Of course, this holiday season has been pretty tame compared to my childhood Christmases. The only excitement so far was when my son spilled a gallon of paint on himself while searching the shed for the legs which hold our aluminum Christmas shrub erect. He won't admit to pouring it on the floor and proceeding to make satin finish angels on the concrete, but the scene of the crime tells a different story.

Now that I'm confident the statutes of limitations on trespassing, theft, obstructing justice, domestic violence and child endangerment have lapsed, I can say the wife's grumbling over missing ornament hooks and decorations submersed in liquefied candy canes from yesteryear was slightly reminiscent of my father, wreaking of Apple Barrel Schnapps and Newport Kings, on one of his epic holiday rants.

Now, he and my mother fought about 312 days out of the year, so we were accustomed to the commotion, but the sight of him cross-eyed and cursing at a 30-year-old strand of lights long-since outlawed as a fire hazard was nothing less than disturbing.

Meanwhile, mom and us kids trimmed the nine-foot pine we pilfered from a mid-Michigan-based, multinational corporation which will remain nameless.

Anyone who knows me can tell you I'm a terrible liar, but packed with Christmas spirit, this 12-year-old didn't even flinch when I told that sheriff deputy my father was helping my little brother relieve himself that wintry evening. It was blizzard conditions when dad emerged with that evergreen beauty. I'll never forget the frantic yet elegant way he belly flopped into that snowdrift — trunk under one arm, buck saw under the other — when

another set of headlights appeared on that secluded gravel road.

My father abhorred thievery, but he did his best during some bad financial times to give us at least a little Christmas. Sometimes there was no food, sometimes you got a bag of green plastic army men, even when you were 15, and yes, your father locked your mother out in the snow in her bare feet and bathrobe because she accidentally hit your little brother in the head with a family-sized can of soup (also another story for another time.)

Luckily, those years are countered by good years, like when I was 9 and I got my first Daisy air rifle — though the blood of 1,000 chickadees is on my hands. And, I'll never forget when I was 5 and my aunt bawled all us grand-kids into the back bedroom at grandma's to see Rudolph's nose in the distance. Minutes later we heard jingling and stomping

coming from the roof. We ran into the living room to find a gift-filled green burlap bag the size of a Guernsey. That was also the year grandpa gave me a beautiful handmade steerable sled. A runner is cracked and the shiny brown finish turned stone gray long ago, but that sled will be 27-years-old this Christmas.

I firmly believe we are the sum of all our experiences both good and bad, and I wouldn't give up any of my Christmas memories for all the little green army men in the world. So, even if your holy trinity merely consists of George Bailey, Yukon Cornelius and Clark Griswold, have a merry Christmas.

I'd love to hear about some of your crazy, funny or special Christmas memories, so drop me a line.

Benjamin Gohs can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mail at bgohs@charlevoixcourier.com.

Choosing a major isn't choosing your life's work



EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

other, strike while the iron is still hot or that heating a dead horse is a good idea. I will offer further

educational advice.

Once you have arrived at your chosen liberal arts campus, you will eventually be required to perform the act known as "choosing a major." Don't be deceived, you are not being asked to choose a life work. You are being asked to declare what interests you. Let us suppose that you are interested in poetry or even that you would consider becoming a poet. What major would most enhance your possibilities? English or literature might seem an obvious choice, where you could examine the work of earlier poets. But let us further suppose that you want to be a poet unlike other past poets.

A major in biology or speci-

cally botany is the obvious choice. What does a poet need more than anything else? The widest and deepest range of possible words to choose from, consider the formal description of a leaf. Your literature courses are unlikely to provide you with 18 different terms for kinds and degrees of hairiness. The study of botany will provide them. Here, in alphabetical order is a beginner's list: Caespitose, canescent, ciliate, downy, fimbriate, floccose, glabrous, hirsute, hispid, pappus, pilose, puberulent, pubescent, scabrous, stellate, tomentose and villous. My spell checker had never seen eight of those before and I assume that most English majors would have

missed almost as many. You could look them up.

To a botanist, hairiness itself is called investiture and consists of trichomes. Valuable poetic words, all of them, and as precise as poetic words must be.

A similar beginner's list of 12 adjectives that delineate leaf shape, 16 that describe specific huses and tips of leaves and at least 10 that name the differently-structured margins or edges of leaves, collectively give some idea of the language richness automatically available to a botany major. And those are only leaves. Add flowers, roots, stems and trunks, and the words available to detail their characteristics provide a richness

almost unimaginable to the usual reader of literature. The author Vladimir Nabokov, might have used some of those adjectives, but few others have. And I remind you that Nabokov was a world-class lepidopterist.

The richness and complexity of the shapes, sizes and characteristics found in the natural world have enriched our language for centuries. If you are going to be a poet, it would be well to have some serious familiarity with that world and its descriptors.

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LETTERS

UNIONS HAVE NO PLACE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Editor:
Unbelievable. I can hardly believe that the Petoskey News-Review even printed your article on the opinion page on Friday, Dec. 8. I believe that you hit the nail on the head with the whole thing.

I am not going to repeat everything that you put in there, but I will draw a comparison that I see in the business world. I am a business insurance agent, many of my clients are suppliers to the auto industry. We know what kind of problems have been going on with our domestic auto manufacturers. I have been able to discuss many of the problems that is going on in that industry with businesses that are directly linked to the domestic auto manufacturers.

The unions and the collective bargaining agreements that were made through the years are what are strapping the manufacturers. I have clients being both union shops as well as non-union shops. From a supplier standpoint, the businesses that are surviving, and some doing very well, are non-union, very similar to the non-domestic auto manufacturers that are doing very well.

One large metal forming business that I banded had to break the union in order to survive. Granted, many of the problems with the collective bargaining agreements were the businesses themselves — the union would force work stoppages in order to get their way, and at the time the auto makers could make it work.

Now, it's a different story as we see what is going on with bankruptcies, reorganization etc. which is leading to a very low UAW union membership compared to 20 years ago. Unions, whether auto related, education related, communications related, need to wake up and see what the

real world is about. Thanks for your common sense.
Lee Holbrook
Harbor Springs

to the editor

real world is about. Thanks for your common sense.

Lee Holbrook
Harbor Springs

TEACHER'S UNION COMMENTARY MISSED THE MARK

Editor:
I was somewhat bemused at the points presented in "The Crying Towel" in the Dec. 6 issue. While I'm all for accountability in our schools and our teachers, I think some of the points made missed their mark.

The article states that a starting teacher earns \$34,396 a year, moving up to the \$55,000 to \$60,000 per year range as you gain experience. According to Michigan law, a full-time teacher must have completed at least 120 semester hours of satisfactory college credit at an approved teacher preparation institution plus appropriate credentials in the area being taught (English, science, etc.). That's quite a bit of education to make \$34,396 a year.

Sure, their wages increase over time, but that's hardly a reason to condemn them as greedy. I make

more than I did when I was 25, and I'll bet most people my age do. Why should teachers be an exception?

Looking at the professions offered for comparison, only machinists, mechanics and carpenters are likely to have formal education for their work, and that will usually be a two-year degree (approximately 60 semester hours) at most. The remainder required either no formal education beyond high school, or at most a training course of a few weeks. Yes, teachers make more, but it takes more education to be a teacher, and that education isn't cheap. Few if any cooks begin their work life with student loans, but I'll bet a lot of teachers do.

And while it's true that you can always find someone who'll do any job for less, do we really want our children taught by the most desperate people we can find who'll take the job? I'd think our own collective self-interest would require that we pay enough to attract and keep competent teachers. If you think their pay is high, you should see what it costs to continually replace them. It's al-

atheists, courts, business interests, family values advocates, free speech advocates and someone upset because little Johnny failed English or because they saw the teacher have a beer with dinner one night. Nor do I want my child educated by someone who has to negotiate such a gauntlet of conflicting interests.

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ANNIVERSARY

Sally and Neil Suomela

Neil and Sally Suomela of Charlevoix and Shelby Township will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Dec. 28.

The anniversary party to honor the event will take place at 8 p.m. on Dec. 28 at their home in Charlevoix. It will be hosted by their son, Scott Suomela, daughter-in-law, Marilee Suomela, daughter, Sandra Willis and son-in-law, Jerry Willis.

Neil Suomela and Sally Ann Harris were married by Rev. Gansser in 1956 at a Methodist church on Madison Avenue in Bay City.

They have lived in the Charlevoix area for 61 years. Neil is a former Charlevoix Municipal Marina harbormaster.

Both Neil and Sally have enjoyed successful teaching careers. He still teaches driver's



education.

The Suomelas have two children, Scott, of Bloomfield Hills and Sandra Willis, of Shelby Township, and five grandchildren.

Longtime Charlevoix residents celebrate landmark birthdays



Vivian Beattie

Vivian L. Beattie, a former Charlevoix resident of many years, celebrated her 90th birthday on Dec. 18.

She is presently living with her daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Jack Bryan in Cottonwood, Ariz.

Her birthday was honored with a surprise dinner at her home attended by her granddaughter and family from Camp Verde, Ariz., grandson from Phoenix and friends.

Send birthday wishes to Vivian at 360 S. Buckskin Circle, Cottonwood, AZ 86326



Norma Cunningham

Long-time Charlevoix resident, Norma Cunningham, will celebrate her 100th birthday with a family celebration.

She was born Dec. 21, 1906 and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1924. Cunningham has two daughters, Bonnie Steffens of Petoskey and Joyce Davenport of Big Rapids and Charlevoix. She has 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Cunningham now resides at Bortz Health Care, located at 1500 Spring St. in Petoskey.

Pictures, Pictures

Please pick up any pictures you have loaned us.

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Ragamuffins present Cinderella Christmas Dec. 22 and 23 at Castle

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will present a delightfully comedic version of the classic Cinderella story with a seasonal twist.

A Cinderella Christmas will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22 and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 at historic Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Performances will feature a diverse cast of youth and adults from Charlevoix, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska and East Jordan. Audience members will be treated to artistic excellence and royal desserts compliments of Ragamuffin Theatre.

"Our show was written with families in mind," said director, Kathleen Whittaker. "Most people are pretty much done with their shopping and have nothing to do but wait for Christmas to come. We wanted to treat our communities to a family-friendly theater experience while celebrating the joy of the Christmas season."

The play will have something for everyone and includes many favorite Christmas tunes along with creatively choreographed dances.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for senior citizens. Seating will be limited, so those wanting to attend



Courtesy photo

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will present "A Cinderella Christmas" on Dec. 22 and 23 at Castle Farms. Pictured above are Fairy B, played by Bethany Whittaker and Cinderella, played by Shauna Bradley, both of Charlevoix.

are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance by calling (231) 237-9686 or purchase online at www.ragamuffintheatre.com.

NWA to host open house on Dec. 27

At 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27 Northwest Academy will host an open house for alumni, students and their families.

Attendees are asked to bring their instruments to participate in an open jam.

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ENGAGEMENT

Pair — LeClair



Courtesy photo

Ron and Mary Pair of Charlevoix have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Marland Pair, to Kenneth Leo LeClair.

Lilly is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and DePaul University in Chicago, Ill. with a bachelor of arts degree in English and is currently working as a paralegal and restaurant consultant in Athens, Ga.

Kenny is the son of Leo and Carolyn LeClair of Naperville,

Ill. He is a graduate of Naperville North High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration graduating magna cum laude from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash. He is currently enrolled in a master's degree program specializing in marketing research at the University of Georgia.

A July 21, 2007 wedding is being planned.

Methodist church to host prime rib lunch

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host a free community prime rib lunch buffet from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 21. The church is located at 104 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call Susan Mossman at (231) 582-6539.

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Official Notice

Charlevoix City Council 2007 Meeting Schedule

The Charlevoix City Council will hold regular meetings on the following dates in 2007. Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. When a holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting moves to Tuesday, as noted below. Meetings will be held in Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 210 State Street and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise.

January 2 (Tuesday)	May 7	September 4 (Tuesday)
January 15	May 21	September 17
February 5	June 4	October 1
February 19	June 18	October 15
March 5	July 2	November 5
March 19	July 16	November 19
April 2	August 6	December 3
April 16	August 20	December 17

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix by writing or calling the following: City Clerk, City of Charlevoix, 210 State Street, P.O. Box 550, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, (231) 547-3250.

Street Legends gives away \$5,500 to 10 local charities

The Charlevoix Street Legends Car Club recently disbursed proceeds from their 14th annual car show fundraiser.

This year there were 10 local charities and non-profit groups that received \$5,500. Among them was Troop #11 Boy Scouts who share a common thread of wood sports cars to classic sports cars. The Street Legends car enthusiasts teamed up with the Boy Scouts to sponsor the purchase of 50 car kits for their Pine Wood Derby race in January at Charlevoix Elementary School. The car club also sponsors a high school scholarship awarded each May to a graduating senior.

Charlevoix Street Legends Car Club meets the last Thursday of each month. For more information, call Tom Eggers at (231) 437-1327.



Courtesy photo

(Above, from left) Tom Eggers, president of the Charlevoix Street Legends Car Club stands with local Boy Scout, Michael Nesburg, who is holding a Pine Wood Derby car and his father, Roger Nesburg, a Boy Scout Troop 11 leader. The Scouts are one of 10 local non profits to receive a piece of the \$5,500 funding pie given away by the car club. The money was earned at the club's 14th annual car show which took place in August. The Pine Wood Derby race will take place in January at Charlevoix Elementary School.

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OBITUARIES

James Sitzema: Sept. 12, 1918 - Dec. 4, 2006

James E. Sitzema, 88, passed away Monday, Dec. 4, after a short illness.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1918 in Ellsworth to Ralph and Anna (Hogerheide) Sitzema Sr. and had been a resident of Muskegon and Charlevoix.

James had been employed at Shaw Walker Co. (Knoll Group) for 42 years before retiring in 1983. He was a past member of the Muskegon Elks, the Muskegon Moose and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles (Golden Eagle). James was an avid Fury fan and had been a season ticket holder for 23 years. He also enjoyed gardening, cooking

and music.

James married his wife of 65 years, the former Patricia Myers, on Jan. 4, 1941, and she survives him along with his daughter, Nancy Carlson; granddaughter, Kris Brantner (lancé, William) Jefferies; grandson, Kyle (Stephanie Roth) Carlson of Dorr; four great-grandchildren, Trevor James Jager, U.S. Airforce, Wichita, Kansas, Tristan C. (Lisa) Jager, Dorr, Alyssa L. Brantner and Kylee A. Carlson, Dorr; a great-grandson, Trenton Allen James Jager, Dorr; two sisters, Agnes Klooster, Ellsworth and Katherine (Versile) Klooster, Central Lake; a brother, Ralph (Laurel) Sitzema Jr., Garden City; special friends, Carl Hamstra, Herb (Mary Lou) Humphries, S. Dartmouth, Mass., Bill (Kathy) Bouman, Fenton, Bill Jefferies, Twin Lake, Ken Kendra and granddog, Harley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, DeWayne Carlson; two sisters, Marie Doty and Jennette Niemeyer; two brothers, Harn Sitzema and Marion Sitzema; special nephews, Gordon VanEyk and Ronald Sitzema Jr.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 9 in Muskegon.

You may share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemah.com.

LETTERS

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If you're interested in reducing the float in our school system, I'm all in favor. You want our children better educated? So do I. But let's focus on ways to keep good teachers and good programs while removing bad or burned-out teachers from the classroom, not on complaining about the fact that educated professionals earn more than a general laborer. I thought that was axiomatic.

Tom Warick
Charlevoix

'THANKS' TEXAS HOLD 'EM SUPPORTERS

Editor:
Thank you to everyone that participated in the Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to benefit the Charlevoix High School senior class of 2007 all night party.

Amy Russell
Charlevoix

SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Editor:
It won't be long now before that round man, decked out in red and white and with sooty whiskers, will be comin' down chimneys in Charlevoix. However, right now he is still busy checking his list to determine who has been naughty and who has been nice.

If you have any misgivings as to what list you might end up on, it's not too late to send a check to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project in care of Carolyn Batdorff, Treasurer, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to help Santa make a lot of Charlevoix kids happier this Christmas. Santa is willing to

to the editor

overlook a lot for those who help him help kids.

But in fact, Christmas isn't really about Santa Claus at all, is it? It's all about a tiny child born in Bethlehem who came into the world to make all kids, young kids and old kids, happier.

So if you want to end up on the nice list, you might want to send that check in His name.

A blessed Christmas to everyone in Charlevoix.

Rosemary Horton
Charlevoix

WELL DONE BUS DRIVERS

Editor:
I just wanted to say "Thank you" and "Well done" to the school bus drivers.

Most people I know wouldn't want to drive a load of kids around in good weather and we all know how stressful it can be driving during a blizzard or before the snowplows have been out. I appreciate and commend all the bus drivers who had to battle the hills, curves, back roads, snow drifts and long hours that it took to get our kids here and there at least twice a day two weeks ago. Even if they were running a little late they still smiled and waved as they drove off.

We appreciate you during all the seasons but especially during the winter. Thank you again.

Jamie Evans
Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX MIDDLE SCHOOL BABY HAT PROJECT

Editor:
Charlevoix Middle School students are learning the value of giving through a community service project. Infants born at

Charlevoix Area Hospital will be given a hat made by a Charlevoix Middle School student and their mom will receive a matching finger-knit scarf.

According to the Michigan Department of Education youth contribute 1.3 billion hours of community service each year. Of that, 49 percent are junior high age who volunteer and 15 percent of those students volunteer on a regular basis. By giving to others, students build character and foster a sense of caring.

As a teacher, I agree with Learn and Serve America when they state, "Service learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities."

Students will be able to link their math skills to real life while creating and giving to their community. Both boys and girls have become excited about this project and use any extra time beyond lesson time they have to work on their project. Many adults and middle school staff members have volunteered their time to help students. Students will also acquire a lifelong hobby.

It takes approximately a skein of yarn to make two hats. If you have extra yarn or would like to make a donation, please contact me, Gretchen Rice at (231) 547-3206.

The middle school students would greatly appreciate any contributions you may be able to make to support them in their efforts to serve their community. Gretchen Rice
Charlevoix Middle School

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Worship	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship (Singing the Word)	6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intimacy	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430	FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES 203 E. Upright	
BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Barnard at Klondike Road		Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Church Office	547-9122
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	FREEDOM HOUSE 12705 US-31	
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.	Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Preschool & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.	Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Wed. Young Men's Ward	7:00 p.m.	Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161
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Saltonstall's COA appointment contested

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

District One Charlevoix County Commissioner, Connie Saltonstall, will now serve on the Commission on Aging board after one of the most contested board appointments in years.

According to outgoing District Two Commissioner, Randolph Frykberg, he doesn't remember ever having to vote on an appointment in the past.

"It's usually a recommendation (from the individual commission) unless there's opposition, but the commission has a right to question an appointment if they have a different opinion," Frykberg said. "Generally the process works best if you look at people who are interested or recommended by a group."

But, he added, "The board has to make the decision of what's best for the county."

Frykberg, Saltonstall, chairman of the board, Vic Patriek and Dennis Jason voted in favor of Saltonstall, while District Three Commissioner, Ronald Reinhardt abstained and District Six Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, voted no.

Frykberg said he believes Saltonstall will do a good job on the Commission on Aging board and added, "I think she'll look into things."

Saltonstall originally asked to be appointed to the board during the Thursday, Nov. 16 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting and was appointed by Patrick.

The proceedings were cut short when Roloff asked Patrick to hold Saltonstall's appointment until Saltonstall appeared with her concerns before the Commission on Aging board on Nov. 20. During the Charlevoix County

Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, Roloff discovered the minutes of a previous meeting reflected that Saltonstall had been appointed to the board.

"I hate to bring this up, but in the commissioners comments where Connie asked to be appointed to a three-year term on the COA board, I did ask you to hold that up until we had that meeting, but the only thing is I guess you went ahead and I see it in the minutes here," Roloff said. "But in the bylaws in the Commission on Aging, they can have up to 11 members. They have two from Boyne area, two from East Jordan, one from (Charlevoix) City Council — that's three from Charlevoix and one from Beaver Island and I don't really think we want to make an 11 member team right now."

She added, "Too, I thought this was supposed to be an appointment by the board of county commissioners, that's what it says in their bylaws and we didn't vote on it."

Patrick asked acting legal counsel and assistant Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Mark Muniak, for an opinion on the matter.

"I would read this as it can be one minimum from the board, so it can be more than one," Muniak said. "In the COA bylaws it states members are to be appointed by the board of commissioners on the recommendation of the COA."

He added, "If there are not 11 members, then technically there could be a vacancy."

Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane



Connie Saltonstall

Brannon, said the Commission on Aging's bylaws are created by the Commission on Aging.

"They are not adopted by this county board for that

agency or commission as are any of the other bylaws that any others other than the Charlevoix County Transportation Authority," Brannon said. "Whatever rules or guidelines they go by is strictly their own doing."

Director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, Sue Bergmann, said, "We're going to have some unhappy constituents from Boyne area and East Jordan, because now you're going to have five people from the Charlevoix area."

During an interview in the days following the Dec. 13 meeting, both Saltonstall and Bergmann opined on the matter.

"My impression is they don't want me to be a member of the COA. I think they felt I was interfering with the investment fund," Saltonstall said. "I think they feel that, because I represented the Charlevoix Senior Center (Inc.) trying to get millage funds, that we were adversaries."

She added, "I'd like to see the services for the seniors expanded so that we are using the funds that are raised each year for the services for the people who are paying the taxes."

Bergmann said she doesn't see Saltonstall as an enemy at all.

"It wasn't a concern with her (Saltonstall) being appointed — there wasn't an advertised vacancy and it was an arbitrary appointment by the board of commissioners," she said. "The weight of representation (is) off so the board members may feel that's unfair. The decisions made by the board will lean to Charlevoix. We may have to in fact change our bylaws. Maybe they (county board) should have researched what the pleasure of our advisory board was."

Bergmann said the Commission on Aging will not fight the commissioner's new appointment.

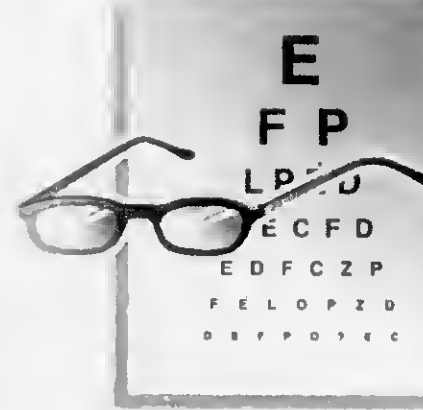
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Trial date set for Family Video robbery

Suspect pleads not guilty to five felonies

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The trial of the man accused of robbing a Charlevoix Family Video clerk at gunpoint has been scheduled for March 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15 of 2007.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, 45-year-old, Daniel Lee Russell of Charlevoix has until Feb. 2, 2007 to change his plea of not



Daniel Lee Russell

guilty if he so chooses. "They (Russell's defense) said that they are going to file a couple motions. They didn't say what they are yet...

one is perhaps the counseling records of some of the witnesses— obviously I would oppose those. The judge would have to make a ruling in the (surveillance) camera and not out in public," Jarema said. "Other than that, we're waiting for some of the lab stuff to come back and we're going to gear up for trial."

He added, "It's really hard

to get counseling records. Obviously the judge would have to make that call. If he wants to go farther, the judge could look at those records in chambers to see if there's anything exculpatory (to clear of guilt or blame) or that would help the defense."

On Sunday, Aug. 27, 21-year-old Bethany Reeves was robbed in the Charlevoix Family Video parking lot by an armed assailant wearing a ski mask.

The alleged gunman stole an estimated \$800 contained in the store's night deposit envelopes before stuffing Reeves in the trunk of her car where she was trapped for 15 to 20 minutes.

Russell's son turned him in nearly two months after the robbery occurred telling po-

lice his father had confessed the crime to him.

If found guilty, Russell could face five felonies: The armed robbery count carries a life sentence or any term of years; the unlawful imprisonment count carries a 15-year sentence; the felony firearm count carries a mandatory consecutive two-year term; the felon in possession of a firearm is a five-year felony; and carrying a weapon with unlawful intent is also a five-year felony.

Russell, whose only prior conviction for larceny by conversion, landed him in jail for 180 days — he was released two weeks before the Family Video crime was committed.

Russell remains lodged in Charlevoix County jail on \$500,000 bond.

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

Crooked Tree offers Holiday Art Bazaar

During the month of December the galleries at the Crooked Tree Arts Center will be filled with the work of over 70 local artisans for the second annual Holiday Art Bazaar.

The Holiday Art Bazaar will be open through Dec. 30 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center located in Petoskey. The center will be closed Dec. 24 through 26 for the holidays.

Subscription paid?

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

Historical society awarded \$34,000 grant for lighthouse

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix's signature lighthouse got a leg up on Dec. 8 when the State Historic Preservation Office announced that financial help is on the way.

The South Pier lighthouse was one of eight to be awarded a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grant for 2007. Of the \$233,300 allocated, the Charlevoix Historical Society, a historic lease holder on the lighthouse property, was given \$34,000 to execute structural repairs. Recipients must provide 50 percent of the grant award as matching funds.

Mary Adams, chairperson of the Keeper of the Light lighthouse restoration committee and a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society finance committee, said the group has raised over \$20,000 and will be able to match the grant.

Half of the money raised came from an anonymous commitment of \$10,000 a year for five years. The other half includes a one-year, \$5,000 anonymous donation and proceeds from the sale of Keeper of the Light memberships and merchandise.

"It (the fund-raising effort) involves the entire community. If you donate a dollar you can help the lighthouse," Adams said.

She explained that the \$51,000 will be directed to roof, window and door repairs, the addition of drainage holes, installation of lowered grates in the floor and metal flashing as well as repairs to the warping steel plate exterior.

While the list sounds extensive, Adams said it's just the tip of the iceberg in relation to the overall project which will cost about \$180,000 over five years. The goal



Funds for the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program which recently announced a \$34,000 grant for repairs of the local lighthouse, are generated through the sale of "Save Our Lights" lighthouse license plates pictured above. Since the program's inception in 2000, more than \$985,000 has been awarded.

to fund two-thirds of the project, or \$120,000, through state grants and the balance through community support. They plan to reapply every year for the state program. Applications are due in August 2007.

Before the group can pursue these repairs they will need to request bids for architectural and engineering drawings. Awarding of all contracts will require the state's blessing, Adams said work will likely extend through 2007 into 2008.

Phase two, which includes removal of paint that may be lead based, will be their most challenging.

"It will make it a little challenging — it's out over the water. There we are hanging in the Lake Michigan breezes. We have to be careful and treat it as if there is lead based paint," Adams said.

This is the second grant the local lighthouse restoration group has received through the state Lighthouse

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The program arose from a concern about the disposal of over 70 lighthouses in Michigan, including Charlevoix's, by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The City of Charlevoix has applied for ownership of the lighthouse which was built in 1948 in Milwaukee, Wis. as an aid to navigation. However, the transfer of title from the Coast Guard to the city won't happen until the Department of Environmental Quality and the Army Corps of Engineers can iron out their ownership issues.

Adams said the two groups are fighting over who owns the land on which the lighthouse sits. The Army Corps owns the pier and the state claims to own the lake.

"We expect to be substantially through the restoration project before title transfers," Adams said.

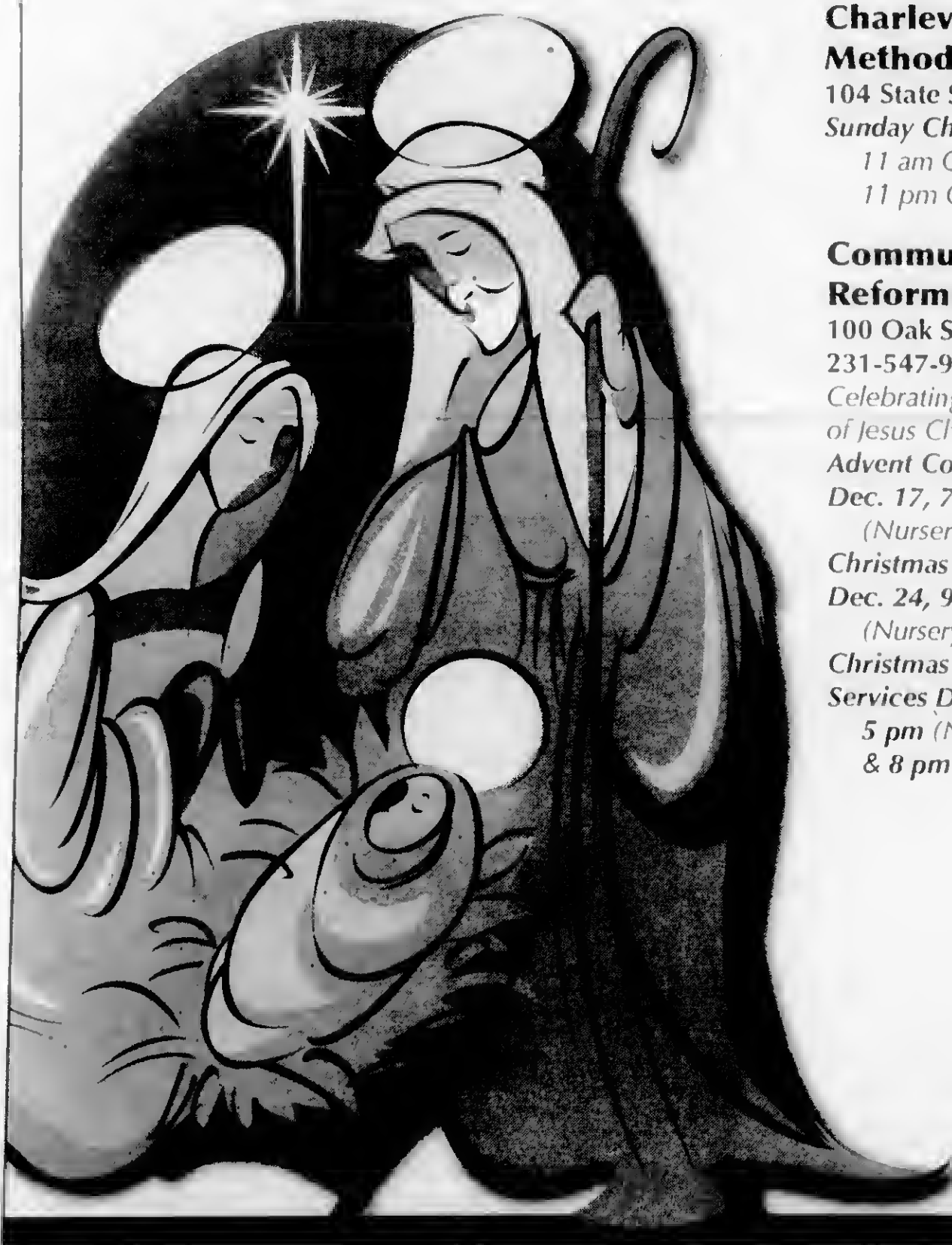
Once the transfer of title takes place, there will be a partnership between the city, as owners and the Charlevoix Historical Society, as stewards. However, the title issue won't slow the project, the Charlevoix Historical Society and the City of Charlevoix share a 25-year historic lease which they entered into in June.

The Coast Guard will continue to operate the light as an aid to navigation and the Army Corps of Engineers will maintain the pier.

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Advent Communion Service
Dec. 17, 7 pm

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Christmas Eve Day Services
Dec. 24, 9:30 & 11am

(Nursery available at both)
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Services Dec. 24,
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held at the Atwood CRC,
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First Congregational Church
101 State St., corner of Park,
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Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services Informal Family
Worship, 7 pm
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Christmas Eve Day, 11 am

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Hwy M-66 in Ironton,
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Pastor Michael Smith
Sunday Dec 17, 11:00 a.m.
Service (10:15 Bible Study)
Sunday Dec 24, Christmas
Eve Candle Light Service
7:00 p.m.

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Charlevoix
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Dec. 25 Christmas Services
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Eucharist Rite II at 7pm
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Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

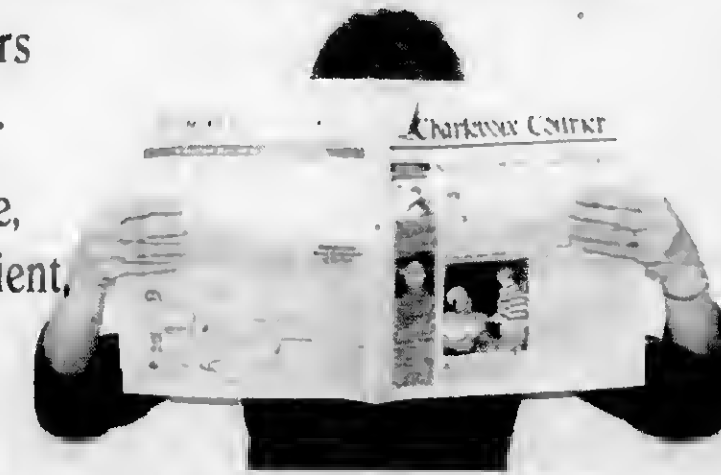
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The Charlevoix County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for **unpaid property taxes.**

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for 10:00am-1:00pm, January 17, 2007 at the Treasurer's Office, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the County Treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 2:15pm, February 16 2007 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Charlevoix County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 06-264-21-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- * You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the** expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
- * You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- * The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by April 2, 2007.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

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The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2006.** The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

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ANDREWS, JOHN Z	014-025-003-25	\$568.75	CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	053-424-002-50	\$1223.08
BAKER, NORMAN	002-011-008-15	\$1210.25	CONOLLY, SHERYL	010-015-005-00	\$8073.14
BAKER, VERA	002-011-008-15	\$1210.25	CROZIER, HARVEY E	002-007-008-25	\$347.05
BANK OF NEW YORK	002-011-008-15	\$1210.25	CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-032-00	\$1640.65
BANKSTON, BRETT A	051-335-089-00	\$79.77	CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-007-011-15	\$2897.59
BANKSTON, MRS. BRETT A	051-335-089-00	\$79.77	CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-002-20	\$245.04
BAYWINDS FED CU	014-005-005-20	\$262.08	CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-002-30	\$245.04
BETTIS, J T	012-125-014-20	\$1105.45	CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-007-10	\$940.05
BETTIS, TRUSTEE OF J T	012-125-014-20	\$1105.45	DEUTSCHE BANK	015-017-007-10	\$483.13
BLAKELY, EDGAR C	012-675-880-00	\$42.25	DODGE, MARTHA	053-423-006-00	\$350.09
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City budget changes on immediate horizon

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Big changes may be coming down the pipe for the City of Charlevoix including hiring of a full-time city attorney, the merger of Charlevoix Township and city emergency groups and funding of recreation through an area authority.

When Charlevoix City Council met with the Charlevoix Citizens Advisory Committee on Dec. 12, they learned that tax hikes aren't on the committee's agenda for solving the city's looming budget woes — cutting the pork is.

"You have to be more critical

from here on out. They (city residents) don't have it (money for higher taxes)," citizens committee member, Chris Papineau, said.

The central theme throughout the committee's lengthy list of recommendations is the need for city offerings like the airport and golf course to break even.

The underlying solution that both groups agreed on is the establishment of a school district-wide recreation authority, similar to that which covers the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, to cover city beaches, Mt. McSaubia and the golf course as well as Charlevoix Township recreation facilities like

Shanahan Field.

The golf course has been in the red for the past couple of years. This year, the city paid \$85,000 from the general fund to operate the course.

Mt. McSaubia is anticipated to draw \$76,000 from the general fund this year.

Third ward councilman, Sherm Chamberlain, said, "If we (the city and surrounding townships) don't work together, we are all going to lose."

The committee's break even or bust philosophy was met with less nods from council as it applies to the Charlevoix Area Chamber

of Commerce. Some committee members said the object of their exercise is to balance the budget and funding the chamber isn't a necessary service.

Currently, the city holds a \$6,700 contract with the chamber to promote the area.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr., said, "You (the citizens advisory committee) were asked to present the good, the bad and the ugly. And it might be saying something no one wants to hear."

"What I took out of this (recommendations with regards to the chamber) is if the city can't afford to run itself and we're looking for

ways to cut, we shouldn't be supporting other people. I think that it's one hand washing the other, you would hope the chamber provides service to the city. It's a balancing act for council."

Some council members were receptive to restructuring the way city attorney services are provided for. Currently, the city contracts with attorney, Jim Young, for \$96,400 per year, plus health care costs which are around \$14,000.

"I see \$200,000 to \$300,000 in legal fees as too much," said Don Voisin, chairman of the Charlevoix Citizens Advisory Committee.

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City Council to integrate citizens committee's budget findings

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Third ward council member, Shirley Gibson, added, "Maybe we need a full-time city attorney for \$75,000 a year to save money."

Another necessary service that may be restructured is the city's fire and rescue system. Carlson said he is working with Charlevoix Township supervisor, Dale Glass, to merge the city and township emergency responders into a fire and rescue authority.

Treasurer for the City of Charlevoix, Rick Brandt said it would save the city money. Currently both the city and township pay annually for future emergency vehicles. This costs the city \$30,000 a year.

Other areas the committee recommended reviewing are health care costs and salaries, the electric department which faces the indefinite realities of deregulation and the airport.

The recommendations did not fall on deaf ears and will not lie fallow for long. City council agreed to include the advisory committee during upcoming discussions of the 2007-2008 city budget.

"You guys are the foundation for maintaining the quality of life for the Charlevoix area and that's the

good thing about the committee. You've looked at things and pointed out how we can maintain that quality without burdening the taxpayers at a greater amount," Chamberlain said.

Voisin added, "Hopefully, our time will end up being a win-win situation for all the taxpayers in Charlevoix."

The Citizens Advisory Committee was formed in November 2005.

Committee members are Kirby Dipert, Bill Bellows, Pete Phillips, Don Voisin, Ken Staley, Curt Thompson, Ed Johnson, June Cross, Birdie Whitley, Tom Conlan, Chris Papineau, Dan Nuttle, John Elzinga and students Kevin Greyerbiehl, Chuck Mason and Caitlin Cole.

The group met over 20 times from November 2005 to the present to review operating procedures and city department budgets to establish these cost cutting recommendations.

Budget projections show the city will be short about \$50,000 in its general fund by 2008. Currently, city manager Mike Wiesner said the city is supplementing the general fund with infrastructure dollars to get it to the break even point. Over the past two years, \$220,000 has been turned over to the general fund from the infrastructure millage.

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County resident victim of recent mail order bride scam

A Charlevoix County resident was scammed out of thousands of dollars by a female and her co-conspirators from the Republic of Ghana.

The Charlevoix County male resident became involved with the female from Ghana through a dating service on the Internet.

After they met on-line, photos of two strong boxes full of gold bricks that would be the Charlevoix County citizen's once the couple were married were exchanged.

The Charlevoix County citizen then received a request that he Western Union the Ghana perpetrator \$10,000 to be used for making preparations to come to the U.S. And this request was complied with.

An additional \$17,000 request followed so she could pay her attorney for the gold transfer before leaving for Charlevoix County. This

request was not complied with.

The perpetrator in Ghana sent photographs of the proposed wife-to-be along with documents that were forged including a passport, a traditional marriage certificate, a certificate of deportation from a security company and photographs of gold bars.

The Charlevoix County citizen came to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Lasater confirmed with the FBI this was a scam and there is no possibility of prosecuting the scam artist in Ghana because there is no way of regaining the Charlevoix County citizen's money due to lack of infrastructure of enforcement in the Republic.

The citizen wanted to go public to hopefully educate and save other citizens from being taken advantage of and going through the same financial loss and emotional crisis.

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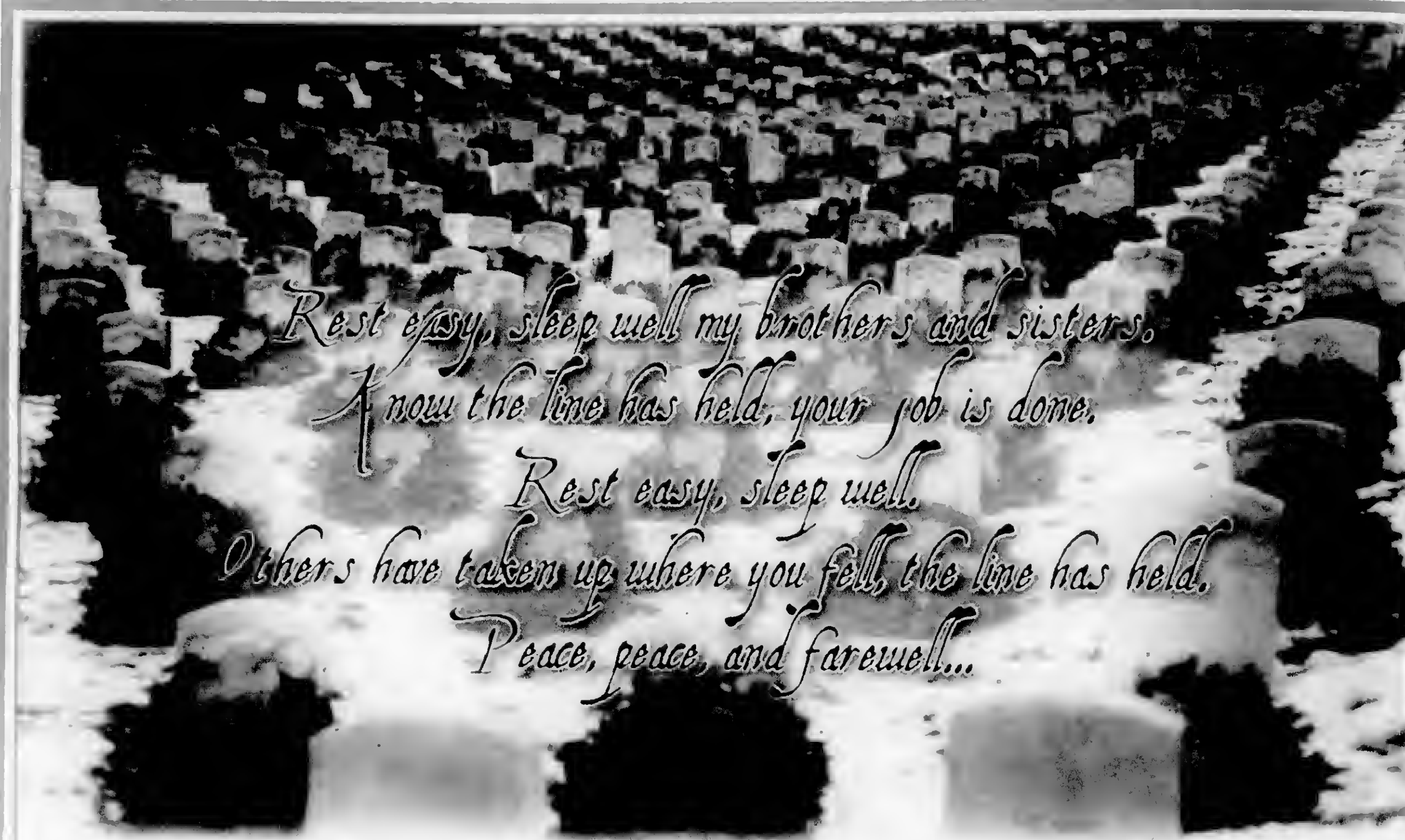
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The wreath picture tells a wonderful Christmas story and that story is of a small wreath maker in Harrington, Maine. Its caring owner Merrill Worcester, came up with the idea of having his company donate and place some 5,000 wreaths on the tombstones of the fallen in Arlington Cemetery. He has done this for 15 years. So even though these young men and women who have given their lives for us and their last measure of devotion. They are not forgotten this Christmas Holiday even though they are no longer with us. This is an example of humanity and caring that all of us show to others, particularly during the Christmas season.

Karen and I visited Arlington Cemetery this week to help lay these wreaths. I hope that you have a chance to visit Arlington Cemetery to see the memorial wreaths – it is very sad but also very heart warming. To help a little bit next year Karen and I are going to match the wreaths that have been given by Mr. Worcester. For 5,000 wreaths only represent a small fraction of those heroes that are buried there. In your Christmas prayers on Christmas day, please mention all of those that rest in peace in this sacred ground.

With thankful hearts and in the Christmas spirit this little wreath company in Harrington, Maine has shown us all the meaning of Christmas.
 Merry Christmas to you and your family.

*Bill and Karen Schuling
 Charlevoix, Michigan*



Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Sounds of the season

In a tradition which goes back more than 15 years, teachers, administrators and support staff of the Charlevoix Public Schools sang Christmas carols for the residents of Boulder Park Terrace.

Three CHS band students honored by state association

Charlevoix High School band students were recently selected to perform in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District Honors Band concert which took place on Dec. 3 in the auditorium at Gaylord High School.

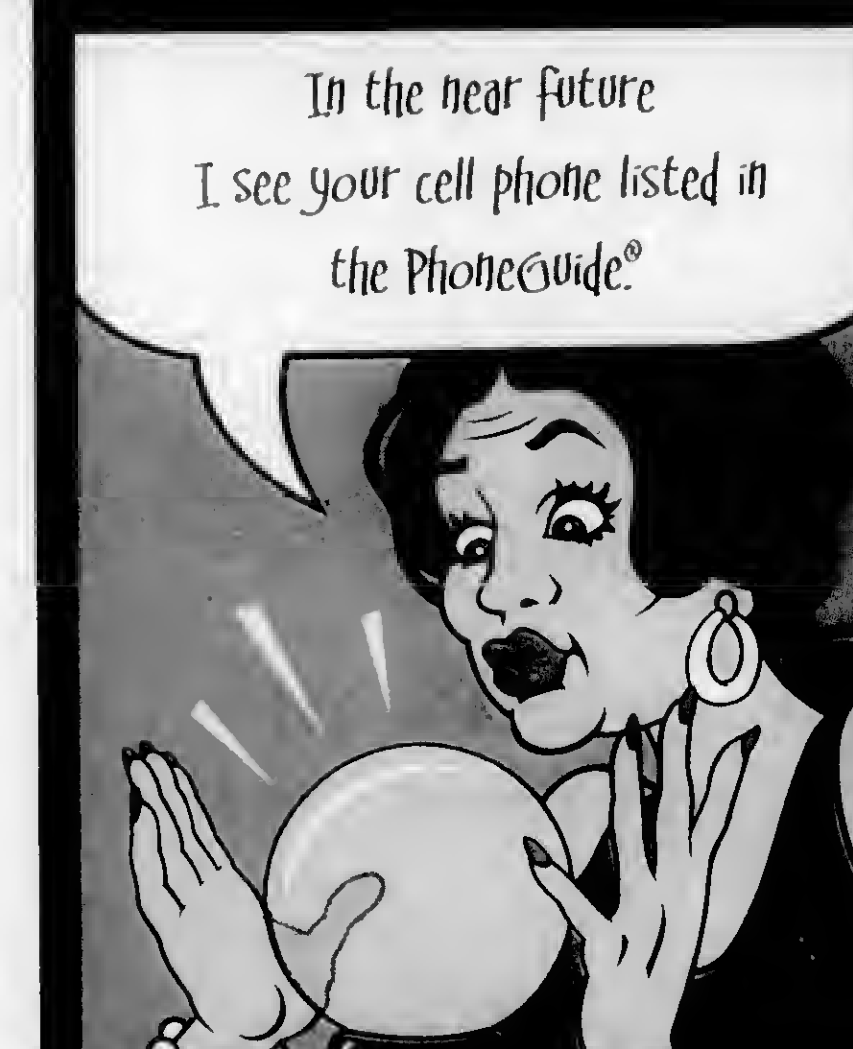
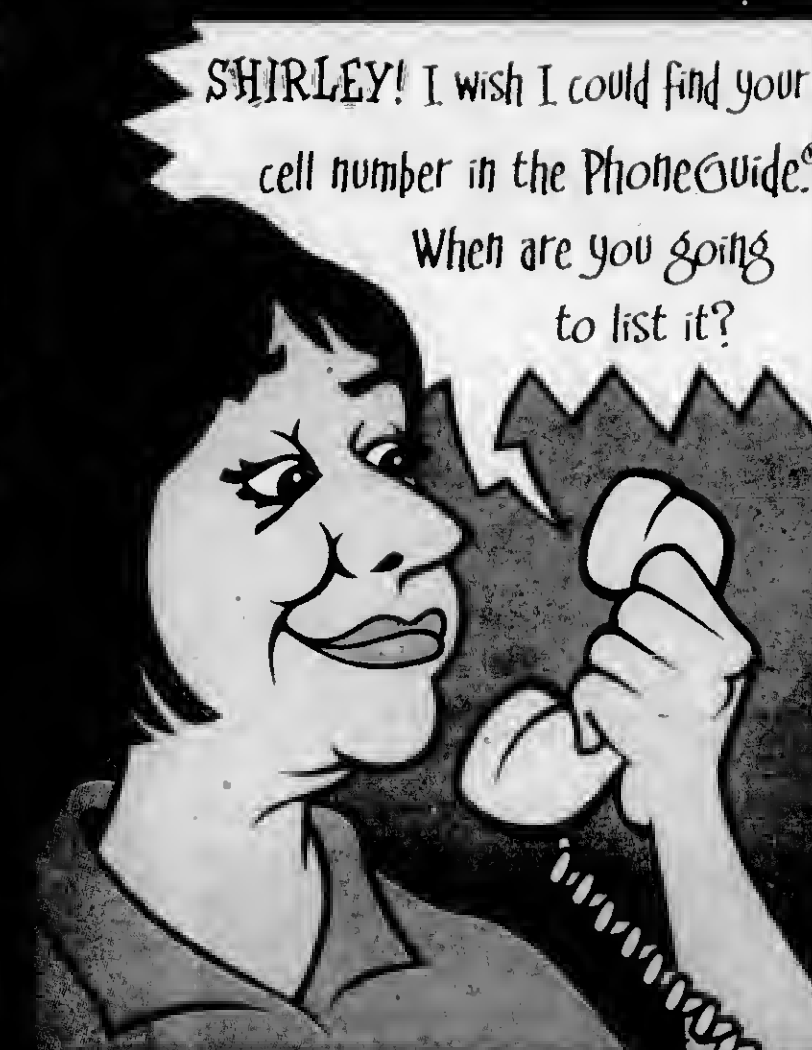
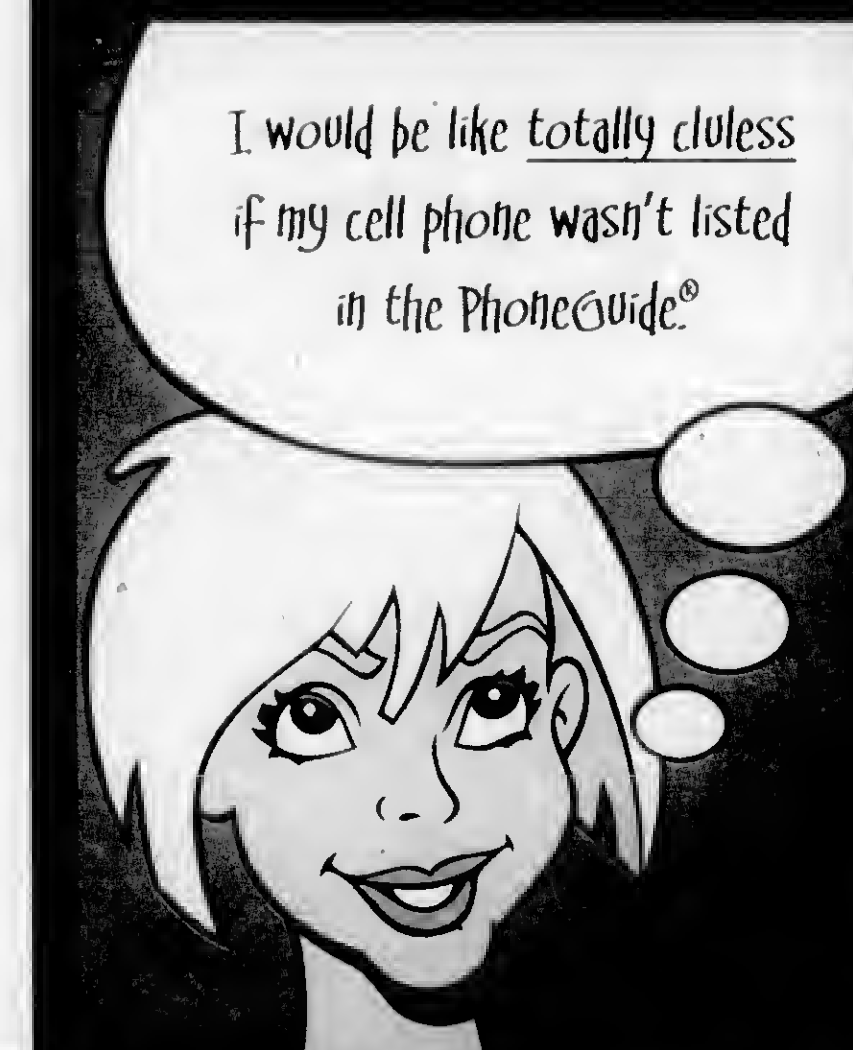
Charlevoix students, Alina Dhasleer on flute, Elizabeth Kur on oboe and Emily Westenbroek on trumpet were three of over 300 students from 30 schools who audi-

tioned in November at Charlevoix High School to be a part of this 88-member ensemble.

This fine group of musicians rehearsed with acclaimed director, Joe Dobos of Lapeer, on Saturday Dec. 2 and performed a concert the very next day.

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Knights of Columbus establishes charitable fund

When the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council sold its building on Bells Bay Road recently, members knew they wanted to put the proceeds to good use — and that's just what they've done.

A new charitable fund called The Father Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council 7172 Endowment has been established at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to benefit worthy causes in the Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Central Lake areas.

"We wanted to recognize and reward all those who have sustained the Knights over the years, and this was an excellent solution," said Steven W. Seely, Grand Knight of the council. "Our fund creates an ongoing legacy that honors our founders, says 'thank you' to our community, and allows us to continue supporting the ideals we believe in — youth, family, parish, community and council."

The fund is donor-advised, which will let Knights continue their involvement in directing what kinds of projects to support and how grants will be made. Individuals can also help the fund grow by making tax-deductible contributions — something that had not been possible under the Knights of Columbus existing tax status.

In the past few years, rental revenue from the Knights of Columbus hall had fallen, while expenses for property maintenance continued to increase. Seely says members of the organization looked at a number of alternatives before deciding to sell. Once that conclusion was reached, the Knights faced the issue of how to reinvest the building's assets.

"The officers of the Knights Council are to be applauded for facing a big challenge and making a tough decision. Their vote to remove the burden of property management and establish this fund was a vote for responsible stewardship, gratitude, and unselfishness on behalf of the entire council. Five, 10, 20 years down the road, this endowment fund will be a valuable and visible resource for our community."

Foundation president, Bob Tambellini, who helped the council create their fund, concurs.

"This is a wonderful example of far-reaching vision and re-directing change into something positive. All of us are grateful to the Knights for their generous act that will accomplish so much good for their community now,

and in the future," Tambellini said.

The Knights of Columbus is now moving back to St. Mary's Church Parish Center, where they will hold monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday

of each month. Meanwhile, the Knights plan to continue traditional fundraising activities — including a Free-throw Contest to benefit youth in mid-January, a Bowling Tournament in February and the popular Annual Cash

Raffle Party this spring. Seely says money raised will be directed to the new fund — "a win-win for everyone."

For more information about upcoming Knights of Columbus events, call Steve Seely at (231)

547-5125. Additional information about their fund, or other charitable funds, is available by calling the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, (231) 536-2440, or visiting the foundation's Web site at www.c3f.org.

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Christ Episcopal Church introduces new priest at homecoming service



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This Christmas Eve, Christ Episcopal Church will be celebrating a Community Homecoming service led by its new priest, Fr. John S. David, pictured above with his wife, Sue David.

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Fr. David was named pastor during transition by the vestry of Christ Episcopal and approved by Rev. Robert R. Geper, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan.

Fr. David was born in Aurora, Ill. and received his bachelor's degree at Depauw University in Greencastle, Ind. and his mas-

ters of divinity at the University South in Sewanee, Tenn.

Fr. David served as an Episcopal priest in Lakeland, Fla., Norris, Tenn., Ruston, La., Sitka, Ark. and Muskegon before coming to Charlevoix.

He is married to Susan and they have four sons, Michael, Christopher, Daniel and Mark.

The candlelight Christmas Eve service will begin at 6:30 p.m. with carol singing followed by Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

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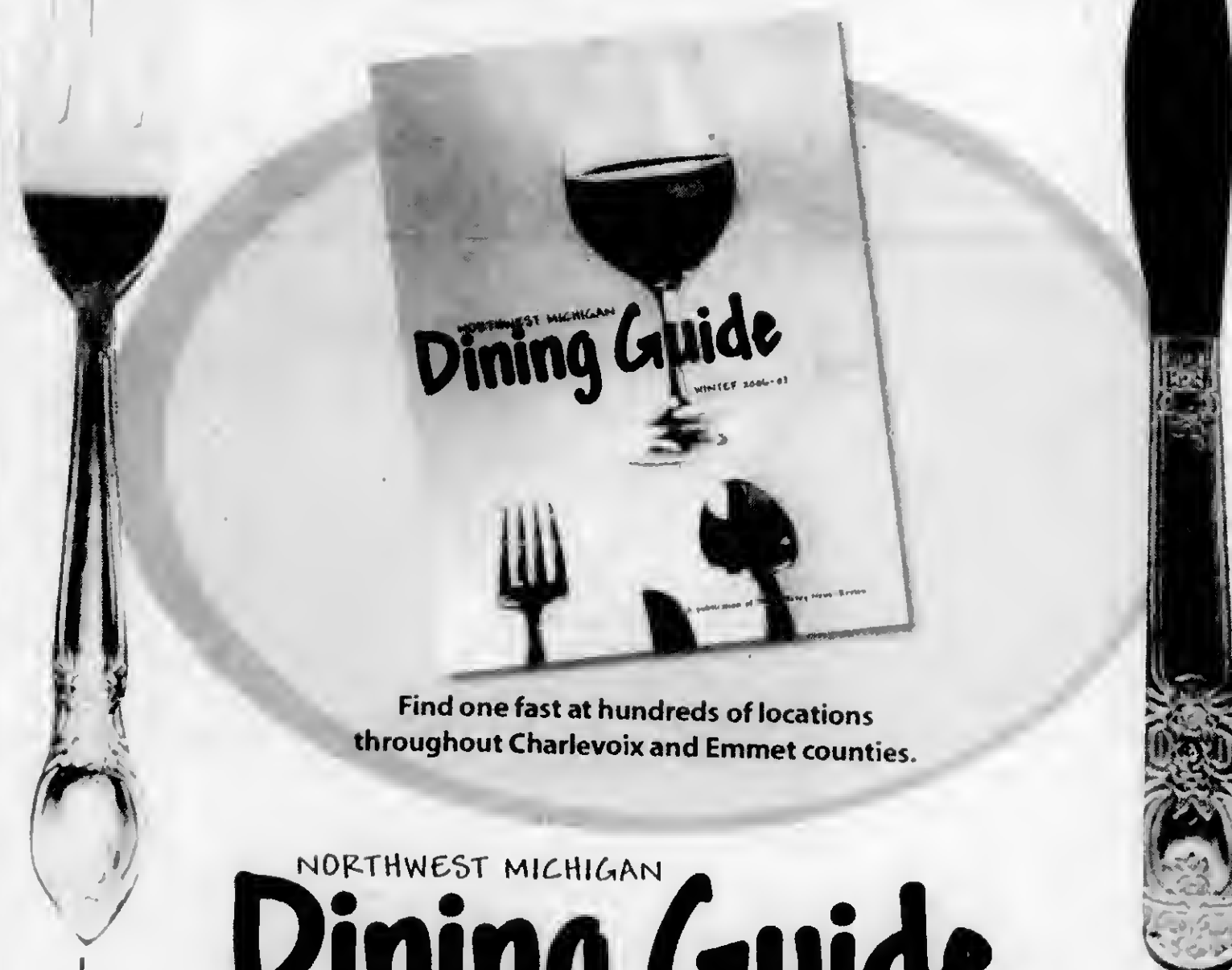
Santa band's got rhythm

(Above, left) Santa, played by Northwest Academy junior, Gary Totoni, blows the baritone saxophone during the advanced band's rendition of a classic holiday tune during Northwest Academy's 11th Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 12. More than 200 people attended the performances given by members of the beginning, intermediate and advanced bands. (Above, right) Seventh-grader, Micaela Watros, plays her solo on the flute.

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VPN, Boyne Realty merge with Prudential Preferred Realtors

On Dec. 5, Vacation Properties Network and Boyne Realty of Emmet and Charlevoix counties announced its merger with Prudential Preferred Realtors of west Michigan.

The seven northern offices, with over 70 agents, will operate as Prudential Preferred Properties Network. Prudential Preferred Realtors will continue to operate in west Michigan under its existing name. Combined, Prudential Preferred Realtors and Prudential Preferred Properties Network will be the largest Prudential franchise on the Great Lakes with a sales team of over 420 agents and 19 offices.

"This is a culmination of four years of discussions and planning between VPN/Boyne and Prudential Preferred Realtors," explains Steve Fase, president and owner of Prudential Preferred. "We have been looking to establish a presence in northern Michigan, and there was no better way than to join forces with the area's leader. This is one of the country's most beautiful areas, and we are thrilled to link up with VPN — Boyne's outstanding team of

real estate professionals. There are also many opportunities for referrals between both of our regions."

According to Rik Lohenherz, president and owner of Vacation Properties Network and Boyne Realty. "Both Steve and I are equally excited about the dynamics of this new partnership. Prudential Preferred Realtors is on the cutting edge of technology and systems to help us better serve our customers and clients and to continue to grow and thrive. We are taking the best of what we can offer, and the best of what they can offer, and creating a more effective way to support our agents

and be more productive for our clients."

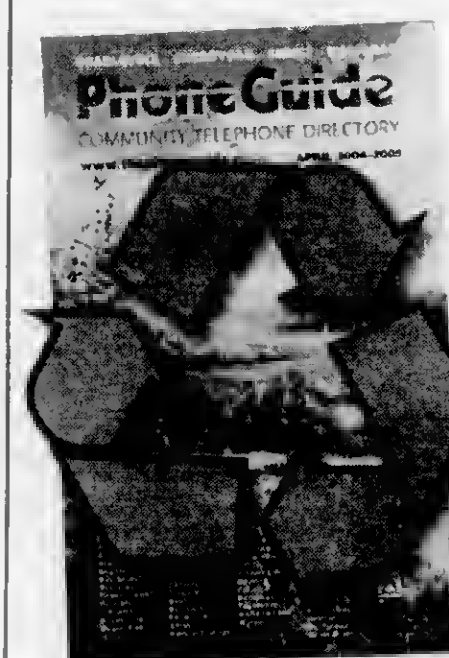
The merger creates the only real estate company to span from the Michigan-Indiana border to the Straits of Mackinac.

Along with Prudential Preferred Properties Network's presence throughout northern Michigan, it has offices in Grand Rapids, Rockford, Howard City, Kalamazoo, Portage, Battle Creek, Richland, Plainwell, Three Rivers and South Haven. Find out more and view over 20,000 Michigan properties at www.ppmi.com.



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Owners of Prudential Preferred Properties Network (from left) Rik Lohenherz and Steve Fase stand outside the Charlevoix Vacation Properties Network office at Bridge Street and Park Avenue.



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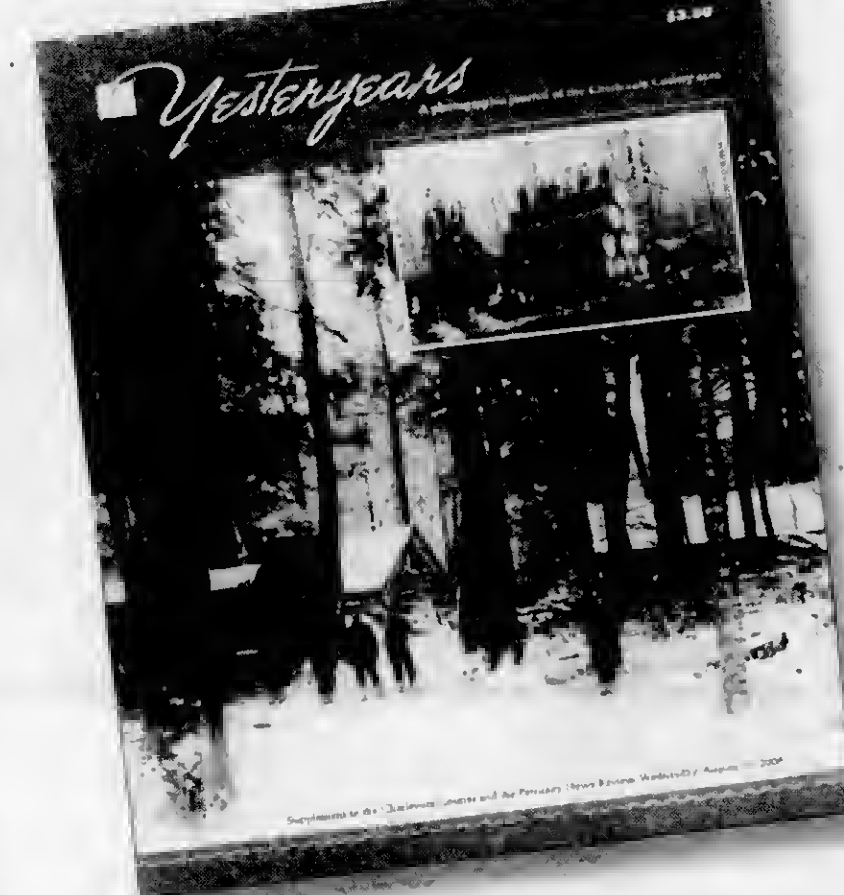
The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a retail promotion that will help men shop and should ensure ladies get just what they want during the holidays.

The 4th Annual Men's Night event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21 in downtown Charlevoix.

Ladies are asked to visit downtown merchants before Dec. 21 and build a shopping wish list. Their special someone will then be contacted and invited to Men's Night to fulfill Christmas wishes.

Men will enjoy personalized service, refreshments and free gift wrapping in participating stores.

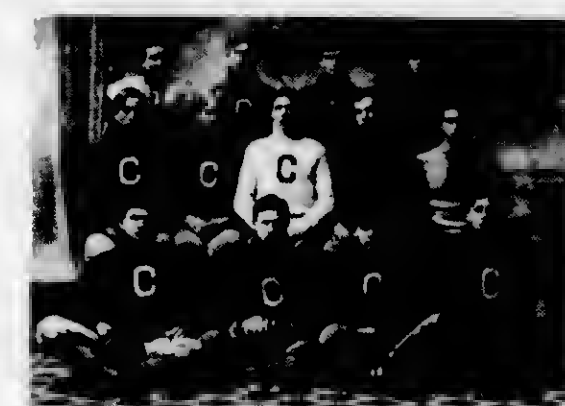
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Laurie Hughes is back on the bagel scene

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Lottie's locally legendary bagels are back.

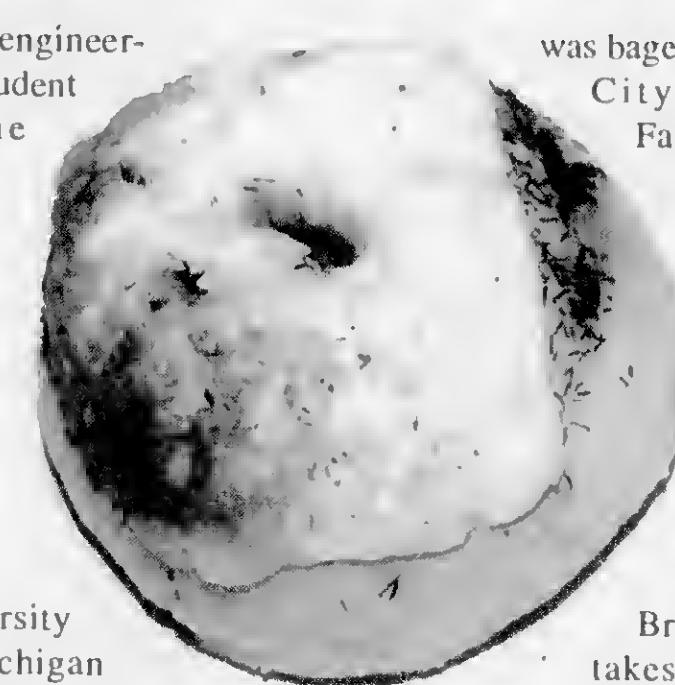
Laurie Hughes, a longtime Charlevoix resident who owned and operated Lottie's Bagels from 1995-1997 in downtown Charlevoix, has resurrected her bagel business.

According to Hughes, slow business isn't what ended her Bridge Street bagel shop, booming business was. She said she opted to close the store in 1997 when the stress of working 12 hour days and raising her two children was more than she wanted to take on.

"It was chaotic — it just wasn't worth it," she said.

Since then, she has worked full-time in banking and now as a payroll administrator with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. With her 23-year-old daughter, Emily Hughes out on her own and her 17-year-old son, Ian, preparing for his first year

as an engineering student at the



University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Hughes said she saw an opportunity to make college tuition cash by resurrecting her once profitable bagel business from her licensed commercial kitchen in her home.

In June, she reopened Lottie's Bagels from her home at 604 Bridge St., which is also the location of her husband Greg's established antiques store, Shop of All Crafters, which specializes in mission furniture. After opening, her first order of business

was bagel sales at Boyne City's Saturday Farmer's Market. She baked and sold 300 bagels there in two hours.

She now sells her bagels locally at Woolly Bugger coffee shop on Bridge Street and takes phone and e-mail orders of all sizes from just a bag of bagels to dozens.

Mouthwatering varieties include plain, parmesan, lemon pepper, jalapeno jack, cranberry, raisin cinnamon, mustard salt, salt, sesame, everything and cheddar dill.

The business that has bloomed to include sweet and salty varieties of bagels actually started with croissants. In 1990, Hughes bought a new cookbook and set out to become a croissant creator.



Photo by Julie Witthoft

After six hours of work for a batch of croissants that lasted about 15 minutes, she searched the book for another recipe and that's when she stumbled across the ingredients and steps that have made her a bonafide bagel haker.

(Left) Pictured with a sample plate of her famous homemade bagels is Laurie Hughes, owner and baker of the locally legendary, Lottie's Bagels. After a break from the bagel business, Hughes is offering them once again.

Lottie's Bagels are offered baked and frozen. Frozen options are sold in big and small quantities, can be used over time and served fresh out of the oven at home. The cost for fresh or frozen orders is \$1 each or \$10 a dozen.

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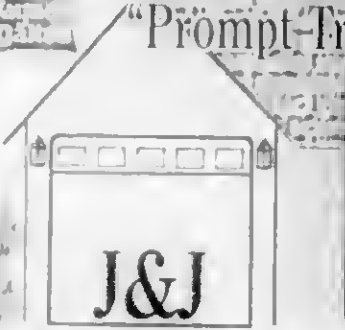
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Chairman announced for broadband council



Eric
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Broadband Council. Grandstaff holds the position of Director of Library and Academic Technologies

at North Central Michigan College (NCMC). He is also a charter member of the Link NLEA Broadband Council.

"Our area is fortunate to have someone with Eric's skills, dedication and leadership abilities lead this effort. He is respected throughout the region and within technology circles," said Northern Lakes Economic Alliance president, Andy Hayes.

"We're looking forward to making a four-county high speed broadband (Internet) expansion effort in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan

and Emmet counties for the private and public sectors, as well as the increased demand for high speed residential and home business Internet services," said Grandstaff. "We'll not only focus on the need for high speed Internet in our service area, but the global business services and positive economic impact Internet will have upon our region. We also intend to take some of the 'mystique' out of what Internet means to a small business here in northern Michigan, so that everyone has reasonable access to it and knows how to use it effectively."

The Link NLEA Broadband Council was formed by the Board of the NLEA after the completion of the LinkNLEA Report in 2004. This report, funded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, is a telecommunication's strategy designed to improve the availability, cost and quantity of advanced Internet and telecommunications services in the NLEA service area.

The Link NLEA Broadband Council acts as an advocate of broadband matters within both the

public and private sectors of the area. The council encourages the education of broadband technologies among local leaders.

NLEA is a public/private non-profit partnership for economic development throughout Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties. Its core mission is to create and retain jobs within the region. NLEA has determined that the dissemination of broadband in its four-county area is a key factor for local businesses to be able to remain competitive with other parts of the state and nationwide.

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Beaver Island Islanders were more than ready to welcome the Ojibwe Eagles and to get their winter seasons started. The Islanders volleyball and basketball teams both easily dispatched the Eagles Friday night, Dec. 15, then repeated the feat Saturday morning. The volleyball team claimed a 25-6, 25-5, 25-12 win Friday, then followed up the next day with an equally impressive 25-19, 25-9, 25-7 match victory. The Islanders basketball squad also flew past the Eagles, winning Friday night 61-36, and Saturday morning 67-51. (Above) Beaver Island junior, Dan Runberg, sails towards the basket during Friday night action against the Ojibwe Eagles. Runberg finished with 10 points.

Rayder basketball opens season with three straight wins

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders opened their season with three straight wins, two in non-conference play against Glen Lake, 77-46 and Suttons Bay, 80-76 and one in league play, 95-82 over Harbor Springs.

"It has been a good start," Rayder coach, Keith Haske, said. Charlevoix started fast against Glen Lake, leading 7-0 minutes into the game, but the Lakers battled back to trim the lead to 15-11 after the first quarter of play. Glen Lake took its first lead of the game at 16-15 with 6:16 left in the half and moments later led 17-16.

Haske responded by putting in his "pirate" group off the bench, consisting of Darren Munson, Chase Beatty, Brad Cyr, Nate LaBlance and Jared Hunt.

The pirates forced a flurry of Laker turnovers and translated them into eight straight points — a bucket by Beatty, a Hunt lay-up off a LaBlance assist, two Beatty free throws and a LaBlance drive off the glass, to take a 24-17 lead.

The game was never again in doubt as Glen Lake never pulled any closer than five.

"We were real lethargic in the first half and let them back into the game," Haske said. "I thought we played a very good second half

though. Our bench really gave us a big spark in the second quarter and got us going."

Mitch Crandall led the Rayders with 19 points, eight rebounds, eight steals and three assists. Corey Gotshall scored 13 points.

Derek Friske had nine points. Ty Haske had eight points, nine assists and five steals.

The Suttons Bay contest was tighter, with Charlevoix leading 23-19 after one quarter but clinging only to a 40-39 half-time lead. The Rayders trailed 57-56 headed into the final stanza.

"It was a strange game," Haske commented. "There were a lot of fouls called, we couldn't be real aggressive."

Crandall again was the leading scorer with 25 points. Gotshall had 16 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists. Friske scored nine points. Haske dished out 11 assists.

In their Lake Michigan Conference opener at Harbor, Charlevoix got out to an early lead and never looked back. The

Rayders led by seven after the first quarter and 13 at the half.

Charlevoix extended the lead to 70-51 after three quarters but the Rams cut the lead to 10 early in the fourth quarter.

"It was a typical Charlevoix-Harbor Springs game," Haske noted. "It was up and down, back and forth, with both teams pressing."

"I thought we played well for three quarters but made some poor decisions in the first half of the fourth quarter."

Crandall led all scorers with 28 points. He also pulled down 11 rebounds and had four steals. Haske also posted a double-double with 12 points and 15 assists.

Friske contributed 12 points and five rebounds. Cliff Jones had six assists. Trevor Mays added eight points.

Before breaking for the holidays, Charlevoix (3-0 overall, 1-0 conference) hosted Grayling in league action on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Results will be in next week's Courier.

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DEC. 21 MEN'S NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a retail promotion that will help men shop and should ensure ladies get just what they want during the holidays.

The 4th Annual Men's Night event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21 in downtown Charlevoix.

Ladies are asked to visit downtown merchants before Dec. 21 and build a shopping wish list. Their special someone will then be contacted and invited to Men's Night to fulfill Christmas wishes.

Men will enjoy personalized service, refreshments and free gift wrapping in participating stores.

DEC. 21 PRIME RIB LUNCH

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host a free community prime rib lunch buffet from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 21. The church is located at 104 State St. For more information, call Susan Mossman at (231) 582-6539.

DEC. 22 AND 23 A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will present a delightfully comedic version of the classic Cinderella story with a seasonal twist.

A Cinderella Christmas, will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22 and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 at historic Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for senior citizens. Seating will be limited so those wanting to attend

are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance by calling (231) 237-9686 or purchase online at www.ragamuffintheatre.com.

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FREE FROM SMOKING

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking.

This is program will provide support, guidance and advice to those who are ready to quit.

The free, eight session, seven-week program, starts Jan. 9 and ends Feb. 27 and will be conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sessions will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 1, 6, 13 and 27.

To register, call (231) 547-8672 or send an e-mail to potterm@cab.org.

CROOKED TREE ART BAZAAR

During the month of December the galleries at the Crooked Tree Arts Center will be filled with the work of over 70 local artisans for the second annual Holiday Art Bazaar.

The Holiday Art Bazaar will be open through Dec. 30 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center located in Petoskey. The center will be closed Dec. 24 through 26 for the holidays.

FIVE WISHES

A Five Wishes document can help you start the conversation about your end-of-life wishes with your family members. Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or Hospice of Northwest Michigan (231) 547-6092 for a copy of Five Wishes to start the conversation when you gather with your family this Thanksgiving season.

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN BACKGAMMON CLUB

Robert Townsend, of Petoskey, is organizing a Northern Michigan Backgammon Club. The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Horizon Book Store in Petoskey. Contact Robert at (231) 622-2040.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

Fall and winter hours at the Harsha House Historical Museum are from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

GRANGE AUCTION

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in spring 2007 in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

LADIES ONLY SWIM

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is \$3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the

first Thursday of every month and deliver them to home-bound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRY

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix. Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE DEC. 11, 2006				CHURCH LEAGUE - DEC. 13, 2006				TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES DEC. 12, 2006				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES DEC. 14, 2006			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
J. Arnold Painting "A"	35	21		Ferguson & Chamberlain	411	259		Charlevoix Foot Clinic	37	23		Mary O'Brien	596	196	
Selph Trucking	33	23		State Farm Insurance	413	267		Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	34	26		Diane Spigel	463		
St. Mary's Cement	31	25		Paul Bunyan Lanes	382	318		St. Mary's Cement	33	27		Jane Holm	551	208	
B. VanLoon & Sons	29	27		R & C Roofing	352	348		DM Construction	33	27		Mary Keen	175		
Paul Bunyan Lanes	29	27		Lakeshore Tire	297	343		Paul Bunyan Lanes	29.5	30.5					
But's Budds	28	28		Lutherans	305	395		Mary Ann's Takeout	28	32					
J. Arnold Painting "2"	27	29		St. Mary's	297	403		Oleson's Food Store	23	37		Spermetime	41	15	
The Flight Deck	12	44		Mark White Paint & Stain	287	413		Central Drug Store	22.5	37.5		Alley Cats	31	25	
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES				YOUNG AT HEARTS DEC. 14, 2006			
Chuck Pop	663	253		John Fiedorek	609	236		June Kunkle	557			Half & Half	27	29	
Del Hart	591	223		Casey Crain	211			Mary O'Brien	533	216		Past Times	27	29	
John Fiedorek	568			Chuck Stein	211			Janice Thanasu	209			Mistifs	24	32	
John Lignell	214			Tom Scott	564			Connie Wood	204			Haz Beens	24	32	
				Bill Gengle	557			Marlene Evans	526			Irish Rollers	19	37	
GUTTER GALLS - DEC. 14, 2006				GUTTER GALLS - DEC. 14, 2006				GUTTER GALLS - DEC. 14, 2006				GUTTER GALLS - DEC. 14, 2006			
W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game	W	L	Series	Game
Burger King of Charlevoix	161	139		Mo Dixon	578	222		Burger King of Charlevoix	161	139		Don Bamback	533	220	
Argonne Supper Club	158	142		Eldon Potter	533	220		Argonne Supper Club	158	142		Don Wells	506		
Paul Bunyan Lanes	147	153		Audrey Trimble	455	172		Paul Bunyan Lanes	147	153		Audrey Trimble	455	172	
Laural & Company	134	166		Zittle Kisson	191	463		Laural & Company	134	166		Zittle Kisson	191	463	
				Shirley Flower	458	176						Shirley Flower	458	176	

Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Contact the City Manager's Office at (231)547-3270 for complete job description and additional information. Submit application and background investigation authorization form to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Will accept applications until January 5, 2007. Applications and background waiver forms are available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE

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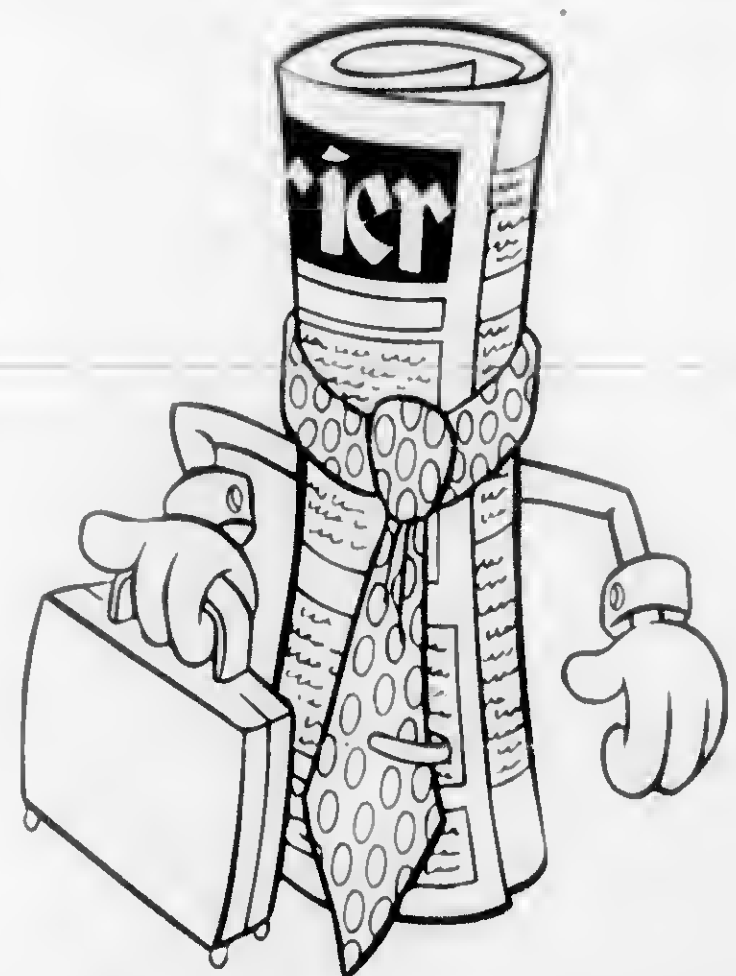
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Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by JOHN ANDREWS, JR., a single man, Mortgagee, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2003, and recorded December 18, 2003, at Libran 590, Page 290, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of \$54,296.89, including interest at 7% per annum.

Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a 5/8 inch rod at the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the North line of said Section (as monumented) North 88°27'57" West 1308.17 feet to a 1 inch pipe on the East 1/8 line of said Section (as monumented); thence along said East 1/8 line South 15°36'4" West 1079.64 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence parallel with the North 1/8 line of said Section, South 88°32'26" East 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of Sloop Road; thence continuing South 88°32'26" East 201.34 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'55" West 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing South 1°35'55" West 33.00 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said North 1/8 line North 88°32'26" West 234.40 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said East 1/8 line North 1°36'44" East 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 - CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: December 1, 2006

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

BY: Michael J. Corcoran (P41254)
 Running Wise & Ford, P.L.C.
 201 State Street, PO Box 490
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 (231)547-8990
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NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of CLEMENT FRANK OLACH, Decedent.
 Date of Birth: February 4, 1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Clement Frank Olach, the decedent, who lived at 08060 Charlevoix View Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on September 30, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be for-

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ever barred unless presented to Betty June Olach, Successor Trustee of the Clement Frank Olach Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: December 14, 2006

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
 Attorney at Law
 103 Belvedere Avenue
 Charlevoix, MI 49720
 (231)547-9941

Betty June Olach
 Successor Trustee
 % Hoffman & Hoffman
 103 Belvedere Avenue
 Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION FILE NO. 06-011052-LG

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of Cory Andrew Higbee.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: * Ernest Higbee whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose:

The Petition (s) filed by Tammy Speigl requesting that Wendy and Joe Whelen or another suitable person be appointed Limited Guardian/Standby for the above-captioned person.

Date: December 13, 2006

Tammy Speigl
 1447 Pleasant Avenue
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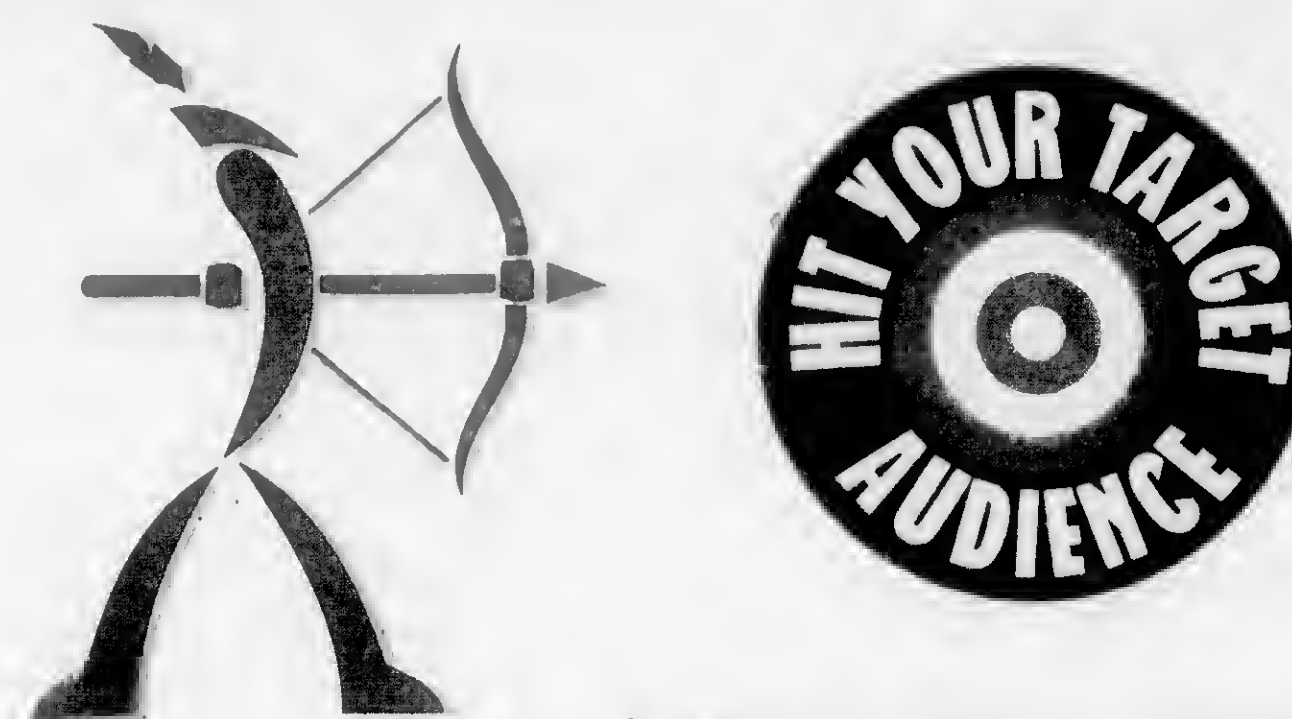
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City loses CCMS appeal

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix is not off the hook in a check error costing the city more than \$123,000.

The Michigan Court of Appeals reversed the decision by Charlevoix Circuit Court judge Richard Patjas.

Patjas ruled in the city's favor, resulting in a reimbursement from the city's insurance provider, the Michigan

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Gennett questions carnival safety

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Lyle Gennett, isn't letting his campaign promise of ensuring the safety of the Venetian Festival carnival sit still for long.

Days after being elected to council in November, Gennett asked city manager, Mike Wiesner, and

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All I want for Christmas...

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, students at Charlevoix Elementary School performed their annual Christmas concert. (Above, left) Kaitlyn Schwenke and Thomas Rudolph, kindergartners in Diane Priess' class, perform the one and only Turkey Tango. (Above, right) Sara McClanathan, a second grader in Roxann Roberts' class, belts out her favorite holiday tunes.

Live fire plan off agenda, for now

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

You will not see Coast Guard machine guns blazing on the waters of the Great Lakes — for now.

Rear Admiral John E. Crowley Jr., commander of the Ninth

Coast Guard District, announced on Monday, Dec. 18 that the plan for 34 proposed live fire training zones has been withdrawn after 900 comments pertaining to the proposal were filed with the federal register.

"We removed this current rule making (procedure) and right

now we're looking at ways to make sure our Coast Guard men and women are ready for homeland security and maritime security missions," said Chief Petty Officer, Robert Lanier, assistant public affairs officer for the Ninth Coast Guard District. "We're looking at some of the public

input and suggestions made and through the public meetings and we're starting from scratch on a new plan."

He added, "We understand the public's concerns, but also recognize the necessity for our

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Dec. 19	36	31	—
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Dec. 21	42	32	—
Dec. 22	39	33	.03
Dec. 23	45	35	.7
Dec. 24	40	35	tr

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Dustin Gerald Schrader, 22, Boyne City. Failure to stop and identify a personal injury accident. Serve 180 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve 20 days, 150 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine testing; not to consume or be in possession of alcohol or controlled substances; \$1,405 in fines and costs.

Martha Lynn Noeske, 29, Vanderbilt. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling \$260.

Michael Gene Farley, 47, Charlevoix. Drunk and disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling \$350.

Thomas Edward Crego, 50, East Jordan. Motor vehicle driver transporting open intoxicant. Fines and costs totaling \$400.

Christopher Adam Jones, 22, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve six days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine testing; attend five Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week; not to consume or possess alcohol or controlled substances; \$1,080 in fines and costs.

Rachel Star Mobilo, 21, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol—third offense. To serve 10 days of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine testing; \$650 in fines and costs.

Michael Thomas Kucera, 29, Boyne Falls. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling \$600.

James Ryan Larsen, 18, Boyne City. Minor driving with a blood alcohol content. Serve 10 days of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine testing; \$580 in fines and costs.

Kari Louise Legato, 24, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine testing; not to consume or be in possession of alcohol or controlled substances; \$780 in fines and costs.

Cathy Lynn Hunt, 38, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine testing; not to consume or be in possession of alcohol or controlled substances; \$780 in fines and costs.

Thomas Edward Hart, 49, East Jordan. Violation of East Jordan ordinance/accumulated junk, trash, refuse. Fines and costs totaling \$300.

Donna Marie Harrington, 54, Royal Oak. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling \$522.80; not to enter Shop of the Gulls.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Engrave-n-stain.com, 00088 South Shore Drive, Boyne City, by Kevin Bumell

Boyne City Food Pantry, 401 State St., Boyne City, by Paul Wise

Pole Barn Performance, 5880 Maple Hill Road, Walloon Lake, by Dennis Mousseau

Ada's Health Care Services, 09113 Graham Road, East Jordan, by Ada Medina

Applewoods, 28489 South End Road, Beaver Island, by Edward Wojan

Reputable Home Inspection LLC, 04775 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, East Jordan, by Joseph Ignatowski

McDowell's Handyman Service, 01117 Anderson Road, Boyne City, by Evan McDowell

MacGregor Consulting, 5685 Ridgeland Road, Charlevoix, by Susan MacGregor

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Katherine Brown vs. Richard Brown

Tammy Sulkowski vs. Michael Fortune

BIRTHS

Maggie Elizabeth Olson weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces was born on July 28 at the Community Hospital of Munster in Munster, Ind. to Ed and Linda Olson of Beecher, Ill. Her sis-

ter is Isabella. Her grandparents are the late Robert and Agnes Olson of Charlevoix and Andrew and Norinne Pulec of Chicago Heights, Ill.

Liam Michael Ryan Gallagher weighing 7 pounds was born on Nov. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sarah Antinossi and Peter Gallagher of Livonia. His siblings are Maggie Potter, Isabella and Oisin Gallagher. His grandparents are Tom and Jo Gallagher of Elk Rapids and Tom and Kay Donnelly of Boyne City. Russ and Tammy Polena of Shelby Township and Alexis Antinossi and Mark Sulz of Charlevoix.

Lydia Ruth Wheaton weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces was born Nov. 18 to Marie and Scott Wheaton of Round Hill, Va. Her grandparents are Mel and Judy (Wiesner) Mathett of Elk Rapids and Jim and Bev Wheaton of Traverse City. Her great grandparents are Agatha and the late Sanford Mathett of Charlevoix and the late Roger and Kathryn Wiesner of Petoskey. Ruth and the late Robert Wheaton of Muskegon and the late Arvilla Stoner of Frankfort.

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Appellate court says insurance provider not liable

CCMS

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Municipal League Liability and Property Pool.

The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the Michigan Municipal League.

"We were quite confident that the city's position was correct here," Robert L. DeJong of Miller Canfield in Grand Rapids, who represented the city said. "...This is a huge disappointment to me personally. I'm very disappointed for the city."

"I don't like having to deliver this kind of news," DeJong said the Michigan Municipal League should have defended the city in a lawsuit and covered the city's losses.

During a construction project in 2001, checks should have been written to both

The case stems from a lawsuit filed against the city. During a construction project in 2001, checks should have been written to both CCMS, a contracting firm, and CCMS' insurance company, United Fire & Casualty, an Iowa corporation, for work done on an infrastructure project along Michigan Avenue and Belvedere Avenue. Instead, one check was written to CCMS of Sault Ste. Marie, which never paid its subcontractors, leaving United Fire & Casualty with the tab.

The city believes their insurance provider should cover the error. The insurance provider believes it was a breach of contract.

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The check was written when city treasurer Riek Brandt was

under a treasurer bond. The league did not cover the full cost.

The city requested that the league reimburse the additional \$123,000 under the errors and omissions provision provided under the insurance package. The city was denied insurance coverage from the league, who claimed the loss arose from a breach of contract.

City manager Mike Wiesner said he was surprised by the appellate court's decision.

Wiesner said city council will meet with the city attorneys in closed session to determine the next step.

DeJong said the options include requesting the Court of Appeals reconsider and reverse their decision, or requesting the Michigan State Supreme Court to review the decision.

"Or we could just take our lumps," DeJong said.

The decision was in favor of the insurance provider. The court ruled that the United Fire & Casualty claim was a breach of contract. The league specifically excludes from coverage any claim based upon a breach of contract.

Although the contract was between CCMS and United Fire & Casualty, the court ruled that if there was a contract involved even if the city was not a party the city was responsible for the circumstances.

"I do not understand or agree with the reasoning that got them to the decision they reached," DeJong said.

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Braedon William Grutsch weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Nov. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Cortni Cutler and Michael Grutsch of East Jordan. His siblings are Carleigh, Sam and Morgan Grutsch. His grandparents are Gordon and Billie Grody, Claude and Roselyn Cutler and David and Kathy Grutsch all of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Cliff and Phyllis Cutler, Carl and Doris Grutsch, of East Jordan and William and Betty Drenth of Mancelona. His great-great grandmother is Ledah Bennett of East Jordan.

Carson Mitchell Meyer weighing 8 pounds was born on Nov. 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Lance and Aaron Sue Meyer of Mancelona. His siblings are Marshall and Whitney. His grandparents are Pat Clark of Charlevoix and Boh and Ellen Meyer of Battle Creek.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error, in a story entitled, "Saltonstall's COA appointment contested," which appeared on page 9 of the Dec. 20 edition of the Courier misstated the final vote on Charlevoix County Commissioner Connie Saltonstall's appointment to the Commission on Aging. It should have stated that Saltonstall abstained and Ronald Reinhardt voted in favor of the appointment.

Creek.

Morgan Alyce-Noel Daneff weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Dec. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael Daneff and Amber Russeu of East Jordan. Her siblings are Johnathon, Makenna and Joshua Dixon. Her grandparents are Gordon and Sally Russeu of Bellaire and Doug and Charlene Gilkerson of East Jordan. Her great-grandparents are Garland Russeu and Richard and Lillian Lewin, all of East Jordan.

Katelynn Lucille Richards weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Dec. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joseph and Amanda Richards of East Jordan. Her siblings are Joseph Jr. and Elizabeth. Her grandparents are Rickey and Penny Richards of Boyne Falls and Virginia Bellant of Mancelona. Her great-grandparents are Joseph Richards of Boyne City and Shirley Ribble of Saginaw.

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Is the schools' library buy really a good deal?

EDITORIAL

Thank heaven the image of Charlevoix Public Schools will no longer be tarnished by that eyesore, central office.

The district is in the throes of purchasing the former Charlevoix Public Library property from the library for \$300,000.

Administration plans to move one block from their shabby quarters at 208 Clinton St. to 109 Clinton St. A move from the ramshackle house, which over the years has served as a sorry excuse for administrative headquarters, is well overdue.

But are we the taxpayers really winning on this friendly exchange?

At first blush one might argue, no. While the school district is getting a screaming deal on the property which was last appraised at \$720,000, the taxpayers are paying for a building they already own. Both the library and the school district share the same tax base, the Charlevoix Public School District.

However, what is happening now, is what should have shook out two years ago when a proposal was on the table for the two entities to exchange properties — the library getting the old Charlevoix Middle School and the school district getting the former library property. The school district declined the offer and the taxpayers bought the old school for \$635,000.

The current decision shows what a couple of years and an election can bring. With new faces came minds more willing to compromise.

When the library moved to its new facility at 220

Clinton St., ownership of the 109 Clinton St. property was called into question. The school district claims a reverter clause exists in the deed that requires the property to be transferred to the school district if it ceases to be used as a library. But the deed was never signed. And of course the library claimed to be the rightful owner.

After years of arguing, they decided to sell the property and split the proceeds.

This was the first step toward a positive cooperative relationship between the two — Charlevoix doesn't need to be entangled in another legal battle that would cost the taxpayers money.

There was an offer on the table from a law firm for \$550,000 that was later withdrawn for reasons that haven't been disclosed. That would be a better financial solution with \$275,000 each going to the schools and the library. But as any Charlevoix resident knows, buildings are for sale all over town and aren't moving quickly. So why should we continue to maintain, insure and heat a vacant building?

Arguments that the tax base will ultimately suffer are trumped by the eventual sale of the existing central office to a private owner.

While this is a solution that should have been realized years ago, it's here now and we should support two boards that are working together toward the betterment of the community.

Builders Club members learn life lessons through acts of kindness



A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

The inner soul of a child is fresh, forgiving and fearless.

Knowing that, it only makes sense to involve our children in programs that provide an outlet to exhibit these

■ qualities. The Charlevoix Middle School

Builders Club does just that. It was only four short years ago that the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club, an organization of men and women dedicated to community service, decided to tap into this resource.

The Kiwanis Club recognized that our young people wanted to take an active role in solving problems and meet the needs of others in our own community and worldwide. The Builders Club is a great match for our youth as it teaches leadership skills, teamwork and parliamentary procedure. The club is open to all fifth, sixth and seventh graders interested in helping others.

This active group of girls and boys put together a Halloween Haunted House and raised close to \$200 that was shared with a family they adopted in need during this holiday season. If you happened to take part in our local health department's flu pandemic training, you may have been assisted by one of the club members who didn't think twice about seeing what they could do to help out. You may have read about their joint effort with Charlevoix Middle School student council collecting over 7,000 non-perishable food items for the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

Future projects include their "Pennies for Patients" program, col-



Photo by Gayle Gennett

Pictured above are members of the Builders Club, a youth service group that is an arm of the local Kiwanis Club. The Builders Club teaches leadership skills, teamwork and parliamentary procedure. The club is open to all fifth, sixth and seventh graders interested in helping others.

lecting pennies for leukemia/lymphoma research and "April is Autism Education Month" providing literature educating teachers and fellow students about this disability. The club's hot chocolate sales during recess have earned them \$100 a week which will be utilized to help their causes.

If you've walked around the outside of the Charlevoix Middle School building towards the science and art room area you may have taken in the beauty of the Butterfly Garden. This breathtaking piece of landscape was created with many hands, big and small, as our local garden club joined efforts with the Builders Club to create this serene setting. During the winter months while flowers are hibernating, the Builders Club members will be creating decorative tiles for the garden under the direction of Caroline Smith, the Charlevoix Middle School art teacher.

Other middle school staff recognizing this active group, put together recycling containers to keep our school involved with creating renewable resources. Club members are responsible to collect recycled paper and educate others about recycling and

what we can do to protect our environment.

Recently, the club involved themselves with bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Last year's participation brought an added \$300. They also entertained the residents at Pine River Place and made a surprise visit to one of their favorite teachers, Mrs. Marina LaBlanc, singing Christmas carols learned under her tutelage.

I am proud of the Builders Club's accomplishments and the support given by school counselors: Karrie Gaffney and Sue Goss as well as the local Kiwanis Club. Their combined efforts will be noticed for years to come.

Leo Buscaglia once said, "Too often we underestimate the smallest act of caring, there is potential to turn a life around." Thank you to all involved, as your smiles, kind words, and gestures of kindness, help so many and have instilled the power of what one good deed can bring.

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LETTERS

KNOW YOUR RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS

Editor:
In this age of computers, capable of processing almost unlimited amounts of information, the fact still remains that the human brain is superior.

When witnessing an event, we often disagree with those around us as to what occurred and this may be caused by how we use our senses or that we all process information differently. Our conception, or misconception, of the facts often relies on the quantity or quality of those facts.

When writing a letter to the editor, or an opinion editorial, we are limited to space, or the number of words by some publications, that calls for editing. Through the editing process the intent of the author may be altered, thus leading to misconceptions by the reader.

A case in point concerns a recent letter regarding religious expression at Christmas time where a readers' negative response may have been due to a misconception. The letter's intent was to dispel the myths perpetuated, through their lawsuits, by the "American Communist Lawyers Union" in their attempt to eliminate our religious freedoms and move our nation closer to "A One World Government."

The few court decisions, fisted, in the letter upholding the First Amendment, did not allow Americans to do anything, rather they prevented the ACLU (the American Civil Liberties Union) from compromising the First Amendment. The intent was to forewarn the public that they need not be intimidated or coerced by the ACLU or their allies. Should our religious freedoms be threatened, there are several legal assistance organizations who will represent individuals, organizations, schools, churches or government officials, free of any charge, and to name a few they are: The Alliance Defense Fund, The American Center For Law & Justice, The Heritage Foundation and The Rutherford Institute. All have web sites and three have toll free phone lines. Resources are available on request.

For evil to exist and prosper, good citizens need only do nothing. One of the duties of citizenship is to defend the Constitution, so let your voice be heard and may God bless America.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

to the editor

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

Editor:
The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee is asking for the help of all the folks who are taking advantage of the recycling program. During this holiday season, and especially after Christmas day, there will be an abundance of packing materials that need to be recycled. Please flatten all cardboard, tin and plastic. It makes more room for all and keeps us from having to pay to haul air. If you arrive and the bins are full, please do not leave recyclables on the ground. This is littering.

Our haulers deserve a merry Christmas, too, and we cannot all recycle everything on the same day. Please return another day after the bins have been emptied.

Please remember, no styrofoam — not blocks and not "packing peanuts." If a load is contaminated, we have to pay for hauling plus a landfilling fee.

Thank negates everyone's recycling efforts.
Thank you for your help, and enjoy the holidays.
Nancy Ferguson
Secretary
Charlevoix County Recycling Committee

LUCKY TO HAVE OUR LOCAL PAPER

Editor:
Thank you from the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project..

A special thanks to Julie Withhoef and her staff for running the articles on St. Mary's Giving Tree and the local banks sponsoring the Mitten Tree for the Christmas project.

Bringing community awareness to those two projects has helped in both groups meeting their goals this year. The Giving Tree Project filled 243 Christmas requests from the generosity of church members in the area, businesses and a very special project from the youth group of the Congregational Church. Local banks involved in the Mitten Tree Project all boosted generous donations of socks, mittens, hats and scarves.

We are fortunate to have a local paper in our community, keeping us informed of daily events and allowing us to share our views. So when we stop for gas, groceries or that cup of coffee and plop down our 50 cents, we should feel grateful we have the Courier as part of our community.

Joan C. Lemerand
Member
Charlevoix Christmas Project

'THANKS' BASKETBALL SUPPORTERS

Editor:
The 2006 Charlevoix High School girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams would like to thank a few of the people who volunteered their time and effort and made us feel well cared for all season.

Joan C. Lemerand
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A special thank you goes to Joe Vogelheim and Bob and Gay Pung. Not only did they always have a nutritious meal arranged for us after far away games, but were quick to offer positive encouragement and praise whether we won or lost.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Ann Gorney and Toni Felter who came to every game to help with keeping stats and running the clock. Just as you always said to us, we say to you. "Great job ladies."

Last but not least, a special thank you to Larry Numemaker. Thank you for conscientiously videotaping all of our games and some of our opponents. It takes a good guy with a good sense of humor to put up with all of us girls on the bus.

Without you our season would not have run as smoothly or successfully as it did. We are proud

to have your continued support.

Lastly, thanks to all of our parents for the extra meals and treats that kept us working hard and for all the cool signs, banners and pompoms you made during tournament time. And thanks to all our fans. Your cheers and encouragement kept us going during even our toughest games. One of the most important things we learned this year is how wonderful it is to be a part of such a great community.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you all.
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Son sponsors father's Lions Club membership

On a Monday in late September, a young man, carrying a white cane, and another man, acting as his guide, showed up before the Charlevoix Lions Club's regular noon meeting, downstairs at the Weatherlane.

Each expressed an interest in the club's service activities — the young man, particularly in its vision-related work. The other man expressed greater interest in the club's assistance at local Red Cross blood drives.

The younger man, Mark Rybicki, has drastically limited vision due to a rare severe version of macular degeneration. Assisting Mark was Dick Vance, a friend from their church, whose wife Shirley is a volunteer at the same local blood drives as the Lions. The two were guests of the club for several meetings, hit it off with the members and were inducted. As Mark was heard to comment enthusiastically, that on the club's White Cane Safety Days fund-raisers, one of all those white cane-carrying Lions, about town will truly suffer severe vision impairment.

Mark's father, Ron was also interested in coming aboard. And so the unusual son-sponsorship of his father's membership into the Charlevoix Lions was realized.

The Rybicki Lions have both expressed an interest in forwarding the club's eye-related work, such as the Lions-supported Low-Vision Center at the city's new library.



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Charlevoix Lions Club Member, Mark Rybicki (right) is shown congratulating the newly inducted Lion, whom he sponsored, his father, Ron Rybicki (left).

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, December 18, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed accepting approving the endorsement of the Charlevoix Senior Citizen's center in their request for 2 percent allocation funding from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

- Motion passed accepting the work uniform bid from Arrow Uniform and authorizing a 3-year contract.

- Motion passed to setting a public hearing for January 2 at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed ordinance for the cable franchise.

- Resolution 2006-12-03 adopted supporting the Charlevoix Historical Society's grant application for repairs on the South Pier Light Station and authorizing the Mayor to sign the documents.

- The City Manager provided updates on the Chapel Renovation, Manna, and Ferry Beach Ramp projects.

Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Four Charlevoix residents win big in Legion raffle

Four Charlevoix residents took home cash prizes in the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary's cash raffle.

Raffle winners were drawn at the Dec. 5 American Legion Christmas party. A total of \$1,000 was given away. Tom Herriman won \$500, June Cross won \$300, Connie Doan won \$150 and John Haggard took home \$50.

There were 300 tickets sold

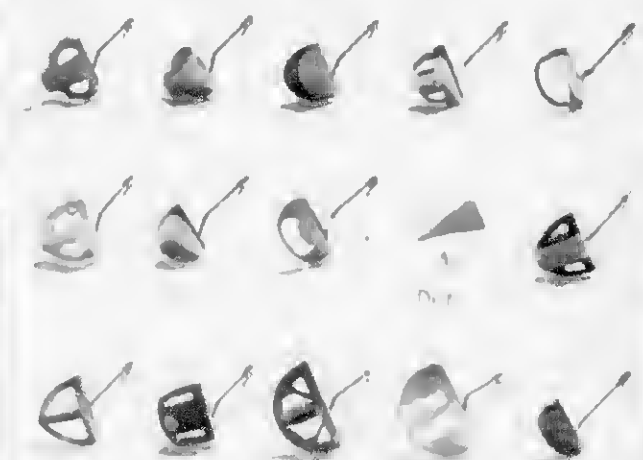
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Four generations

Four generations of the Bullard family gathered over the Thanksgiving holiday in Black Mountain, N.C. Pictured above are great-grandmother, Dana Cadwell, of Black Mountain, N.C., father, Brandon Bullard of Thomasville, N.C. holding baby, Brandon Scott Bullard Jr. who was born on Sept. 18 and grandmother, Jeanne Way, of Charlevoix.

Foundation awards heating fuel grant to assist families

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Good Samaritan Pantry and Resale Shop of Ellsworth for the purpose of providing heating fuel for needy Charlevoix County families this winter.

The check was presented on Dec. 1 by Maureen Radke (center), program officer for the foundation, to Mary Peterson (left), director of the pantry, Jerry Troyer (right), the Good Samaritan board chair, witnessed the event.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant last year to Good Samaritan for the same purpose. Last winter, with the help of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Good Samaritan was able to keep 36 families

warm and in their homes by providing emergency heating fuel.

The Good Samaritan Pantry is an important social service agency in southern Charlevoix County, providing food, clothing and emergency heating fuel to needy families.

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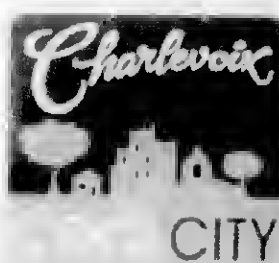
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Top two vehicular mishaps of 2006

Even Henry Ford had to know that joining man, machine and horse power would lead to no good. These are the top two vehicular bloopers and blunders that happened in Charlevoix in 2006. They resulted in no injury to drivers and passengers but remind all of us that a little torque can do a lot of damage. (Above) A woman drove through her yard and home at 320 Mason St. in September. After losing control of her vehicle while attempting to park, she ran off the roadway, over the grass and sidewalk and struck the house. (Below) This spring an elderly person went in to get a prescription. After returning to their parked car and preparing to leave, they thought the car was in reverse, hit the gas and soon found the car was in drive. The vehicle lurched forward and through the Rite Aid building.

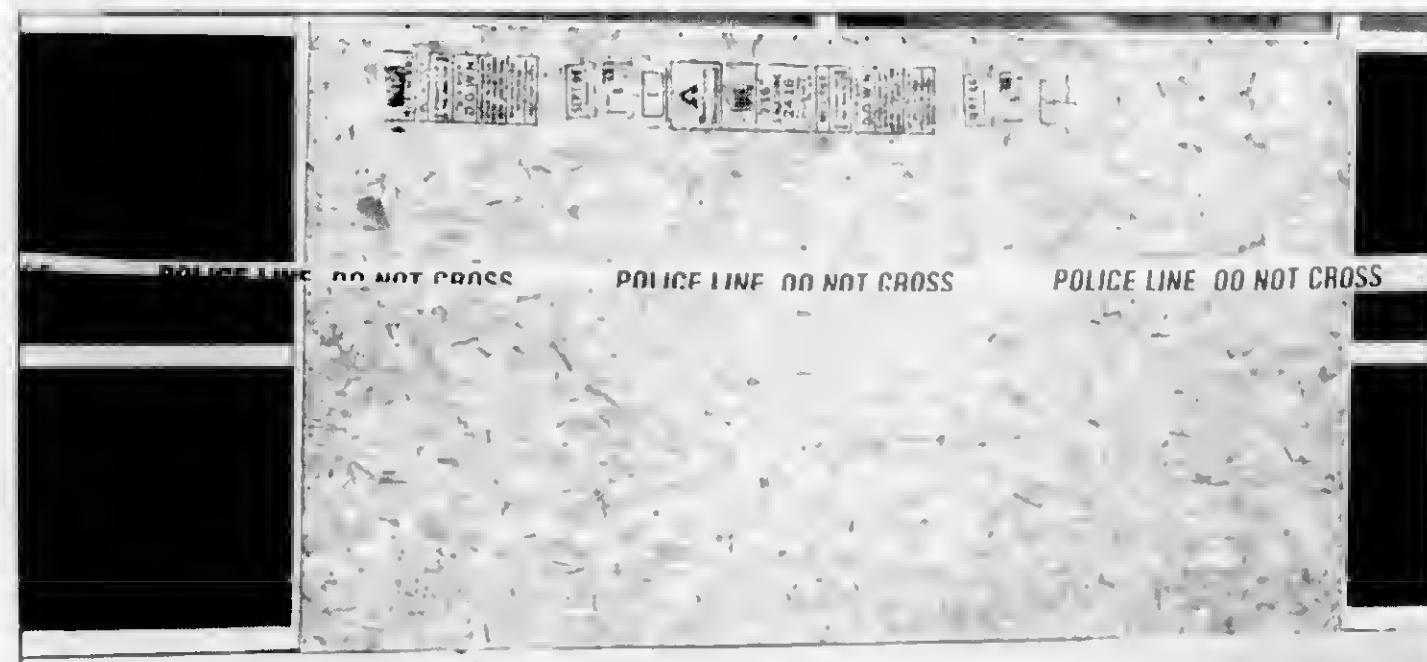


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TOP 10

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scandal consisting of thousands of messages. The correspondence which took place on taxpayer time landed the three each with six-day unpaid suspensions and a recommendation for at least one of them to undergo unspecified counseling. School officials would not disclose the content of the e-mails. However, one of the teachers later resigned in the wake of the scandal.

Honorable mentions:

Karla Sue Lockman imprisoned after losing her insanity defense for embezzling nearly \$1 million.

Treasure hunters search for the wreckage of the LeGriffon.

Controversy surrounds the

opening of a limestone mine in Norwood Township.

Plastics industry manufacturer, DME, made drastic cuts to staff.

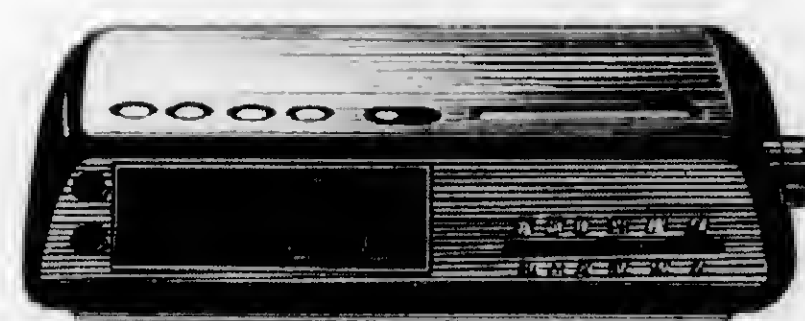
Charlevoix County bans smoking in most private businesses.

Charlevoix Public Schools got a new superintendent.

Charlevoix County Commissioners choose a county administrator only to scrap the entire project in light of public and incoming commissioner opinions.

At least two townships attempted to clean house after several officials found to be in dereliction of duty.

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City reviews material storage in Molon contract

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix city attorney, Jim Young, is reviewing the \$1.6 million marina contract with Molon Excavating Inc., of Traverse City, to see whether they can store steel in East Park and at the foot of Clinton Street.

Steel to be used to rebuild the existing sea wall was delivered by 16 trucks, three weeks ahead of schedule. When Molon representatives asked city manager, Mike Wiesner, if the materials could be stored in East Park, his answer was, "Yes."

"It didn't make any sense to demand off-site storage of the steel when we have the room and can accommodate them," Wiesner said. "Why encumber the project, if anything it would slow it down."

But Molon's competition is shouting, "Not fair."

Ben Cunningham, owner of R.B. Lyons Inc., a local marine construction specialist, whose bid came in \$105,000 higher than Molon's for the Charlevoix marina project, claims he had known on-site material storage was an option, he would have won the bid.

"As one of the bidders on the project, we and all the other con-



Photo by Julie Witthoef

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"We were told, as is shown on the plans, that the city had provided a storage area for materials, along the channel, by the fish hatchery."

In the plans, the site Cunningham referred to is marked and it reads,

"Contractor may use this site on the south side of the channel for barge unloading/loading areas for steel sheet piling, fabricated steel and removed steel items from project site."

Cunningham claims materials were to be picked up by barge and brought to the job site. He calculated the cost of barge and tug rental, crew time and other transportation and man hours associated with material storage and retrieval at around \$134,000.

"I don't understand why the contractor who was hired has been given concessions that we were not," Cunningham states.

Second ward councilman, Gene Beer took Cunningham's side and said, "The local bid may have been different. I sure don't think it's fair to the local bidder (Cunningham)."

John Winn, a former Waterways Commissioner and self-described supporter of Cunningham's work, backs Wiesner's decision to allow park storage of steel.

"Frankly, I don't see the difference. Ben had the same information. Molon didn't have any inside information that they would be able to unload," Winn said.

Young will now review the contract to see if in fact it stipulates

off-site storage of materials. He plans to have a response to city council at their Jan. 2 meeting.

City mayor, Norman Carlson Jr., said if in fact the contract language requires steel to be stored elsewhere, the city will pursue a deduct in its contract with Molon.

"We aren't going to re-bid the whole project, that's not fair to anyone, including Ben Cunningham," Carlson said.

The Molon crew has been working in the park since late November. The full scope of their work will include removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new, sheet pile running the length of park, 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. Their targeted completion date is near the end of April 2007.



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The Charlevoix County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to foreclose on this property for unpaid property taxes.

There are two hearings scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A Show Cause Hearing is scheduled for 10:00am-1:00pm, January 17, 2007 at the Treasurer's Office, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the County Treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A Judicial Foreclosure Hearing is scheduled for 2:15pm, February 16 2007 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Charlevoix County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 06-264-21-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the right to redeem this parcel from the foreclosure process by payment of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by April 2, 2007

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The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

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Community Mental Health awards employees

North Country Community Mental Health recently held its annual "Employee Recognition" at Boyne Mountain.

Two individuals were given the highest form of recognition — the "Achievement Award." This award recognizes exemplary service or extraordinary performance. Their peers nominate staff and a committee reviews the nominations and makes a selection based on established criteria.

This year's winners were Debbie Hiltz and Nona Becker. Hiltz has worked for

North Country Community Mental Health for eight years and is a clinical secretary for Community Support Services in Rapid City. Becker has worked for North Country Community Mental Health for 25 years and is the Assertive Community Treatment supervisor in Petoskey.

The Team Award went to the Adult Family Program. The members of this team are Susan Finn, RN and Matt Manker, a licensed master social worker, both from the Petoskey Assertive Community Treatment Program. Derek Johnson, a licensed baccalaureate social worker, with the Petoskey Community Support Services for Persons with Mental Illness is also a member of the team. The Adult Family program is an evidence-based practice that is designed to help consumers and families better understand and develop coping skills for handling problems posed by serious mental illness.

Other employees recognized include executive director, Alexis Kaczynski, for 25 years of service; supervisor of the Petoskey Assertive



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(Above, from left) Derek Johnson, Susan Finn and Matt Manker were given a team award by their employer, North Country Community Mental Health, at a recent banquet.

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Shriners install officers



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At the Northwest Shrine Club's Dec. 8 installation meeting, club member Don Bowers presented a check for \$3,000 to Eleanor West of Camp Quality. Since 1998, the Northwest Shrine Club has donated \$60,000 to hospitals and Camp Quality.

Community mental health employees recognized

AWARDS

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Community Treatment Team, Nona Becker; adult activity aide at Gaylord Alpine Workshop, Donna Hunt; Patricia Crist of the Gaylord Developmental Disability Services for 10 years of service; Lisa DeJonge, Bellaire office; Brenda Ennis and Raymond Epskamp, Petoskey Club; Donna Hammond, Walloon Developmental Workshop; Boyne City, Jennifer Morse-Griffin, Cheboygan office; Jon Nelson, Sue Tramontini and Karen McShane, Petoskey office.

Staff members receiving Certificates of Merit awards were Vanessa Cunningham, Charlevoix office; Deh Erber, Gaylord Developmental Disabilities Services; Donna Hammond, Tammy McGeshick, Donna Rohison from Walloon Developmental Workshop in Boyne City; Jacqueline Price, Cheboygan

office; Joe Hebel, Robert Tomlinson, Natalie Weber and Steven Zawisa, Petoskey.

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On Dec. 8, the Northwest Shrine Club installed their officers for 2007. Joe Henley, of Bellaire, was named president. Dan Soullier, of Charlevoix, was named First Vice-president. Gordon Erdmann, of Mancelona, was named Second Vice-president. Larry Mattox, of Boyne City, was named secretary. And Bob Knott, of Central Lake, was named treasurer. (Above) Sam Wilcenski, the out-going president of Northwest Shrine Club presented two \$4,000 checks to John Kustron, Potentate of Saladin Temple. The checks will be sent to the Chicago Children's Hospital and the Cincinnati Children's Burn Hospital.

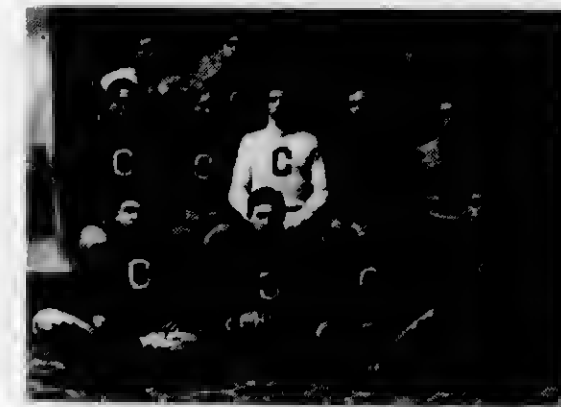
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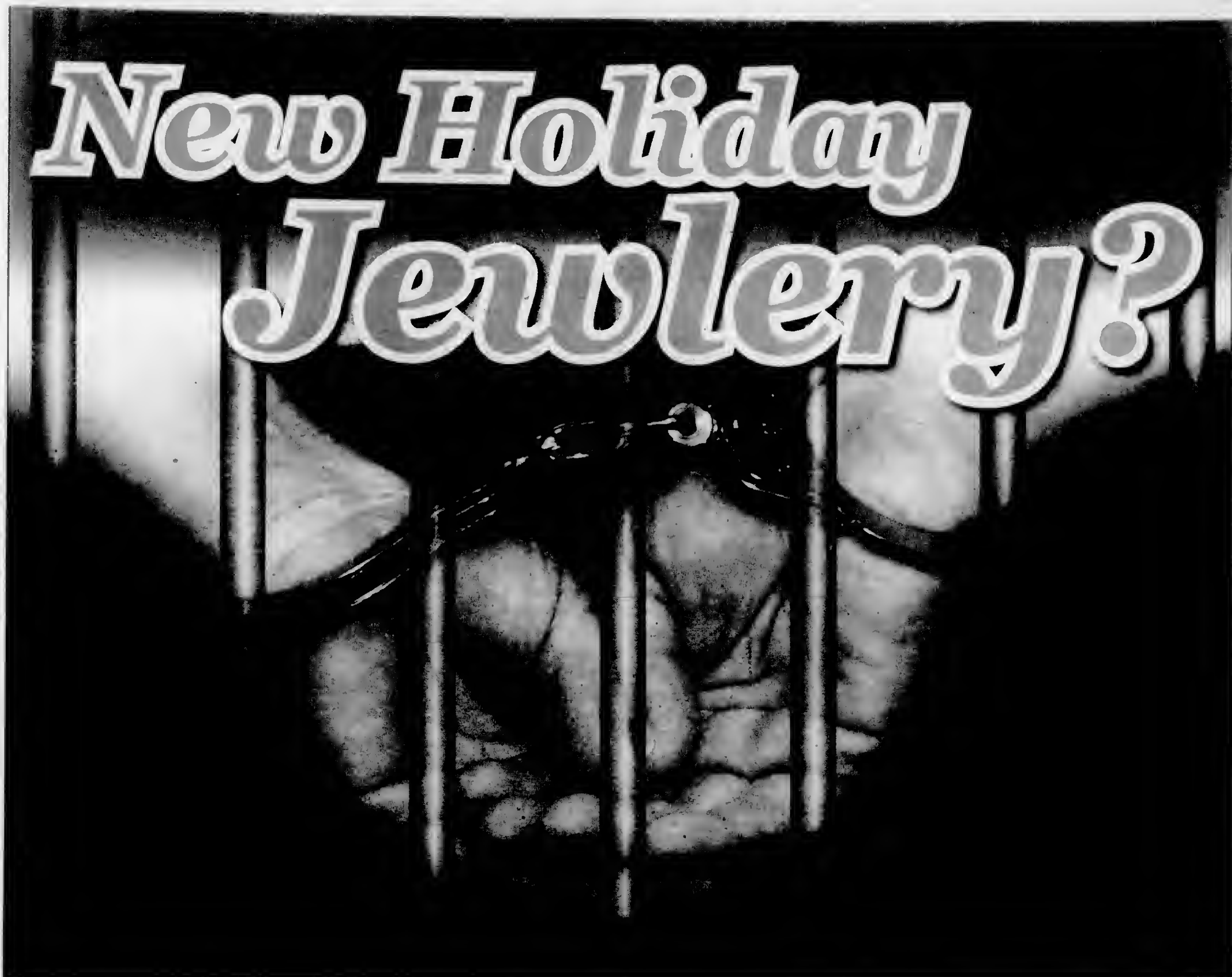
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County survey works gets a leg up

A state-of-the-art GPS (Global Positioning System) reference station has been installed at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

These high technology GPS reference stations will provide centimeter real-time positioning for all of the county, city, township and state agencies that require geo-positioning.

"This is a very exciting time for the Charlevoix County Geographical Information System, the remonumentation department as well as the road commission and surveying operations across the county," said Larry Feindt, Charlevoix County surveyor. "We now have the capacity to map the county's infrastructure with a level of precision only dreamed of in the past. This system will enable us to locate all of our county assets with accuracy and maintain a highly reliable digital map of these features."

He said everything from road alignments to manholes can now be readily surveyed and accurately mapped in three dimensions. Feindt said the benefit is the county now has the capability of using real-time kinematic

surveying techniques that are fully integrated with agencies across the state of Michigan giving Charlevoix County both a strategic and tactical advantage. He said this will result in costs savings across the board for the Charlevoix County Geographical Information System program and is critical to long-term utilization of the county's mapping operations.

Global Positioning System is not a new thing. It has been used since the early 1980's to do precision relative surveying. However, in 2000, Michigan took it to a new level with the full implementation of the Michigan Spatial Reference Network. The network is the brainchild of the Michigan Department of Transportation Design Survey Division and Leica Geosystems Inc. This system was designed to integrate all Michigan Spatial Reference Network stations via high-speed Internet lines throughout the state to a central bank of computers located at the Michigan Department of Transportation in Lansing. All data collected from the local stations is checked in real-time and returned to the county via

the wireless Web to any roving receiver equipped with a wireless modem. As a result of these "corrected" Global Positioning System signals, roving receivers can enjoy centimeter accuracy in 3-D in real-time with absolute certainty of accuracy and precision.

"The benefactors to this system in Charlevoix County are numerous, including the Charlevoix County Remonumentation Program," Feindt said.

He explained that between 1830 and 1850, prior to the sale of any property in the then "Territory of Michigan," all lands by law were required to be surveyed by the federal Government Land Office (GLO). The Government Land Office surveyors accurately placed a surveying marker every mile throughout the state of Michigan. The original placement of these monuments to this date still describe property conveyance throughout the state.

It is the responsibility of the Charlevoix County Remonumentation Program to re-establish these exact posi-

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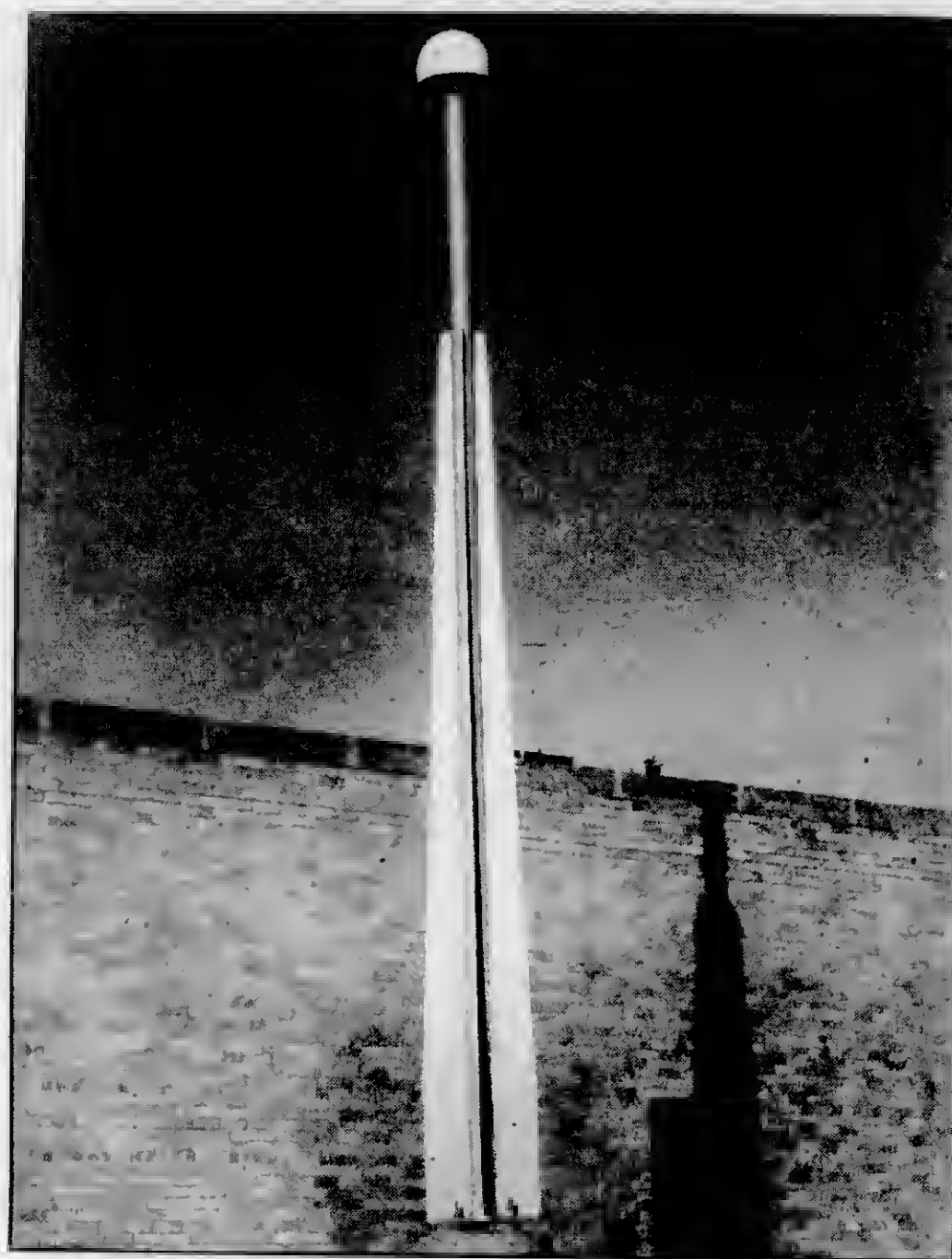


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This state-of-the-art GPS (Global Positioning System) reference station has been installed at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. It will provide numerous benefits for the public and private sector.

Charlevoix scores Spatial Reference Network Station

GPS

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tions, monument them and provide high precision coordinates on these points so they can never be lost again. The remonumentation program was initiated in Charlevoix County in 1993, and since then, approximately 571 corners have been recovered.

"Now that we have a Michigan Spatial Reference Network station in the center of the county integrated into the other networks in the region (Traverse City, Gaylord,

St. Ignace and Kalkaska) we can begin the process of coordinating these stations into the county and state surveyors office database so they will never be lost or obliterated again," Feindt said.

According to Feindt, the installation of the Michigan Spatial Reference Network Station in Charlevoix, and its resulting high precision surveying capabilities has the potential to reap significant benefits for Charlevoix County. Agencies such as the road commission, health department, Geographical Information System, drain commission,

sheriff's department, townships and cities will now have the capacity to obtain high precision geographical coordinates which will enable all this work to be properly plotted on the county map. All agencies in the county will be working from the same starting point for all surveying activities in Charlevoix County and will by definition, be on the same mapping datum.

"It will be the first time in the history of Charlevoix County that all mapping and field surveying operations will be completely integrated," Feindt said.

Funding for the Charlevoix

County Michigan Spatial Reference Network came from the State of Michigan Remonumentation Program and Michigan Department of Transportation Design Survey Division who monitor the station, back up the raw data, maintain the Web site for raw binary data (www.mdotcors.org) and export the validated data to the wireless web.

"We are very pleased that Charlevoix County has partnered with us and installed a Michigan Spatial Reference Network station. This will enable all of the Michigan Department of Transportation

high precision surveys to be automatically linked with the county's survey activities, which will result in the elimination of duplicate surveying activities," said Andrew Semenchuk, director of the Michigan Spatial Reference Network, Michigan Department of Transportation Design Survey Division.

The Charlevoix County Michigan Spatial Reference Network Station is the seventy-fifth station in Michigan.

The local project was spearheaded by Feindt with the assistance of Charlevoix County grant administrator, Cheryl Browe.

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New year, new leadership at Charlevoix State Bank

BY JULIE WITTHOFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix State Bank is preparing for a change in command. John Kurtz, the bank's 59-year-old chief executive officer and president, recently announced his staged retirement plan. The bank's current executive vice-president and chief loan officer, Mike Hinkle, 40, of Charlevoix, will step in.

"I'll miss seeing customers on a daily basis but I've been doing this for 38 years. I'm ready for something different," Kurtz said.

While Kurtz looks to wind down and travel with his wife, Elaine, and possibly pursue a business venture with his son, Luther Kurtz, Hinkle said he's fired up to fill the bank's lead position.

"I've been in banking since 1991, primarily on the lending side. And I have a thorough knowledge of the community and how our local economy works," Hinkle said.

He has worked for Charlevoix State Bank since 1997 when he accepted the position of lender after leaving CB North (now Citizens Bank). He was promoted to chief loan officer about four years ago.

Hinkle's transition into the president and CEO's seat will begin on Jan. 1, 2007 when Kurtz steps down as CEO. Then, on July 1, 2007, he'll assume the president's role as well.

"He's got a good team. This

will be a smooth transition," said Kurtz, who will maintain a seat on the Charlevoix State Bank board of directors.

Hinkle added, "I'm happy we can continue the same culture of high customer service and deep community involvement that started with Lou Hollow and continued with John Kurtz. You worry when you go with someone outside the bank that the culture will change."

His primary responsibility as executive vice-president and chief loan officer is overseeing of the bank's loan portfolio.

"Now I'll be responsible for the entire bank — strategic decision making and following the board's directives," Hinkle said. "The board sets the directives and the bank president manages day-to-day operations to lead the bank in that direction."

At this point, Hinkle said he is not planning any changes to the bank's operating procedures. He said his plan is to fine-tune the overall operation focusing on two major additions that were recently initiated — a new branch office in Ellsworth and Internet banking. He said maintaining their signature customer service while expanding banking opportunities is a key goal.

Other shifts that followed Hinkle's promotion include the promotions of Tim LaBlance to chief loan officer, Gerald Russell to consumer loan manager and security officer, Marilyne Joy to



Photo by Julie Witthoet

(Above) In the wake of John Kurtz's retirement from Charlevoix State Bank, staff members have been promoted. They are (from left) Tim LaBlance, Lisa Spang, Gerald Russell, Kurtz, Marilyne Joy and new president and CEO Mike Hinkle.

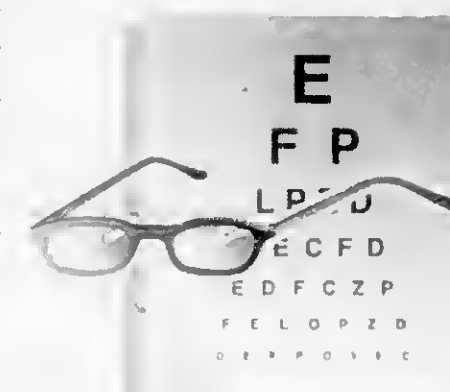
secretary of the Charlevoix State Bank eight-person board of directors and current auditor Lisa Spang to vice-president of operations. No new hiring is expected at this time. Charlevoix State Bank currently employs 44 people at offices in Charlevoix, East Jordan, Boyne City, Ellsworth and on Beaver Island.

Charlevoix State Bank, a locally owned and operated corporation, was founded on Aug. 16, 1994. Since Kurtz and Hinkle came aboard in 1997, the bank's assets have grown from \$33 mil-

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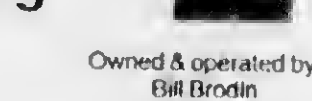
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Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), the futuristic technology that produces detailed pictures of bone, tissue or organs, is now available to patients at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Through a collaborative arrangement with Munson Mobile Imaging, the state-of-the-art equipment — along with two MRI technologists — comes to Charlevoix Area Hospital by way of a 48-foot semi-trailer each Thursday, where patients are scheduled from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Booked solid since its first visit, hospital officials claim the on-site MRI is a great benefit to patients.

According to Charlevoix Area Hospital Imaging Department manager, Gary Vergon, the weekly MRI visits are a welcome addition to the hospital's diagnostic capabilities.

"The MRI offers significant advantages when it comes to identifying and treating so many conditions. Now, instead of waiting for an out-of-town appointment, we can schedule the procedure quickly, right here in Charlevoix," he said.

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the MRI is a painless, non-invasive procedure that usually takes less than an hour to complete. The process uses a magnetic field and radiofrequency waves to generate remarkably clear, cellular-level images. Two and three-dimensional pictures — so precise they provide as much detail as looking directly inside the body — are produced immediately.

MRI can be used to analyze a broad range of conditions in all parts of the body including the spine, ligaments and musculoskeletal system, as well as the brain, heart, organs, other soft tissues and the vascular system.

The Siemens Medical Solutions Symphony MRI that comes to Charlevoix Area Hospital is con-

sidered to be cutting-edge. The unit, which costs well in excess of \$1.5 million, is shared by Munson and three other hospitals, resulting in considerable savings for all.

"This is an excellent means of providing a sophisticated medical service to our patients in a convenient, cost-effective manner," Vergon said, adding that, if demand continues, the hospital may add another half-day to the schedule this summer.

An MRI must be ordered by a patient's physician and is covered by most health insurance plans.

For more information about the new service, call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Imaging Department at (231) 547-8594.

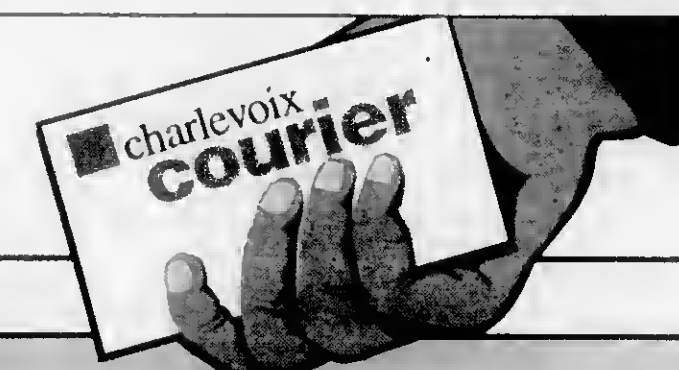


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Chamber of Commerce Fresh Air Aviation offers new food delivery service to Beaver Island

The 49th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Individuals may choose between an entrée selection of whitefish, alfredo pasta or pork loin. Meals include a first course and dessert.

The chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to the community and/or the Chamber of Commerce — the Ambassador of the Year Award, the Chairman's Award and the Outstanding Citizen Award.

The cost is \$30 per person, including tax and gratuity. Members and their guests are invited to attend. To make a reservation, call the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

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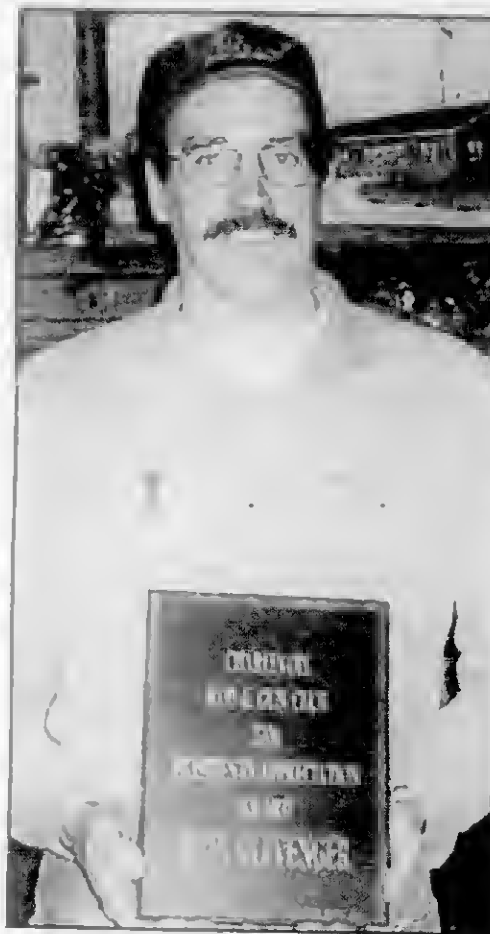
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rod and Gun Club names officers



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John Clevenger was awarded the President's Award for outstanding member for the year 2006 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's annual meeting on Dec. 7.

Registration for 4-H Travel Soccer is on Jan. 15

Registration for the 4-H Travel Soccer league will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix.

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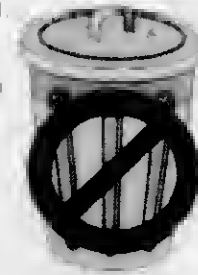
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New officers and directors for the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club were elected at the club's annual meeting on Dec. 7. They are (above, from left) Tim Arner, recording secretary, Bruce Bartlett, director and Ron (Digger) Fratrack, director. Missing from the photo is Ray Fisher, alternate director.

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NOVEMBER 20 @ East Jordan Senior Center
DECEMBER 17

Sharp-shooting Shepherd heats up for Wesleyan University

BY ANDY SNEDDON
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
SPORTS EDITOR



Jim Shepherd

Jim Shepherd is on a tear. Shepherd, a senior at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., made six of his eight 3-point attempts en route to a season-high 27 points Dec. 11 in leading the Cardinals to a 98-71 men's basketball victory over Albertus Magnus (New Haven, Conn.).

It was the third straight game that Shepherd, a 2002 Charlevoix High School graduate, has led Wesleyan, 4-4, in scoring.

On Thursday, Shepherd

nailed five triples and finished with 18 points in a 69-63 win over Emmanuel (New York) College. Two nights before, Shepherd scored 23 points in a 79-76 loss to Hamilton (New York) College. Shepherd made five 3-pointers in the contest, the last coming with 37 seconds remaining to put the Cardinals up, 76-75.

Shepherd, a senior co-captain, has started all eight of the Cardinals' games and is averaging 15.9 points per game. He has made 27 of his 66 3-point attempts (41 percent) and is 16-for-19 from the free throw line (84 percent). He is averaging 3.38 triples per game. He set the school record last season with 3.0 per game.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix basketball 61-46 win over Grayling

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

It looked to be a game between two of the top teams in the Lake Michigan Conference on Dec. 19 as Grayling visited Charlevoix but the Rayders blew the game wide open with a dominating first half en route to a 61-46 win.

"I was real happy with our play in the first half," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "We dictated the tempo and had the game where we wanted it."

The Rayders led 40-20 at half-time, led by Mitch Crandall's nine first quarter points. Grayling used two time-outs in the first four minutes and three in the

"We dictated the tempo and had the game where we wanted it."

Keith Haske
CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH

game's first 10 minutes to try to slow Charlevoix's momentum. In the third quarter, Grayling successfully slowed the game down in an effort to take advantage of their superior height. The Vikings featured 6'10" and 6'8" players in their front-line, compared with the Rayders' tallest starters at 6'3".

Grayling trimmed the lead to 42-27, holding Charlevoix to only two points for nearly six



Darren Munson

night, at 55-29.

with 1:36 left in the quarter.

Crandall buried another three-pointer to open the final quarter to give Charlevoix its biggest lead of the

Crandall led all scorers with 23 points. Darren Munson finished with eight points, eight assists and six steals.

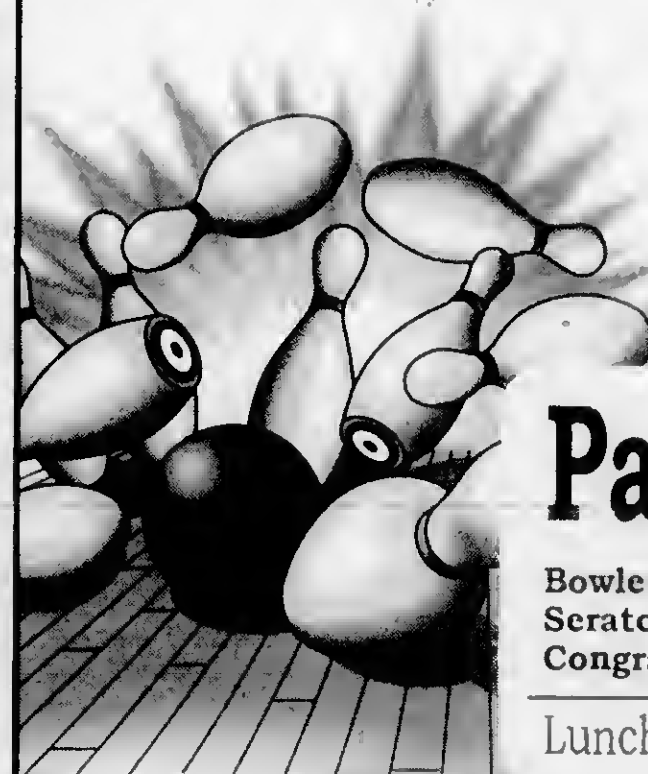
"Darren made some nice steals and then some nice passes to lead to baskets for us," Haske noted.

Ty Haske handed out six assists and Corey Gotshall pulled down seven rebounds.

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Under Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a 5/8 inch rod at the Northeast corner of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the North line of said Section (as monumented) North 88°27'57" West 1308.17 feet to a 1 inch pipe on the East 1/8 line of said Section (as monumented); thence along said East 1/8 line South 1°36'44" West 1079.64 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence parallel with the North 1/8 line of said Section, South 88°32'26" East 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of Sloop Road; thence continuing South 88°32'26" East 201.34 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'55" West 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing South 1°35'55" West 33.00 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said North 1/8 line North 88°32'26" West 234.40 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said East 1/8 line North 1°36'44" East 233.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 25.

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Trust of ROBERT CLIFFORD LEE, Deceased.
Date of Birth: February 22, 1911

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Grantor, Robert Clifford Lee, the decedent, who lived at 439 S. Lake Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727 died on November 19, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Vada O. Lee, Successor Trustee of the Robert Clifford Lee Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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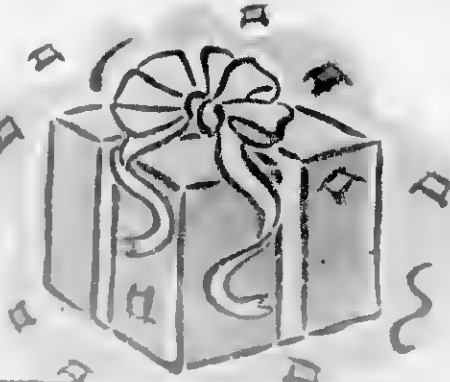
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Readers connect at the library

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The library is also now hosting a writers group. Since October, a small group of men and women have been meeting on Wednesday nights to share and encourage each other with their own creative writing experiences. If you have ever thought about writing for yourself, your family or for publication, this support group might be just what you need to start or sustain your writing endeavors.

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Councilman wants Venetian carnival moved

CARNIVAL

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city fire chief, Paul Ivan, for a formal evaluation of the carnival's safety with regards to buildings on Mason Street that he feels could be at risk.

"I'm still waiting. I want it addressed. I think it's a huge safety issue and I'm not going to let it lie still," Gennett said.

Wiesner said Ivan is on vacation and the two will meet to finalize the report once he returns later this week. Gennett has asked that Wiesner and Ivan sign the document and submit it to all of city council.

Gennett's request specifically asks for a letter from Ivan evaluating whether his crew could safely fight a structure fire in the vicinity of the Masonic Lodge at 100 Mason St. when the Venetian Festival carnival is staged on the 100 block of Mason Street.

"How would it be fought without having problems," Gennett, who retired from the city fire department in June 2005 after 25 years of service, said. "I can't comprehend in my mind that Paul (Ivan) would not agree with me."

Other buildings of concern include Birdie's Beauty Shoppe and the apartments in the Beacon Center.

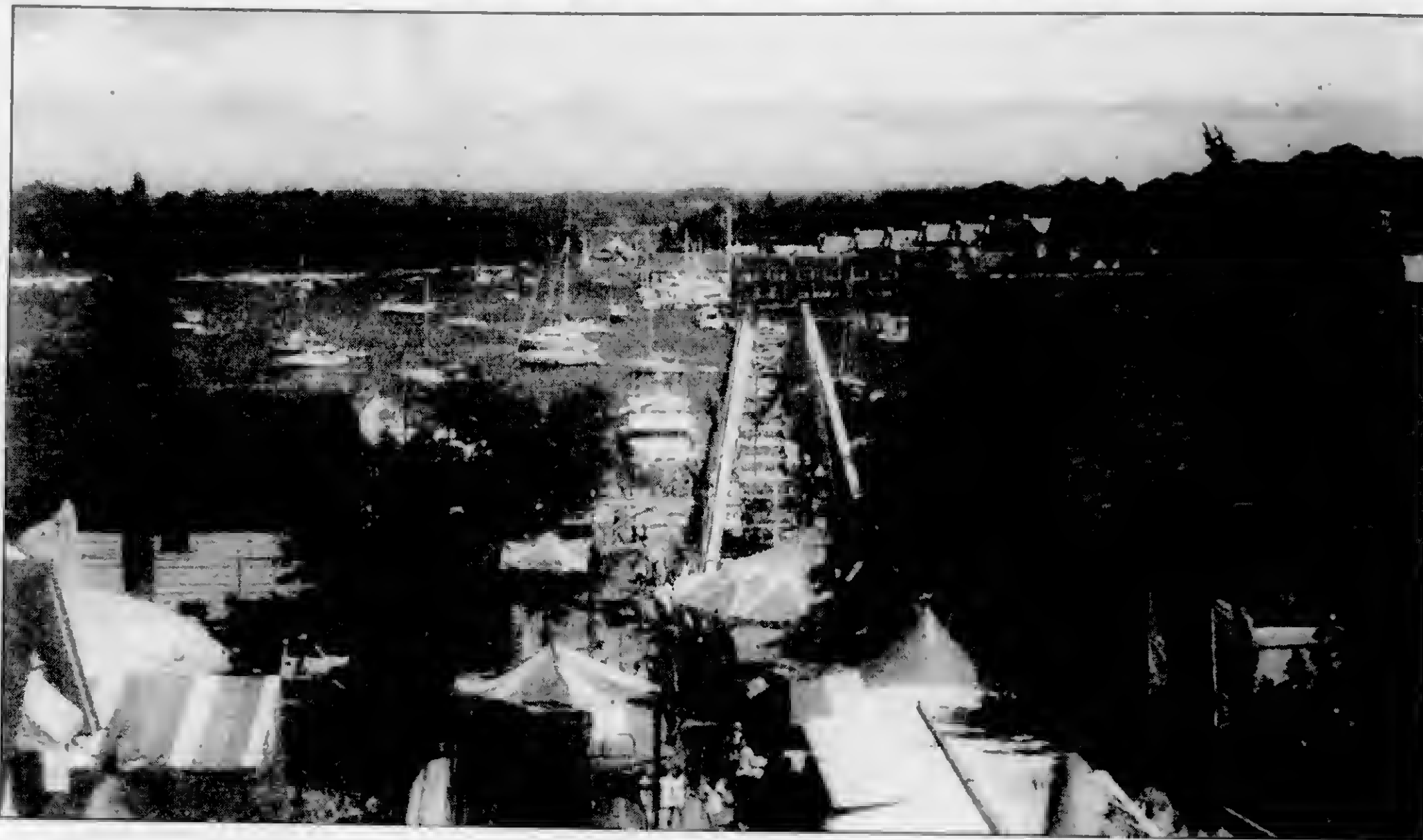
He added that these possible fires could be fought using laid hand hoses that extend from a distance from a truck — but that scenario is anything but ideal.

"To use the ladder truck and set up pumps you have to have Mason Street to do the job you need to do," he said. "We already had a lawsuit because of the fire-works (accident in July 1997). When you confine people to an area like that, and the power situation is maxed out, to take and have an area blocked off like that during that time is a liability and a lawsuit waiting to happen. It's a super, super, super safety issue."

Gennett's ultimate goal is to have the carnival moved from its current, Mason Street location.

"Then the question is, well where should it go? I'm not sure where. But I feel there has to be a better place where you don't close streets and restrict the ability to have things done safely," he said.

Gennett's efforts will likely be fought by downtown merchants who thrive on the business the festival carnival brings to their stores. Talk of moving the carnival in the past has been met with opposition.



File photo
First ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Lyle Gennett, has asked city staff to prepare a report regarding whether their emergency personnel can adequately respond to a fire at a Mason Street building when the Venetian Festival carnival is staged there. Pictured above is an overhead view of the carnival.

Terry Amick, who owns the Subway at Mason and Bridge street inside the Masonic Lodge building, said the threat of the loss of business if the carnival is moved is greater than any fire danger.

"I'm not saying that fire isn't a concern, of course. But all the buildings have been remodeled and are up to electrical code. If I didn't have it (the carnival downtown), I wouldn't be here," he said.

With East Park under construction and likely unavailable to serve as the 2007 Venetian Festival headquarters, Amick

said it's that much more important that the carnival maintain its Mason Street home.

"It's huge. With the park out of commission this summer we really need the draw. It's going to hurt so bad already. It's just not going to work. The whole aesthetics of Venetian is to have it downtown, period," he said. "I'll battle that until the end. It just has to be. Everyone downtown wants it."

While Amick does have many supporters for the carnival staying on Mason Street, one of his neighbors, Birdie Whitley, owner of Birdie's Beauty Shoppe at 101

Mason St. isn't a believer.

"My clientele is 80 plus, are we protected? Could you get in here if we have someone who is ill, could you get here in a reasonable amount of time?" she questioned.

"I don't want to see anyone go out of business. But at the same token I don't want to see someone get fried in here because no one can get to them."

Gennett agrees and said the city has to find a safe solution that won't hurt the merchants.

"I'm all for pulling people into town, I just want to find a place that will be safe without closing streets. I know businesses downtown like having the carnival there but they would think differently if they had a fire in their building and access was limited because of that," Gennett said.

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Public opposition kills live fire plan

LIVE FIRE

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Coast Guard men and women to train on equipment essential to their missions."

Crowley attributed internal review, community leaders and input from the public for the withdrawal of the plan.

"We are committed to addressing the concerns that training be safe, preserve the diverse uses of the lakes and protect the environment. As a native son of the region, I take the Coast Guard's role as guardians of the Great Lakes very seriously. The current (plan) is unsatisfactory and I will take the time to get this right," Crowley stated in a Dec. 18 press release. "We will not conduct live-fire training on the Great Lakes to satisfy non-emergency training requirements unless we publish a rule, and I intend to reconsider the number, frequency of use, and location of water training areas as well as other concerns raised by the public."

He further stated, "I am also committed to pursuing environmentally-friendly alternatives to the lead ammunition we currently use."

No official date has been set for when the new plan will be unveiled.

"There's never been a weapon, that I know of, fired in an armed confrontation, but you have smuggling that does occur on the Great Lakes," Lanier said. "Whether it's (smuggling) narcotics, alcohol, cigarettes or humans, where there's a border, people may try to do things like that."

Local environmental and peace activist, Ellis Boal, said Charlevoix succeeded in defeating Wal-Mart two years ago, "Now we've defeated live fire in the Great Lakes and of course

we're thrilled about this."

He added, "We only wish the (Charlevoix) City Council had the courage to join with us on this."

Boal's main concerns were the militarization and pollution of the Great Lakes.

"This country already went into one military venture in Iraq on bogus information and fortunately we avoided doing the same thing here on Lake Michigan," he said. "It was going to put 7,000 pounds of lead into the lakes every year. Lead is a neurotoxin. Lead is a carcinogen and we don't need it in the Great Lakes."

Boal believes the Coast Guard should only use lead ammunition on land or it should convert to an environmentally sound ammunition on the water.

"When they come back, we'll be waiting for them," he said. "There are potential terrorist targets on the lakes, but those can be effectively monitored with guards and cameras. I think the job can be done without firing lead into the water."

U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak, said, though the Coast Guard began the proposal process by ignoring public comment, he is happy with their recent decision.

"I have always said that, while it is critical that the Coast Guard be well prepared for all homeland security threats, it is also important that the public's concerns be taken into account before the Coast Guard conducts live fire exercises," he stated in a Dec. 18 press release. "That is why I helped secure a public meeting with the Coast Guard in Charlevoix and worked with Congressman (Dave) Obey (D-Wisconsin) to pass as part of the Homeland Security appropriations bill language requiring the Coast Guard to provide enhanced

public notification before conducting any live-fire exercises."

Stupak's press secretary, Alex Haurek, said Crowley's announcement is good news for Stupak's constituents, the people

of Charlevoix and the Great Lakes region and said Stupak was reassured by the Coast Guard's acknowledgment of the concerns of northern Michigan citizens.

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SANE lieutenant, Ken Mills, said in their search for drugs, no

arrests were made. However, he said the investigation is ongoing and warrants will be sought at a later date.

"It's not anything huge, but the investigation is ongoing," he said. "It could potentially turn into something bigger. Every one of our investigations could."

CHARLEVOIX briefs

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DEC. 31

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66 North, is holding a New Year's Eve Watchnight Service from 8 to 11 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The service will begin with praise and worship followed by a time of fellowship. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. The group will reconvene with a communion presentation followed by worship and a time of open-air proclamation.

The public is invited to participate. The night will have an open house format, where attendees will be free to come and go as they please.

A nursery is provided.

Call the church office at (231) 547-6430 for more information.

JAN. 8

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JAN. 9

FREE FROM SMOKING

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking.

This program will provide support, guidance and advice to those who are ready to quit.

The free, eight session, seven-week program, starts Jan. 9 and ends Feb. 27 and will be conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sessions will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 1, 6, 13 and 27.

To register, call (231) 547-8672 or send an e-mail to poterm@cah.org.

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JAN. 18

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

The 49th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Individuals may choose between an entrée selection of whitefish, alfredo pasta or pork loin. Meals include a first course and dessert.

The chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to the community and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

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CROOKED TREE ART BAZAAR

During the month of December the galleries at the Crooked Tree Arts Center will be filled with the work of over 70 local artisans for the second annual Holiday Art Bazaar.

The Holiday Art Bazaar will be open through Dec. 30 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center located in Petoskey.

CLASS OF 1977

The Charlevoix High School class of 1977 is making plans for their 30th reunion. Activities are being planned for the weekend of Sept. 28. All class members are invited to visit www.charlevoix77.wetpaint.com to register and share memories. Suggestions or questions can be directed to bourke.edmund@vdps.net or nmoore@korthaseflinn.com

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The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" to the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

Fall and winter hours at the Harsha House Historical Museum are from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is located at 103 State St. in downtown Charlevoix. For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

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The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is \$3.50.

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FOOD PANTRY

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For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

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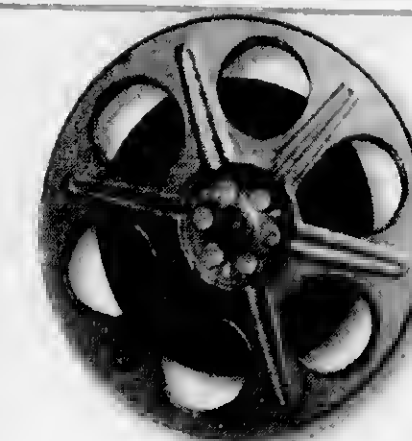
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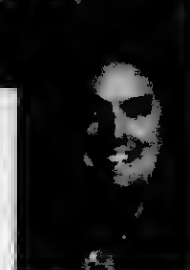
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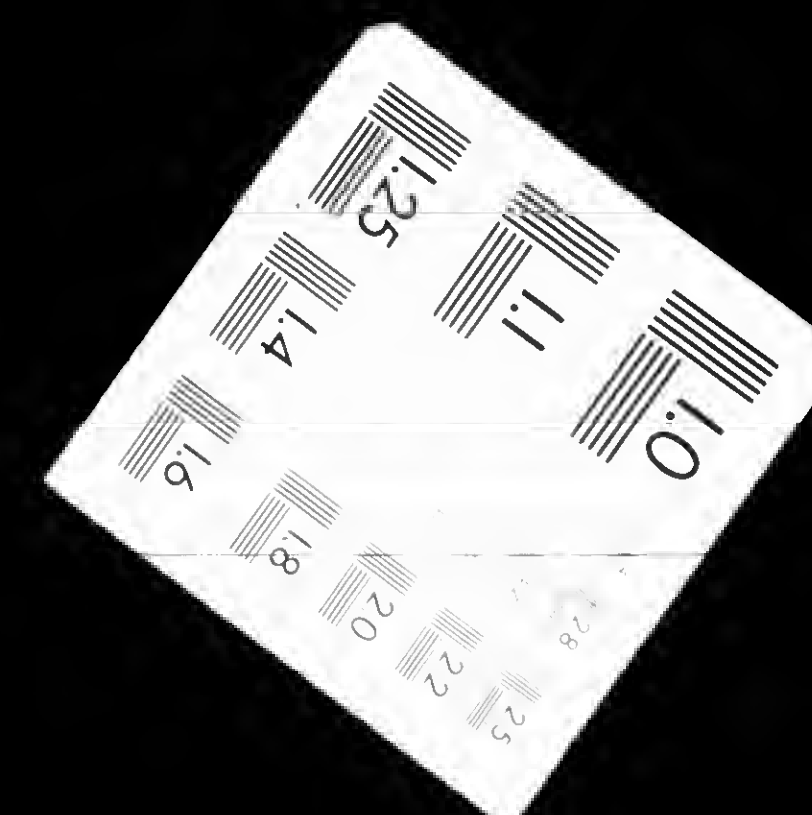
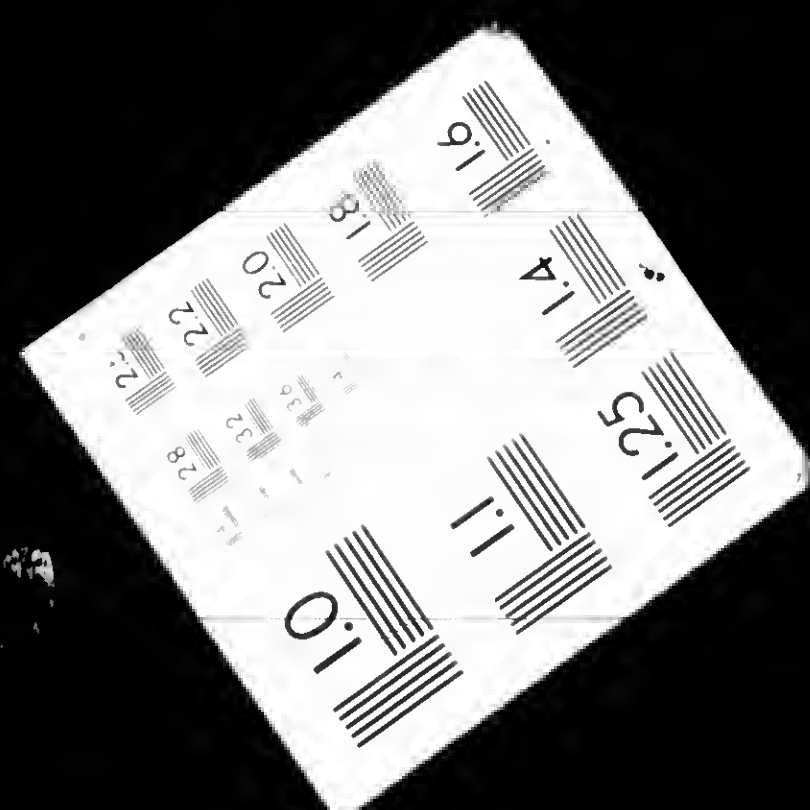
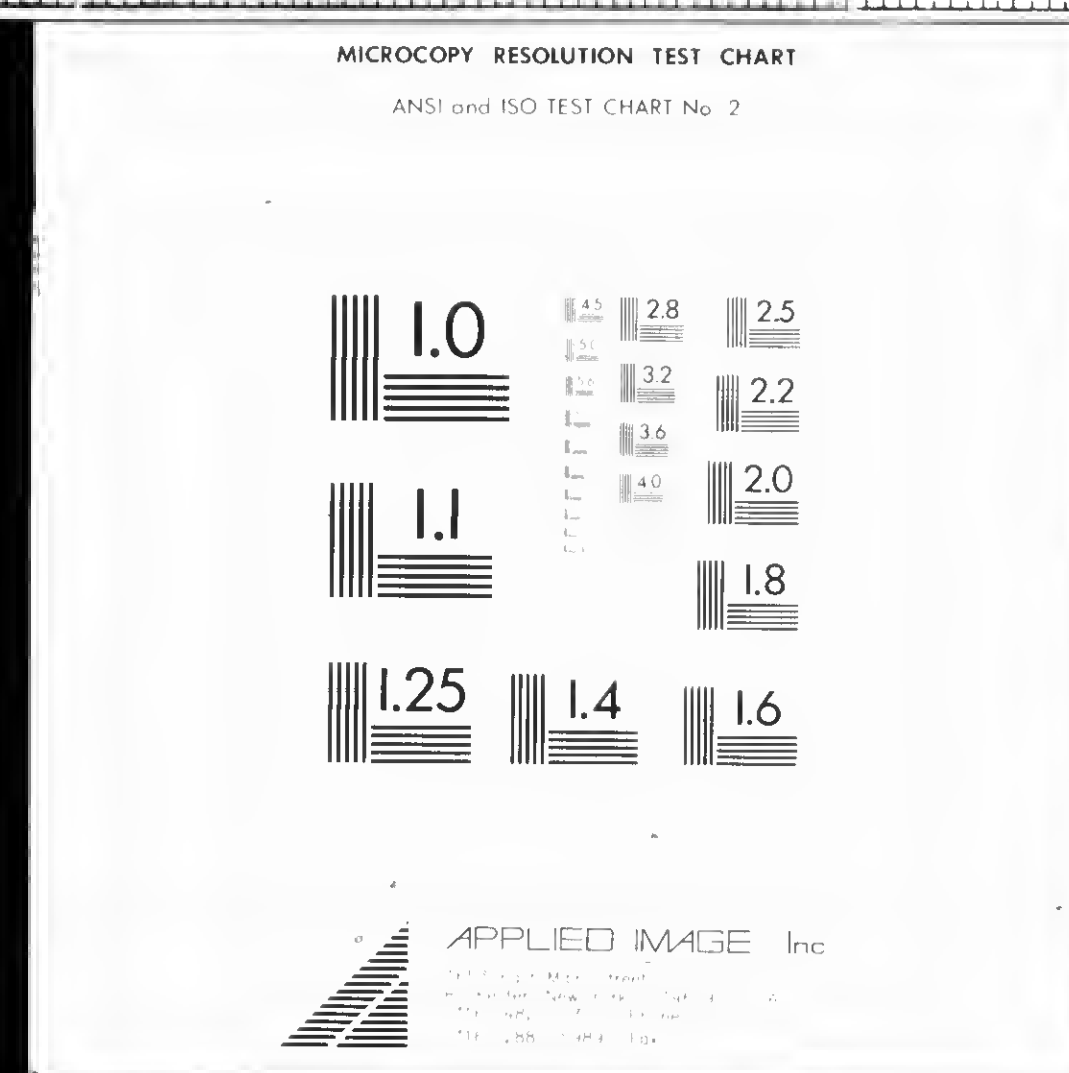
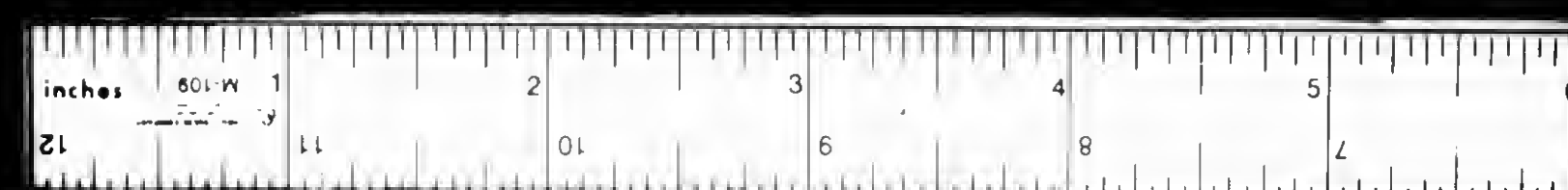
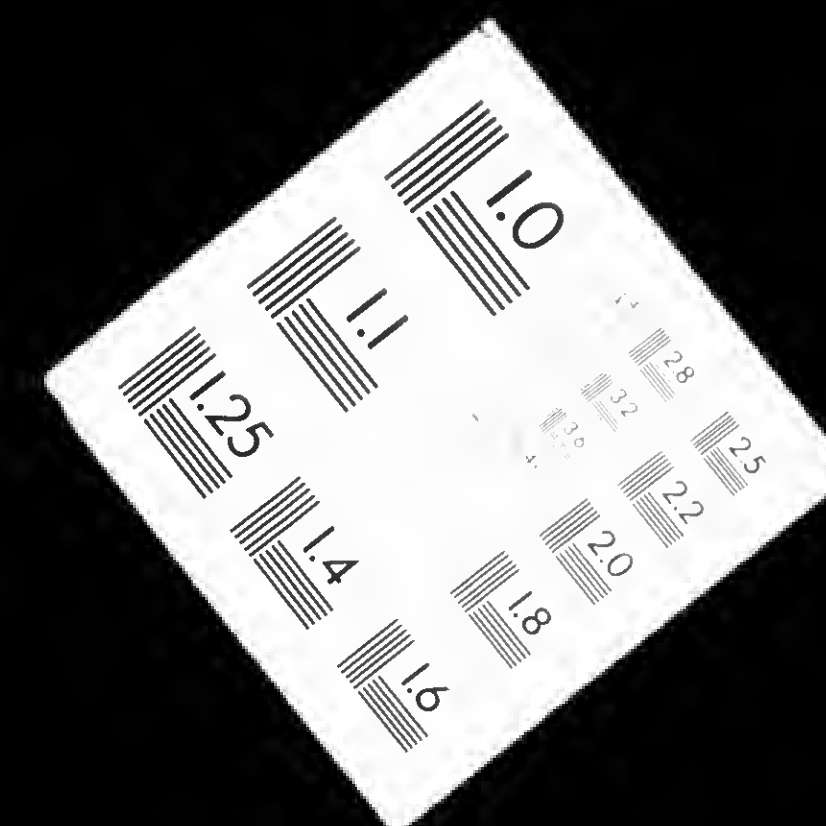
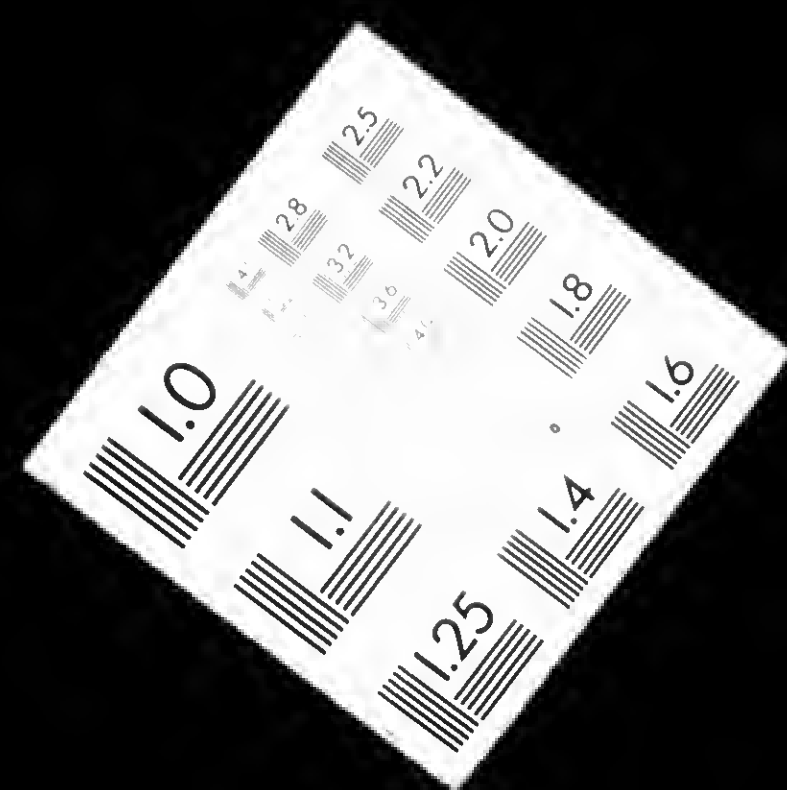
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